

## MINUTES

### ADA COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### REGULAR MEETING, Wednesday, July 26, 2023

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m., In Person or WebEx

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

Also Attending: Bruce Krisko, Tom Otte, Rebecca Weeks, Debbie Scott, Dylan Potter, Rachele Klein, Catherine Chertudi, Commissioner Ryan Davidson

#### Action Items

Agenda- approved

April 26, Draft Minutes, Regular Meeting- approved

May 25, Draft Minutes, Special Meeting- approved with typo correction and suggestion to list out voting members. Noted that we only need to record result of vote, not how voted. Some discussion on neutrality and the difference between chairperson choosing to not vote vs. abstaining. Suggestion that chairperson should vote since representing their municipality, etc.

Tom will resend updated Bylaws.

**Welcome:** Steve

#### New Business

##### a. HHW Mobile Site Update and Questions

Recap Tom's update on HHW contract extension with Clean Earth for another year under same scope. Landfill needs all details, including collection process and site locations, from cities so can wrap up by next meeting. Ada County exiting to avoid liability, responsibility, and costs. Will be an extremely important meeting to help define scope of RFP and for cities to express needs and issues. Contractor works directly with cities. Question about vehicles. Boise will continue to use their vehicles upcoming year. Goal for contractor to provide vehicles following year. Types of materials will be listed- a lot of data to be included.

Tom will draft letter of intention to all current participants in 1-2 weeks. Wants to make sure everyone on same page going forward. Clean start FY25.

#### Old Business

##### a. Diversion Rates

In interview stage for RFP. Building rate structure to incentivize diversion. Goal to publish by Oct 1 FY24. Soft launch. Can add program rates. Wants everyone to be able to review and advise. Phases: get new software up and running in order to implement rates, Z-wall design in fall, build in FY25. Functioning at a loss. Subsidizing over 2 mil/yr. Will have a lot more info next meeting.

Some discussion on voting. Yes, for review and recommendation only, not making decisions for county. Voting on recommendations shows commissioners where cities stand on issues. Rate structure will be shared with committee for review and recommendation.

2 RFPs- rubble (concrete, asphalt...) and fibrous materials (wood, paper...)- not textiles. Landfill will share info with cities. Info will be out in required time and there will be public hearing. Question about using MOLO standards for setting rates. Some discussion on C&D waste and need to lean into MSW rates to cover diversion costs. Hoping to divert more of the materials that take up a lot of room. Question about glass being included.

Some discussion on PFAS and PFOS contamination in biosolids. Concerns about making changes over something that *may* occur. Pin points in this area include aircraft, fire foam. Leachate findings? Yes PFOS, not PFAS. Rates will reflect issues with airspace, incentivizing diversion, and costs of handling waste. Good to discuss now.

**b. Rate Status**

Ordinance to raise MSW rate to \$32/ton is drafted, not yet adopted.

**Other Business**

**a. Additional topics**

Lower building (old admin office) will be an education and outreach center with classes and curricula for community. Start point for tours. Phases: traffic safety first, then building improvements.

Boise and Meridian met with WasteLess. Waiting for Landfill to meet with them. Questions about HHW. County's decision.

Landfill starting to enforce covered load requirements. Will issue fees after period of public outreach. \$50 fee at gate. Lots of debris on road. SLD crew cleans up. Neighbors thankful.

Sheriff will be enforcing speed limits at Landfill. All Landfill road signage is now standard and enforceable. Radar currently set up.

Info out via letter to account holders and directly delivered to public from Scale House for a period of time. Landfill will share info with stakeholders for uniform messaging. Republic transfer stations will share to customers.

**b. City Updates**

- Boise- Repair Fair August 10. Check it out. Staff reaching out to businesses to help them reduce waste, targeting big generators, Idaho Power, Vets...
- Meridian- Finished Recycle-A-Bicycle, Trash or Treasure, and Spring Clean Up. Working on Meridian Arts Week. Wrapping up rates for Sept.
- Garden City- No new information.
- Eagle- left early
- Star- No Representative
- Kuna- No Representative

**c. Contractor Updates**

- **Republic Services-** Rebuilding both transfer stations. Meridian TS shut down to trucks until end of October. Going to top load w/ tamper. Boise rebuild will begin tentatively in Nov.
- **Hardin Sanitation-** No one on the call
- **J&M Sanitation-** No one on the call
- **Timber Creek Recycling-** No one on the call
- **Western Recycling-** No one on the call

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Oct 25, 10:30 - 12:00, new Landfill office**

**Adjournment**