



**Benton
County**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

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MEETING MINUTES

Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)

July 9, 2025

Benton County DSAC Chair Rachel Purcell called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. The meeting was open to the public virtually via a published Zoom link.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

Rachel Purcell, Chair
David Hackleman, Vice-Chair
Jennifer Field
Chuck Gilbert
Brent Pawlowski
Charlene Carroll
David Livesay
Paul Koster, Republic Services (excused)
Robert Kipper
Peter Peterson
Diane Cassidy (absent)

STAFF

Bailey Payne, Solid Waste Program Coordinator

GUESTS

None

Key takeaways

- DSAC meeting focused on landfill monitoring and environmental concerns
- Jennifer Field presented on PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination and monitoring
- Groundwater monitoring system needs comprehensive review and potential updates
- Odor monitoring system currently relies on human reporting, which is deemed inadequate
- Community engagement efforts are ongoing with Republic Services

Approval of May meeting minutes – David H. motioned to approve, Charli C. seconded, all in favor.

PFAS Presentation and Implications

Dr. Jennifer Field presented a comprehensive overview of PFAS, their properties, and environmental impacts. She explained PFAS are found in landfill leachate at significant concentrations.

- PFAS monitoring is technically feasible but expensive.
- Current wastewater treatment plants are not optimized for PFAS removal
- Landfills are long-term PFAS sources

Groundwater Monitoring

David L. identified concerns with current monitoring system age and placement. He highlighted issues with wells 26 and 27 on east side

- Current monitoring system needs comprehensive review
- Additional wells needed on east side and EE Wilson area
- Some existing wells may need abandonment or replacement

Odor Monitoring

- Committee discussed inadequacy of current complaint reporting system. The sub-committee feels that the current odor monitoring system is insufficient.
- Proposed implementation of analytical monitoring equipment
- Discussed potential funding sources for monitoring – Chair Purcell asked if Benton County may be able to provide funding. Staff wasn't sure.
- Need for scientific measurement and analysis of emissions
- County involvement may be necessary for implementation

Community Engagement

Diane C. and Robert K. met with Julie Jackson from Republic Services.

- Discussed creation of unified complaint portal
- Explored potential public outreach opportunities
- Conclusion
- Need for streamlined complaint system

- Opportunity to leverage current public interest due to the current expansion application
- Potential to expand into recycling education
- Funding for new monitoring systems
- DEQ permit requirements vs. desired monitoring levels
- Implementation of PFAS monitoring
- Aging infrastructure of current monitoring wells
- Multiple complaint channels creating confusion

Meeting Adjourned (David H./David L.) at 8:00pm

Next Steps

Groundwater Subcommittee

- Continue assessment of monitoring system
- Prepare detailed proposal for new well locations
- Engage with DEQ regarding monitoring requirements

Odor Monitoring Subcommittee

- Develop preliminary sampling plan
- Research cost estimates for monitoring equipment
- Research grant opportunities for monitoring program

Community Engagement Subcommittee

- Continue work with Republic on unified complaint portal
- Develop public outreach strategies

Staff

- Request fire safety program update from Paul for next meeting
- Distribute Coffin Butte Annual Report when available
- Print a large map of the landfill and give to David Livesay
- Bailey to connect the Groundwater Sub-committee with the DEQ regulator to answer questions

All Subcommittees

- Schedule August meetings
- Prepare updates for September general meeting