

Minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting of the Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Meeting.

(Notes By Meggan Uecker)

In attendance:

Members/Alts:

1. Christy Cox, At Large Rep (Listed as Ag rep on Dave's sheet, but Jenson also listed as Ag Rep)
2. Jenson Arleen, Ag Rep
3. Steve Johnson, Business Rep
4. Dave Hanna, Clallam Co. Alternate
5. Brian Tate, Waste Connections Alternate
6. Rachel Anderson, Sequim Rep
7. Ann Soule, Sequim Alternate
8. Charlie McCaughn, CoPA Rep
9. LaTrisha Suggs, CoPA alternate

Staff:

1. Brent Gagnon, West Waste
2. Chad Young, Waste Connections
3. Matt McConnell, Waste Connections
4. Eric, Waste Connections
5. Clea Rome, WSU Extension
6. David Pater, Ecology
7. Steve Pendleton, Makah Nation
8. Jen Garcelon, ClaCo Environmental Health
9. Eli Owens, ClaCo Environmental Health
10. Thomas Hunter, City of Port Angeles
11. Joe Donisi, Clallam Co Public Works
12. Meggan Uecker, Clallam Co Public Works/WSU Ext consultant

Public:

1. Kenneth Reandeau

Call to order 3:04pm

Additions to agenda: Latrisha asked for Thomas Hunter of CoPA to provide update on service contract termination and CoPA leading operation of Regional and Blue Mountain TS services as of 3.2.22.

Previous Minutes Approved motion 1. Rachel 2. Brian Motion carries.

Public comment: Kenneth asked for update on old Humane Society site on west Hwy 101. Site has junk vehicles, occupied encampments, solid waste and a fire occurred. Eli reported that

junk vehicle removal process was underway in cooperation with Sheriff and EH code enforcement.

Topics/Presentations:

1. Member housekeeping
 - a. New resolutions passed to appoint Christy, Dave. Resolution needed to note that primary member appoints alternate. Meggan noted this may be part of SWAC bylaws.
2. LSWFA Organics Plan & Contract
 - a. Contract process rolling with Meggan Uecker as plan consultant for organics study analyzing current landscape of organics waste in Clallam County, further researching feasibility of recommendations outlined in the SHWMP, and to work with stakeholders to develop a detailed plan of action for organics reduction. Clea added it will include legislative review and funding opportunities to help Clallam Co and stakeholders meet state and local organics, climate, and economic goals and requirements.
 - b. Ann asked if anyone was addressing organics already? Clallam and other counties are: collecting yard waste, food waste, managing wood waste, construction, paper/cardboard milling, home composting and lots of other activities that will be reviewed and best practices discussed.
 - c. Steve Johnson asked what we know about data of waste stream. 2021 waste stream audit by Ecology provides extensive organics data along with other available data.
 - d. Dave noted that while contract was \$25K, full LSWFA grant is \$80,000. Could be used for amendment or revision of SHWMP as necessary, organics implementation.
3. Update on Port Angeles termination of Waste Connections service contract and lead operation of Regional and Blue Mountain Transfer Station services.
 - a. Thomas Hunter said that since termination CoPA has been figuring it out and providing information on website and social media. Supply chain issues and other things affecting some services.
 - i. Glass recycling collection stopped without viable market. CoPA evaluates long term options.
 1. Steve asked if transportation costs affected issue. Thomas-yes.
 2. McConnell asked if it was due to viable market or transportation. Thomas said both.
 3. Clea asked for timeline—Thomas 3 to 5 mos.
 4. Brian asked if CoPA had end product concerns of glass recycling as suggested in newspaper or if options had been investigated before the switchover.
 5. Christy asked if the public statement on 2/22 by City that there were no facilities accepting glass was true or lack of glass collection was actually transportation or supply chain.

6. Ann stated that Sequim via Waste Connections takes to Black Lake Concrete Recyclers to recycle into landscape materials-has CoPA explored that? Meggan asked about Jefferson County's glass recycler Strategic Materials.
7. Jen said EH was receiving lots of phone calls-complaints of no CoPA response about SW questions. Thomas will email phone number and public works email for City.
8. Steve Johnson noted a pulverized product might bring a better price/transport costs. Jenson asked if this had been discussed before. Meggan noted that ONP had brought this to SWAC and City/County staff over 5 years ago and last year, offering to purchase a pulverizer via grant for use by public system.
- ii. Blue Mountain. CoPA worked w/ Joe D on assessing needs at BMTS. Traffic flow, lack of equipment (and slow supply chain) are hindering reopening.
- b. Comment by Steve P. on rate increase due to price of gas. Waste Connections will contact him on hauling contract questions.

New business

1. Role of SWAC

- i. Dave asked frequency of meetings desired and role? Noted that amendments/revisions would require SWAC.
- ii. Ann said that sWMP changes and priorities need review by SWAC. Also that electeds should perhaps be polled on priorities for SW.
- iii. Chad noted that changes in service could be reviewed. For example, CoPA changed allowed Regional TS access for non-City haulers from 5a to 7 or 8am, affecting countywide services.
- iv. Christy noted that SWAC is an important link from public to system, informing programs.
- v. Meggan noted that legal role is advisory to BOCC. Asked if staff receive questions from BOCC that should be addressed by SWAC, resolutions developed. Also a place for stakeholders to inform all councils.
- vi. David Pater noted importance of SWAC input for SWMP implementation.
- vii. Consensus was for monthly meetings to continue.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35p.

Next meeting 4/27 at 3p. Christy reminded of OPMA requirements to post meeting link where public can find it on County website (wasn't this time) and for links to be correct to make it easier for attendees to log into Zoom meeting.