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# BENTON COUNTY

## Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

### January 27, 2021 Minutes 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

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Members Present: John Deuel, Larry Sleeman (Chair), Debi Gile, Jay Simpkins, John McEvoy, Fred Penning, Linda Brewer

Guests Present: Vance Croney (Benton County District Attorney), Bailey Payne (Corvallis School District Sustainability Specialist), Jeanette Hardison (Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and Materials Management Working Team), Sarah Grimm (Lane County Waste Management Division), Republic Services; Broc Kienholz, Ian Macnab, Tino Barreras, 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), Jen Brown (Benton County Sustainability Coordinator), Vance Croney (Benton County District Attorney)

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**Call to Order/Introductions.** Chair Larry Sleeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. *Due to the current health crisis with Covid-19, the council met via Go To Meeting (a virtual meeting platform) online.*

**Approval of the Minutes.** A **MOTION** was made by Jay Simpkins to accept the October 28, 2020 minutes, John Deuel seconded all in favor, **MOTION** passed.

**Franchise Agreement Updates.** Vance Croney, Benton County District Attorney joined the meeting to give an update on the franchise agreements between Benton County & Republic Services. The pre-existing agreement expired on December 31, 2020. The new franchise agreement went in to effect on January 1, 2020 and will last for 20 years. Vance's summary of the new agreement is as follows;

- A new "self-haul" rate has been implemented. Community members bringing waste to Coffin Butte are now charged \$35 per load. No matter how large or small the load of waste is. This will encourage people to use one of the commercial hauling options, such as ordering a dumpster.
- There has been a provision made for a "construction and demo" facility. The motive is to sort recyclable materials from construction or demolition sites to reduce landfill waste. Benton County does not have the volume of materials coming to the landfill that would merit action at this time. But the BOC wanted to be sure that it is an option in the future. Therefore language was included in the franchise agreement that allows provision for a C & D facility in the future.

- The revenue structure of the franchise agreement has changed. In the old agreement, there was a “per ton” surcharge component which was relatively low but consistent. In the new agreement, the franchise fee is larger, at around \$2 million in 2021 compared to around \$276,000 collected previously. The value of the franchise fee is a credit against the per ton host fee that Republic Services pays to Benton County. At the end of each year, if the per ton host fee generates more income than it pays on the franchise fee, the difference will be paid to Benton County. If the franchise fee is more than the host fee collected, then Republic Services does not have any remaining host fee charges. Moving forward this change is not going to generate a lot of different revenue, but it is a different way of getting the funds through the haulers and self-haulers into the Benton County general fund. Republic Services is only allowed to take in 1.1 million tons of waste per year. They are in the process of getting approval from DEQ to expand the landfill to property directly south which is already zoned for landfill use under the Benton County Development Code. It will require a conditional use permit and they will go through the process with the Benton County Community Development Department when they have approval from DEQ. If DEQ denies the request to expand, there is still 25 years left in the landfill.
- There is a provision in the agreement that supports the Dump Stoppers program to be implemented in the next six months. Land owners that are experiencing illegal dumping on their property will be able to ask for assistance in the removal and will be charged the \$35 flat fee.

**Review of approved SWAC bylaws.** Daniel reviewed the changes in the DSAC bylaws that were approved by the Board of Commissioners. One change was in the language around “surrounding areas” when referring to membership requirements. It is no longer tied down to a specific geographical piece. It now says “voting members”.

**Election of Officers.** Larry moved this agenda item to the SWAC meeting in order to hold elections for both DSAC/SWAC at the same time.

**Update on contamination fees from Republic Services.** Tino reported that the contamination fee has been rolled out and seems to be widely accepted by community members. In the Fall of 2021, Republic Services trucks will be equipped with online tablets that will enable the driver to take a picture of contaminated waste in the recycling bins. That information will be sent to the property owner.

**Current Landfill Issues.** Broc stated that they have been accepting debris from the 2020 wildfires, but nothing too significant at this time. He noted that they would be deploying the water (rain) tarps soon. They took in 9.5 inches of rain this month. A landfill gas construction project will start this summer. Coffin Butte will begin constructing cell 5D this spring and continue in to the summer months.

**Agenda items for next meeting.**

- DSAC Bylaws.

The DSAC meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm. The next DSAC meeting will be April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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### April 28, 2021 Minutes 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

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Members Present: John Deuel, Larry Sleeman, Jay Simpkins (Chair), John McEvoy, Fred Penning and Linda Brewer (Vice Chair)

Absent: Debi Gile

Guests Present: Republic Services - Broc Kienholz, Tino Barreras, & Kenny Larson

Staff Present: Benton County Community Development - Greg Verret, Daniel Redick, and Linda Ray

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**Call to Order/Introductions.** Chair Jay Simpkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. *Due to the current health crisis with Covid-19, the council met via Go To Meeting (a virtual meeting platform) online.* Tino announced that his position at Republic Service is changing and introduced Kenny Larson, the new Municipal Administrator at Republic Services.

**Approval of the Minutes.** Jay pointed out a date change needed in the first paragraph of the minutes (from 2020 to 2021). A **MOTION** was made by Larry Sleeman to accept the January, 27, 2021 minutes, seconded by John Deuel, all in favor, **MOTION** passed.

**DSAC Bylaws.** Amendments were made to the DSAC Bylaws at the end of last year. Daniel shared an update on the language around "termination of membership" and Clause #3 you wouldn't need Clause 1 & 2. He spoke with Vance Croney, County Counsel and the way it is phrased shows up in all committees and commissions bylaws, so it needs to remain. Daniel also highlighted Article 2, Chapter 2 that discusses an annual report submitted to DEQ. Daniel is compiling concerns and will submit them with the annual report. He will bring the report to DSAC for review before submitting it.

**Coffin Butte Landfill Update.** Broc shared that contractors have been on site for the past two weeks working on the cell construction. They are just getting started on the burn dump area and hope to finish that project this year. He stated that the debris from the 2020 Wildfires is increasing which involves more trucks coming to the landfill. So they have temporarily provided another scale for that traffic. Ian added that current cell construction is in Cell 5b and should be wrapped up in the beginning of August. Jay asked about the current elevation and Broc responded in saying that they are starting another lift by extending the road up and the elevation will be 500'. Larry asked if the wildfire debris is treated differently at the landfill. Broc responded by explaining that there is a separate section at the landfill designated for materials coming in from the wildfire burn areas to be cautious of asbestos contamination. He also stated that most all of the debris coming in is ash and dirt. Ian clarified that the wildfire burn debris is tested on site before being

transported to the landfill. If it contains hazardous waste, it is taken to another location. They have also (temporarily) kept the landfill open longer in the evenings (7 pm) because it is typically such a long haul from the burn area.

There were no member requests.

There were no agenda items for the July meeting.

Larry made a **MOTION** to adjourn the DSAC meeting. Seconded by Fred, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.





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# BENTON COUNTY

## Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

### July 28, 2021 Minutes 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

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Members Present: John Deuel, Larry Sleeman, Jay Simpkins (Chair), Debi Gile, Fred Penning and Linda Brewer (Vice Chair)

Members Absent: John McEvoy

Guests Present: Republic Services – Julie Jackson, Broc Kienholz, Ian Macnab & Kenny Larson

Staff Present: Benton County Community Development -, Daniel Redick, and Linda Ray

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**Call to Order/Introductions.** Chair Jay Simpkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. *Due to the current health crisis with Covid-19, the council met via Go To Meeting (a virtual meeting platform) online.* Tino announced that his position at Republic Service is changing and introduced Kenny Larson, the new Municipal Administrator at Republic Services.

**Approval of the Minutes.** A **MOTION** was made by Larry Sleeman to accept the April 28, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jay Simpkins, all in favor, **MOTION** passed. 5-0

**Coffin Butte Landfill Update.** Ian began the report by stating that the landfill traffic with fire debris from the 2020 wildfires has started to decrease. The landfill has chosen to decommission the temporary scale house set up that was put in place to offer another option for community members bringing in debris. Construction is wrapping up at the landfill. The liner phase of cell 5d is almost complete. Ian noted that a contractor is working on the gas components, then they will install the protective soil layer and rain tarps to prepare for Fall and Winter. They have constructed 10 vertical and 5 horizontal wells in the regular landfill project recently. Once that project wraps up, they will get started on exposed cover installation for the year (EPDM) and they are looking to put in 8 acres on the south and east face of the landfill. They are presently working on final phase 3 of burn dump relocation and hope to finish the project in early September.

Ian stated that an application for a Conditional Use Permit has been submitted for the proposed project to expand the landfill to the south. The county has scheduled a Planning Commission hearing on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The members had questions and a discussion regarding the application and proposed project. Highlights of that discussion are below:

- The projected area to be built will be for the purpose to provide more space for waste.
- If the application is approved, the expansion will extend the life of the landfill another 12-15 years.
- Approximately 49 acres would be lined and used for waste disposal. The project would progress in phases that would include 2 acres at a time to avoid weather concerns and rainwater collecting as leachate.
- The existing Coffin Butte Road will be decommissioned and provide space to expand the landfill. Traffic for the landfill and quarry will use a new road that will be built to the south. They will also be making a few improvements to Tampico Road.
- The operations headquarters will stay in its current location.
- The land is already zoned landfill.

The committee discussed sending in a letter to the Planning Commission in support of the landfill expansion. The deadline for submitting a written testimony (to be considered in the staff analysis) needs to be turned in by 5pm on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Or by 5pm on August 27<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Planning Commission public hearing packet. Testimonies submitted after that date will be emailed to the Commissioners on September 7<sup>th</sup> prior to the hearing. Jay asked for feedback from the committee about writing a letter of support for the landfill expansion. No objections were made. Jay made a **MOTION** to write a letter of support in the landfill expansion. Fred seconded and the **MOTION** passed unanimously. Linda will write the letter of support to send in to the Planning Commission.

**2020 Community Member Concern Report.** Daniel referred the annual report that includes community member complaints that have come in the past year in regards to the Coffin Butte Landfill. Daniel asked DSAC for feedback and the next step will be to send it in to DEQ. Jay asked about the wording in the report in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph that discusses “cleaning up roadside debris” and mentioned that the wording implies that the clean-up with “start”. Jay suggested changing the language to reflect that the clean-up will continue. Daniel clarified that the data pertains to the landfill and not PRC. There was a brief discussion about the litter along Highway 99 by Coffin Butte. Broc stated that debris has decreased due to the Secure Load Campaign. John made a motion to approve the report and submit to DEQ following edits about the roadside debris clean-up. Seconded by Larry, the **MOTION** passed unanimously.

**Members Requests.** Jay expressed favor in conducting the meetings via virtually. Larry recommended in-person meetings at least twice a year.

Julie gave an update on the construction and demolition Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Salem. There was discussion about waiting until October once the facility is up and running. There was tentative plans to set the DSAC/SWAC meeting at the facility.

There were no agenda items for the October meeting.

Larry made a **MOTION** to adjourn the DSAC meeting. Seconded by Fred, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

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**BENTON COUNTY**  
**Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)**  
**October 13, 2021 Minutes 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

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Members Present: John Deuel, Debi Gile, Jay Simpkins (Chair).

Members Excused: John McEvoy was excused from the meeting due to his position on the Planning Commission and will be involved in the landfill CUP going before the commission in November.

Members Absent: Larry Sleeman, Fred Penning & Linda Brewer

Republic Services: Julie Jackson, Broc Keinholz, Ian McNab, & Kenny Larson

Benton County Staff Present: Greg Verret, Daniel Redick, & Linda Ray

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**Call to Order/Introductions.** Chair Jay Simpkins called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. *Due to the current health crisis with Covid-19, the council met via Go To Meeting (a virtual meeting platform) online.* There was not a quorum at this DWAC meeting, therefore no voting could take place.

**Coffin Butte Landfill Update.** Broc gave an update on the wildfire debris collection from the 2020 Wildfires. He stated that roughly 80 lots near Detroit Lake still need cleaned up from the wildfire, so they anticipate more debris being brought to the landfill and hopes that the clean-up will be finished by November 2021. Broc gave an update on the new cell construction and explained that a new EPDM rain tarp is being used to cover cells. This material lasts longer and is a more durable product to use.

**Citizen Comments.**

**Gina Flak** lives near the landfill and expressed concern about the service trucks working at the landfill and noise involved in their operation. She also expressed concerns about the traffic in and around the landfill. Broc replied by stating that they are installing a “white background back-up” alarm that will reduce the noise on the service trucks.

*Additional public comments regarding the Coffin Butte Landfill application for expansion were made during the Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting that followed DSAC.*

**Republic Services Presentation.** Julie Jackson shared a presentation regarding the Conditional Use Permit application for expanding the Coffin Butte Landfill. Julie ended her presentation with inviting community members to attend a town hall meeting will be hosted by Republic Services on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will give the public time to answer questions about the landfill application.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.**