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Land of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 13, 2021

PLACE: Virtual meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Henson, Dave Larmouth, David Helmricks, Justin Kanoff, Robert Poppe, Julian Macassey, John Longfellow

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Jayred

STAFF PRESENT: David McCall, SW Program Manager; Chris Laity, PW Director

GUESTS PRESENT: Shawn Blanchard, Tom Lang, Sarah Absher

AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Chairperson Henson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm with a quorum present.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

With a motion from Kanoff, seconded by Helmricks, the minutes of March 9, 2021 were approved as submitted. (6/0)

AGENDA ITEM 3 – RFA for an EPA Grant:

Discussion was held on the cost-benefit of preparing an application for this grant, in light of the short timeline and the few number of awards in Region 10. Strengths included our track record of inclusion during the update of the CMSWMP, as well as the fact that we managed to follow through with and complete our update during and under the restrictions of the pandemic. Henson asked whether the “Oregon Coast State of Emergency” declared by the Oregon Coast Visitor’s Association and the call to consider the impacts of Climate Change and Tourism would impact this application’s consideration. Our need for not only a Disaster Debris Plan, but also increased transfer station capacity aligns with the resiliency goals. The result of a straw poll among members showed that the majority did not believe there was adequate time to be able to complete a successful application for this grant cycle, but staff should prepare materials so that within six months we are able to respond quickly to a similar opportunity should it arise.

AGENDA ITEM 4 –TRANSFER STATION REPORTS:

All is functioning normally at all three transfer stations. Tillamook is preparing for the Charity Drive.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – FRANCHISED HAULER UPDATES:

City Sanitary Service: Have begun summer schedule/routes, as requested by businesses and rental companies. Has a new truck on the streets – “cute, miniature garbage truck” is the smallest truck in the fleet. South County cardboard route has been steady since last summer.

All but one hauler have submitted their materials for their rate reviews. (The one hauler’s financial report is allegedly being worked on by their accountants.) Only one franchisee is requesting a rate review. (This will be on the May agenda.)

Recology Western Oregon: Many folks did not stop service after summer; increase in customer base. Rekindled interest in expanding cardboard collection. Expecting busy summer.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – STAFF REPORT:

The staff report was included in the packet.

Discussion was held on the conceptual design changes for TTS, as included in the packet. There was general agreement that it is logical and logistical, and using the additional scale just for franchised haulers and internal traffic would be a benefit, and communication through a speaker works.

The ODF Yard Debris program will begin May 1st, but funding is only available through sometime in June (according to projections). To go through the end of the season would need an additional approx. \$50k. Discussion was held on whether the County could cover the costs as a service to the community. Sarah Absher has some potential funding ideas, and we will discuss the possibilities during the board briefing she is scheduling with the commissioners.

Brief discussion was held on various legislative bills as they move through the process. Larmouth called attention to some issues around environmental equity in SB 289.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Longfellow stated that he is still searching for a reliable disposal option for stumps.

The question of the “burn site” and “fill permit” for the site next to Nestucca Elementary School was brought up. This may be an option for stumps.

Tom Lang announced that he is currently working remotely from Montana, and will be leaving DEQ employment at the end of June. Chair Henson thanked Tom for his participation and support.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by David McCall