

**Amended and approved MINUTES  
ADA COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING, Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m., In Person or WebEx**

Rollcall- Steve Cory (chair), Richard Llewellyn (vice), Peter McCullough, James Pavelek, Peter Hall (for Sayard Schultz), Tracy Osborn.

Also Attending: Bruce Krisko, Tom Otte, Rebecca Weeks, Rachele Klein, Cord Stanley, Catherine Chertudi, Mike Murgoitio, Konrad McDannel, Robert Amieva, Steve Rutherford, Herb Cantu, Debbie Scott, and Commissioner Ryan Davidson

**Action Items:**

Agenda- approved

**Welcome:** Steve Cory

**Old Business:**

**a. HHW- mobile site changes (last day)**

Eagle, Meridian, Boise submitted letters with mobile site locations. Delivered to Steve C. Kuna was contacted with no response. Steve R will reach out to Star. Garden City, Star- no change. Kuna- no response. Contract- still on normal timetable. Landfill not prepared for input- just want to capture mobile sites.

**New Business**

**a. Intro New Landfill Director: Herb Cantu**

Gave brief background, including 14 years in waste business. Steve C commented that this is an open forum, chance for communication. Herb looking forward to working together to find solutions.

**b. Landfill Cost of Service Study**

Tighten up figures so Landfill can share impacts on cities. Herb recently completed COSS in Santa Maria, CA where rates went from \$70-90/ton. Targeting April, delays will be communicated to cities.

**c. Out of County waste update**

Accepting Elmore Co waste since November. Counties must submit letter requesting access and must be approved by the board. We've seen 20% increase of tonnage since IRWS closed. Getting waste from S Boise and Mountain Home AFB as well. Letters approved for 6 months. \$61/ton. Commissioner Davidson is rooting for Elmore County facility to reopen. The county is currently in litigation process due to loss of license to accept waste. Federal lawsuit case was lost.

How is weather impacting incoming loads? Muddy! We've had some get stuck but overall, the loads keep coming.

**Other Business**

**a. Additional topics**

RNG contract inquiry: Moving forward, pipeline construction started. Building of plant- not sure when, hopefully soon. LFG Dev will pay Ada County royalty for gas.

**City Updates:**

**Boise-** Solid Waste Strategic plan proposals are being accepted from consultants. When the consultant is selected the work to project the next 10 years will begin. Internal Annual Reports are in progress. Herb Cantu suggested that a Life Cycle Analysis for the diversion program be conducted. What do you do with the materials once they're diverted?

**Meridian-** Last quarter adjusted the bulk item pickup from 2 events to 10 items/year in which residents can request pick up. Spreading the pick-ups out will allow for better participation and more pickups. Continue to be very active in outreach to the community. May is Trash R Treasure, Recycle-A-Bicycle Event, and Public Works week.

**Garden City-** Nothing to report.

**Eagle-** Nothing to report.

**Star-** No representative.

**Kuna-** No representative.

**Contractor Updates:**

**Republic Services-** Introduction of the new General Manager, Cord Stanley. A letter will be submitted to add Cord as an EX-Officio Member. Republic closed on the purchase of Western Recycling across the state of Idaho. Plastic Polymer Center in Las Vegas, Nevada will start processing the valleys #1, 2, and 5 plastics beginning in February. These will be granulated and will be super high-grade material ready for consumer. A new electrical trash collection truck will be added to the fleet. The tenth electric vehicle was manufactured by OSKOSH and designed in conjunction with Republic Services. Arrives in April. This year 400 pounds of Christmas lights were recycled to recover the copper wire- soft launch. Yes, they have talked to Dow and Reynolds regarding #5 plastics.

**Timbercreek-** DEQ Approved Bio Solids composting site. Combination of residential, food waste and bio solids from class B to Class A. Canyon County approved Commercial Transfer Station.

**Hardin Sanitation-** No representative.

**J&M Sanitation-** No representative.

Can remove Bob Bennett as Republic Services representative. Commissioner Davidson mentions another possible rep from Air Quality Board.

**Approval of Minutes: October 25, 2023-** approved.

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 24, 10:30 - 12:00, new Landfill office  
Adjournment**