



MEETING MINUTES
Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)
May 14, 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
Robert Kipper
Peter Peterson
Diane Cassidy

STAFF

Bailey Payne, Solid Waste Program Coordinator

GUESTS

Kevin Kenaga
Paul Nietfeld
Natalie
Patricia Wheeler

1. Call to Order – Chair Purcell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Expansion Proposal Update - Ken Eklund provided an update on the ongoing expansion proposal concerning the Coffin Butte landfill. In his letter, he outlined his observations and concerns about the public hearings.

Bailey Payne clarified a few points: There was an overflow room during public hearings so nobody was turned away. He also clarified that although Valley Landfills is the permit holder, Republic Services remains accountable for monitoring responsibilities due to their ownership of the landfill. He also noted that approximately 2,500 pages of

testimonials have been reviewed, with 11 packets of information submitted for public comment.

3. Public Comments

- **Paul Nietfeld's Commentary:**

- Expressed the necessity of timely reporting from franchisees on landfill operations to facilitate transparency and enable effective public oversight. He highlighted how delays in receiving reports hamper the community's ability to engage meaningfully.
 - Stressed the importance of continuing discussions on landfill oversight advocating for regular dialogue on issues such as tonnage monitoring and compliance with environmental regulations.
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4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. There were three items that needed to be corrected. Livesay moved to approve minutes as corrected and Hackleman seconded. Motion carried.

5. Overview of PFAS and relevancy to the Coffin Butte Landfill – Due to technical issues, this presentation was rescheduled for the next meeting. It was suggested that member review the [video](#) from the Clean Water Symposium to gain additional context on PFAS and its implications for public health and safety.

6. Break – 5 min.

7. Committee Membership and Priorities

Collaboration Reminder: Paul Koster emphasized Republic Services' commitment to ensuring timely report submissions and monitoring of landfill operations.

Annual Report Timeline: The 2024 Coffin Butte Annual Report is anticipated for completion by the end of the month. The DSAC will be asked to review

Oversight Discussion: The group talked about the importance of sustained oversight and engagement regarding landfill operations and compliance with environmental standards.

8. Meeting Schedule

The committee discussed the potential shift from monthly to bi-monthly meetings, noting that this could reduce the workload, given that several backlog items have been addressed. It was decided that the DSAC will shift to every-other-month meetings. The next meeting will be on July 9th.

9. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Livesay made the motion, Koster seconded.

Action Items:

- Sub-committees to meet and begin identifying goals in June.
- Staff to send [link](#) to PNGC Power presentation about landfill gas.
- Staff to send landfill map with dates.

Sub-committees:

- **Odors, Methane** – David H., Jennifer F.
- **Groundwater, Leachate** – David L., Charli C., Peter P.
- **Community Engagement** – Dianne C., Robert K.