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BENTON COUNTY

Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)

January 26, 2022 Minutes

Members Present: Linda Brewer, Fred Penning, Ken Eklund, John McEvoy, Deborah Gile

Republic Services Present: Broc Keinholz, Ian McNab, Julie Jackson

Staff Present: Greg Verret (Benton County Community Development), Daniel Redick (Benton County Solid Waste and Water Quality Coordinator), Linda Ray (Benton County Community Development)

Call to Order/Introductions. Linda Brewer, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:59 pm.

Approval of Minutes.

Debie made a **MOTION** to approve the December 1, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Fred, the **MOTION** was approved 4-0.

Election of Officers.

Linda nominated Ken Eklund as the Vice Chair of SWAC. The council voted 4-0 (1 abstain) to elect Ken as the new Vice Chair. Linda nominated Fred Penning as the Chair of SWAC. (Fred noted that he would accept the nomination but may be gone for several meetings in 2022.) The council voted 4-0 (1 abstain) to elect Fred as the new Chair of SWAC.

Community Member Comments.

- Concern about waste brought in to the landfill from outside the county.
- Concern about the franchise agreement with Republic Services
- Suggestion to create a subcommittee of SWAC that works to create a Request for Proposals to call on professionals as advisors.
- Suggestion for SWAC learn more about Republic Service's choice of materials used to cover in the landfill. The concern is that neighbors of the landfill could be subjected to airborne toxic materials.
- Request for an audit to be performed on hazardous materials being accepted at Coffin Butte.
- Request for SWAC to get involved and work on a collection agreement with Republic Services and to see more recycling opportunities.
- Concern about the public meeting process that SWAC has chosen by using Go To Webinar instead of Go To Meeting which requires people to sign up ahead of time to comment at the meetings.

REVIEW OF COLLECTION FRANCHISE APPLICATION

Ken made a **MOTION** for SWAC to pass on commenting on the application at this time and wait for the full franchise agreement before a formal response is made. Seconded by Debie, the **MOTION** passed 3-2.

DEQ Opportunity to Recycle

Daniel shared DEQ's report and noted that it applies to cities that have more than 4000 people. This report is due at the beginning of each year and is submitted by Community Development by January 31st. Daniel stated that he expects a response from DEQ by February and will update SWAC when that information becomes available.

Solid Waste Management Plan

Daniel gave an update on the progress of the Management Plan and requested more time with SWAC in a work session to focus together on developing and finalizing the plan. He would like to collaborate with SWAC to develop an outreach plan to gain public feedback.

Members Request

Linda asked for an update from Republic Services on touring the MPR station in Marion County. Julie stated that the facility is still working out last remaining issues and suggested looking at a tour in March.

Ken suggested the county staff work on updating the SWAC/DSAC pages on the county website so information is accurate and up to date.

Agenda Items for the next SWAC meeting

- Mark Yeager asked for a report from Republic Services that includes information on the toxic cover used at the Coffin Butte Landfill and waste audits.
- Opportunity to Recycle Report

Fred made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken, the **MOTION** passed 5-0 and the meeting ended at 8:30 pm.
