

**MINUTES**  
**ADA COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 25, 2023  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., In-Person or WebEx

**Rollcall-** Steve Cory (chair), Richard Llewellyn (vice), Peter McCullough, James Pavelek, Sayard Schultz, (Tracy Osborn unable to attend)

**Also Attending:** Rebecca Weeks, Tom Otte, Robert Amieva, Rachele Klein, Peter Hall and Alex Frietag City of Meridian, David Boschna with Garden City

Mike Murgoitio Catherine Chertudi, Konrad McDannel, David Dean, Mark Fulwiler, Bruce Krisko

**Action Items**

Agenda approved

October 25, 2022, Draft Minutes approved

**New Business**

- **Welcomes:** Steve  
Steve as new chair, Richard returning as vice, Robert Amieva as new front office Admin Assist at landfill
- **Updates on daily operations of landfill:** Tom Otte.
  - i. Operations fully staffed-Improved service delivery. Introduction of Bruce Krisko as new Director.
  - ii. Financial shortfall- may have to modify rates- will work with an outside accounting firm for analysis for stakeholders, starting to get funds for new landfill, went to ½ the airspace in 2 years. Push and Pack contracts expensive...
  - iii. LFG meeting yesterday, today also, still proceeding, by late 2024 LFG to Intermountain Gas

Question about rate increases (Peter?) and city needing numbers to budget. Tom: goal is not to raise rates, more about saving airspace, accurate accounting of costs to process per ton.

Peter mentions need to incentivize for diversion- yes!

By end of FY23 figured out, will get implemented beginning of fiscal year, landfill staff will be cognizant of municipalities' needs

Rachele- asks about capturing actual cost ex. \$55/ton for wood, social engineering rates or proper incentivizing to do the right thing...

Tom- rates will be made to incentivize diversion and provide solutions. Having material that would have more negative impact on air space would cost more.

Sayard- new landfill 60 mil?

Bruce- Just a guess for now but, we're looking at a very expensive project, we need to start saving for that.

Rachele- is use of foam as Alternate Daily Cover contingent on if we in-house or contract P&P?

Tom- If alternative daily cover is approved by DEQ we would continue doing whether we inhouse or contract P&P.

Bruce- looking into adding another smaller 100-acre cell to extend life for 10 years.

Sayard- where does \$ come from?

Tom- From our rate structure, deposit rates.

Peter- earliest for rate increase? Daily and future. FY25 implementation

**Old Business**

- **Rate Changes: Tom**  
Already discussed...Individual audit of costs  
Sayard- asks about new Point of Sale- who will be affected- just credit card customers  
Bruce- getting standardized with the rest of Ada County- 2% charge, not invoice customers  
Peter- Please share info when accounting firm chosen and when timeline set.  
Tom- Happy to share, our goal is total transparency on rates and costs.
- **Education Center: Rebecca**  
Working with architectural firm for design to renovate this building. Still too early in the process. Will give more info on progress and need for non-profit, etc. soon

## **Other Business**

- **Alternate Daily Cover Foam project:** Tom  
Richard- diagram of activated carbon step and EPA permitting- how to determine when to change out?  
Tom- follow RCRA Non-hazardous standards filtered water is one step away from potable, media is changed when quality changes. Also monitored with scan system in box. Still a pilot project, contractor making changes, no future determination.  
David- Why is it getting put back into leachate ponds?  
Tom- The theory is to reintroduce it in a concentrated dose, so it sinks to the bottom. We are researching being able to landfill the solids skimmed off the water. Still preliminary stages.
- **Additional Topics**  
Rachele- ISWA president, March event- invite to spring conference in third week of March.
- Boise – Peter McCullough: working on 10-year strategic plan w/ contractors, consultants, etc. RR program, Repair Café concept at JUMP
- Meridian – Steve Cory/Sayard Schultz: not much from Meridian SWAC, leaves, trees, and bulky holiday trash done- went well. X-mas lighting went very well. Cords continue at Meridian Transfer. Evaluate solid waste plan.
- Garden City – James Pavelek: compost collection after leaves- our first attempt, next year we'll do better.
- Eagle – Tracy Osborn could not make it to meeting- no report
- Star- no representative.
- Republic Services – expanding commercial organics, TC adding it, purple pipe expanse in Meridian, reclaimed water used for truck and dumpster cleaning, plastic polymer center in LA- 4 across country. Rachele will work with Rick (Western) to present something next meeting. Meridian Drug Take Back with Meridian PD and Transfer, DEA- funded, sites open to events like this, % more electric trucks
- Hardin- not present
- J&M- not present
- Timbercreek- not present
- Western- Dave: cardboard dropped to \$15/ton- lowest ever. Was \$100ton in August. 1995 was \$240/ton, \$70 in 1970. Allum cans down then up to 15 cents/lb., plastics dropped, coming up  
Markets perking up but have been bad.

**Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2023 – Wednesday 10:30-12:00**

**Possibly at the new Landfill Admin/Ops Office**

**Adjournment**