

AGENDA
ADA COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

January 26, 2022
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
WEBEX

I. Call to Order

II. Rollcall

X Peter McCullough	X Richard Llewellyn
X Steve Cory	X James Pavelek

Ex-Officio Members

X Mark Fulwiler	X Bob Bennett
X Chad Gordon	X David Dean
X Mike Murgoitio	

III. Action Items

- a. Agenda Approval:** Peter McCullough motion to approve agenda. Steve Cory second.
- b. Approval of Minutes:** Peter McCullough motion to approve minutes from October 2021 meeting. Steve Cory second.

IV. New Business

a. Nomination of new member by City of Meridian:

- i.** Tom Otte- The City of Meridian nominates Sayard Schultz as an industry expert to the committee.
- ii.** Tom Otte- Tracy Osborn was also nominated for the City of Eagle.

V. Old Business

a. Landfill rate structure response:

- i.** Tom Otte- None of the rates are absolute. The green waste rate is not going to replace the free leaf disposal program. We will compile a list of our responses to the questions we've received and send them out to the SWAC members.
 - 1.** Peter McCullough- We will need to keep looking at this and see if we need to make adjustments. Hopefully we will take our time to really look at this and get it right the first time.
 - a.** Tom Otte- If we can't come to a point where this is ready by October, then we won't put the rates into effect until we are.

b. Introduction of Education and Outreach Specialist:

- i.** Tom Otte- The landfill has hired Rebecca Weeks as an Education and Outreach Specialist. I'll be reaching out to our key stakeholders in the next few months to schedule introductions.

c. Fee waiver guidelines policy:

- i.** Tom Otte- The usual way to waive fees is if it is a community benefit. Such as park cleanups, indigent housing people, public good, and anything that benefits more than just the individual person. We also found that every municipality had a non-direct enrichment clause. No particular dump site or hauler could benefit from the program.
 - 1.** Peter McCullough- Did we ever determine if the street sweepings from ACHD would qualify for the fee waiver?
 - a.** Tom Otte- ACHD street sweeping material is still accepted as no charge.

- ii. Commissioner Davidson- It seems like these guidelines are a great start. The Commissioners are looking to be as specific as possible in writing the policy.
- iii. Tom Otte will share a draft of the policy with the committee when it's available.
- d. **Second Amended Ada County Solid Waste Advisory Committee By-Laws:**
 - i. Richard Llewellyn- The composition in article 2 has a fair change. The member classes are Ada County residents, persons connected with the solid waste/recycling industry, and Ada County city representatives. As it's written now, we may not have any Ada County resident positions filled.
 - 1. Peter McCullough- I'm not sure what "persons connected within the solid waste/recycling industry" actually means. We have Republic Services, Hardin, and Western Recycling and I don't think we want them as voting members because we don't want any conflict of interest.
 - 2. Sayard Schultz- When it says "representing the city" does that mean a staff member of the city, or a mix between residents and city employees?
 - 3. Tom Otte- I will bring these concerns to our legal department to ask for clarification on these points.

VI. Other Business

a. City Updates:

i. Boise

- 1. Peter McCullough- Almost done with the waste audit at the Boise Transfer Station and will share those results with the committee at the next meeting. The composting facility expansion is complete at the Twenty Mile South Farm and is accepting material. We are looking at ways to reduce waste and increase recycling at future events in Boise.

ii. Meridian

- 1. Steve Cory- There are two underlying portions to managing Meridian's waste management plan. Focusing efforts on diversion from the landfill and to clarify our direction on outreach. We may have more information at the next meeting.
- 2. Sayard Schultz- We did a pilot program to collect holiday lights for metal recycling and will look to expand next season. In May we will do the Trash or Treasure and Spring Clean Up events.

iii. Garden City-No Updates

iv. Eagle-No Updates

v. Star-No Representative

vi. Kuna-No Representative

b. Contractor Updates:

i. Republic Services-No Updates

ii. Hardin Sanitation-No Updates

iii. J&M Sanitation-No Representative

iv. Timber Creek Recycling

- 1. Mike Murgoitio- The Nampa site is scheduled to open this Spring.

v. Western Recycling-No Representative

c. Public Comments: None

VII. Next Meeting Date: April 27, 2022

VIII. Adjournment: 11:49am

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