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BENTON COUNTY

Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)

June 22, 2022 Minutes

Members Present: Ken Eklund, John McEvoy, Marge Popp, Joel Geier, Debie Gile, Chuck Gilbert & Mark Yeager.

Staff Present: Daniel Redick & Greg Verret

Republic Services: Ian Macnab, Julie Jackson

Call to Order/Introductions. Chair Eklund called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes for May 26, 2022

Joel pointed out a correction in the minutes regarding discussion around a subcommittee and the reference that county staff disagreed with approving a subcommittee. With that struck from the minutes, A second edit is to change Ken Eklund's title from Vice Chair of SWAC to Chair. Mark made a **MOTION** to approve the May 26, 2022 minutes with those edits. Seconded by John, the minutes were **APPROVED unanimously**.

Oregon Consensus Assessment Update

Sam Imperati (OCA facilitator) was present and informed the council that he had completed his last round of interviews with the BOC yesterday. He explained the timeline to follow:

- July 5th – Benton County staff will review the Final Assessment Report
- July 12th – Sam will present his report at the BOC Work Session
- July 19th – The Assessment Report will be discussed at the BOC meeting. The Board of Commissioners may choose to approve, object or amend his recommendation.

Sam emphasized that his role is not to assess if a Conditional Use Permit to expand the landfill should happen, but will be focused on collaboration on solid waste management between the county staff, Republic Services and the community.

Community Member Comments

None.

Bylaws: Discuss/Decide on Changes

Mark submitted his proposed changes to the SWAC bylaws in written form to the other council members. SWAC members decided to schedule a work session in the coming weeks to focus on the bylaws and continue the discussion around edits.

Sustainable Materials Management Grant Initiatives: Results

Prior to the meeting, Daniel provided members a document that summarized the grant process (**Exhibit A**). The county received six applications for the grant and SWAC chose to fund the top-rated applicants which were;

- The Arc Benton Furniture Upcycling Project - \$ 3,800.00 funding offered
- Small Producer Materials Reuse Program (McGuire Mechanism) - \$ 3,125.00 funding offered
- Benton To Go – A Reusable Take-out Container Program (Corvallis Sustainability Coalition) - \$ 7,500.00 funding offered
- BioSteward Workforce Development Survey (C Machines) - \$ 0 funding offered
- Hand Dryers in Philomath High School Bathrooms - \$ 2,848.00 funding offered
- Vina Moses Center Reuse & Reusables Project - \$ 2,727.00 funding offered

SWAC members decided that grant recipients should follow up with a quarterly report on project updates.

Forming a Regional SWAC Coalition

SWAC members decided to continue this conversation after the assessment is complete.

Charter for SWAC, Charter for DSAC: Discuss Operating Rules

Discussion of SWAC's role during the Oregon Consensus assessment process. The group discussed their role in relation to a potential future landfill CUP application. Chair Eklund said that the SWAC does not work for the county, and that the group should continue to work during the assessment process.

Member Requests

None

Agenda Items for June Meeting

- Mark requested a landfill waste stream audit agenda item for SWAC, and that it was left off of the prospective items list for SWAC, and that the item should not be on the DSAC agenda.
- Marge asked for 2021 Coffin Butte Landfill and PRC annual report, and Ian mentioned that it will be available for the July DSAC meeting.
- Joel requested an agenda item to discuss the Regional SWAC committee.
- Daniel said the DEQ Waste Generation Summary is typically reviewed by SWAC.

Mark made a **MOTION** to adjourn the SWAC meeting. Seconded by Debie, the council unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm.

**Benton County Sustainable Materials Management Grant
2022 Funding Award Summary**

Exhibit A

Benton County Sustainable Materials Management Grant 2022 Funding Award Summary				
	Project	Funding Requested	Award Amount	% Funding
1	The Arc Benton Furniture Upcycling Project	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	100%
2	Small Producer Materials Reuse Program (McGuire Mechanism)	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 3,125.00	100%
3	Benton To Go – A Reusable Take-out Container Program (Corvallis Sustainability Coalition)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	100%
4	BioSteward Workforce Development Survey (C Machines)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0%
5	Hand Dryers in Philomath High School Bathrooms	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 2,848.00	40%
6	Vina Moses Center Reuse & Reusables Project	\$ 2,727.00	\$ 2,727.00	100%
	Total	\$ 26,352.00	\$ 20,000.00	