The Douglas County Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, July 11th, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Douglas County Courthouse.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Spielbusch, Jess Terrell, Keith Cubic, Ellen Porter

Commissioner: Chris Boice

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Adams, Tom Manton, Linda Mendenhall, Tamara Osbourne, Dana Anderson, and Kimberle Taylor

Ex Officio Members Present: Grant Fahey – Sutherlin Sanitary Service, Cathy Brown – DEQ, Craig Filip – DEQ, Doug John – Roseburg Disposal, Nick Fahey – Southern Oregon Sanitation,

1. Call to Order
   Larry Spielbusch called meeting to order.

2. Introductions
   Committee members and Public

3. Approval of Minutes
   Motion made and seconded for the approval of Minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting.

4. Elias LaLande’s and Phill Bigler’s Application for Voting Member Vacancies
   Two applications and two vacancies both were voted on and approved for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for appointment.

5. Sutherlin Sanitary Service Recycling Container Charge Request
   At the request of Sutherlin Sanitary Service, this agenda item was tabled until the October 10th, 2018 meeting.

6. SWAC Chair Election
   Larry Spielbusch was nominated and unanimously elected as the SWAC chair.

7. Financial Assurance Update
   Since the County started charging at transfer sites and landfill, Scott Adams and Ross Wilson have been working on DEQ Financial Assurance compliance. The County worked closely with DEQ in obtaining approval of an alternative financial mechanism, which uses a financial modeling program to calculate how much the County must deposit into a dedicated fund for closure and post-closure of the Roseburg Landfill and post-closure of the Reedsport Landfill. A second hearing of the Ordinance establishing the dedicated fund was held at the Board of Commissioners meeting on July 11th, 2018 and is effective October 15th, 2018. SWAC is
interested in seeing how the model works. Scott will see if Ross can provide that information to SWAC at an upcoming meeting.

8. Transfer Station Operation RFP Status

Scott said the RFP is meant to look at the opportunity and potential for private operations of the transfer sites. Looking into any opportunities to privatize and if it will be cost effective for the community. Questions from possibly proposers were due last Friday. Any addendums are due this Friday. Proposals are due July 27th, 2018. Opening of proposals will be on August 1st, 2018 at the Board of Commissioners meeting. Intent to award will be on August 8th, 2018. The goal is to potentially contract it out by September 1st, 2018 and the transition period after that. We are going to get three results from this, no changes in operations, all operations can be done more cost effectively by privatizing, or we run some and they run some operations. We don’t know what we are going to get. Commissioner Boice said he believes it will take more than a week to go over proposals and award. These proposals will be all across the board. No submissions as of July 11th, 2018 but lots of questions. RFP is on County home webpage. Running the outer transfer sites are running up the cost of operations as a whole.

9. Recycling Status Update

DEQ has approved the County’s request to terminate the recycling study grant contract due to the national recycling crisis. DEQ discussed the true costs of recycling, and the wishful recyclers.

10. Other Business

A concerned citizen – asked about the lack of recycling in the County. Wants to know what is going on and what is being done about Douglas County’s recycling crisis. Recycling is dependent on the recycling market and restrictions. Commissioner Boice said the County is looking into many different avenues to ship recycle goods. But everyone is waiting to see what happens with global markets. We don’t know how long. Many markets are being looked at globally. Citizens will be notified and updated by local newspaper, online, or through our local radio stations.

Ellen asked about the status of the Solid Waste Code revision SWAC worked on last year with David Beback, former Solid Waste Department Director Scott said the County will look into resuming picking up where this task stopped later this year and provide SWAC with an update at the January meeting. All agreed the code needs updating.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Mendenhall