The Douglas County Solid Waste Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, January 9th, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Douglas County Courthouse.

**Voting Members Present:** Levi Huffman, Jess Terrell, Keith Cubic, Ellen Porter, Phil Bigler, and Dick Heard

**Commissioner:** Chris Boice

**Staff Present:** Scott Adams, Josh Klein, Linda Mendenhall, Kristina Walker and Kimberle Taylor


1. **Call to Order**
   
   Scott Adams 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 July 11, 2018 meeting.

4. **SWAC Chair Election**

   - Larry Spielbusch was un-appointed by BOC and appointed Dick Heard as replacement at the BOC meeting on January 9, 2019 at 9am.
   - Keith Cubic nominated Levi Huffman as SWAC chair and Dick Heard second the nomination, with all other members in favor.

5. **County Presentation on Strategic Objectives**

   - The strategic objectives of the County are to ensure long term, viable disposal options.
   - All RFP's were rejected due to the issue of not all transfer stations would be operational. There were large gaps in the areas of service to be provided.
   - A Cost of Service Analysis (COSA) was prepared by Ross Wilson.
   - Consolidating transfer sites of regional influence, would this be something SWAC would recommend?
   - Possible approval of COSA rates at the transfer stations or a minimum charge?
   - Reissue another RFP on the transfer sites vs a County led export plan, if we are not going to implement COSA or close down sites. Feedback from vendors was they wish to wait till the other items such as rates and structures get solidified.
   - Ross wants to recommend a standardized rate guide for all franchise haulers with annual reporting.
   - Ross wants to incorporate an IGA for long term disposal for County and City, and to start exportation.
   - The County is dealing with 3 hurdles where they are going into the hole dealing with, between setting up the financial assurance plan, being declared a Title V landfill, and also now needing to install approved storm water systems at all transfer stations, which none have besides Roseburg Landfill and Reedsport
   - A possible tonnage fee increase of $89/ton on July 1st, 2019. The landfill is operating under operational costs, and is in the hole. After the initial $89/ton increase then would like a small increase every year after that. Smaller increases will be less noisy than one large increase in fees. Dick Heard advised that the County should not do the small increases and do the full $97/ton right off the get go and not operate at a loss. Dick Heard said either way the public is going to react.
   - Ross suggested standardized rate guide for all Franchise Haulers with annual reporting. Also franchise fee revenue should be based off percentage of revenue and not $25 a truck.
   - The SWAC chair, Levi Huffman, made a motion to separate topics and make them into smaller meetings or work sessions to discuss such big decisions. Phil Bigler seconded the motion. A meeting was set to go over
closures and Landfill price increases for February 13th, 2019 at 3pm.

6. **Update on Financial Assurance Plan**
   - DEQ has approved and sent the official letter to Scott Adams of approval. Board of Commissioners has also approved and passed the ordinance for the Financial Assurance trust fund.

7. **DEQ Compliance**
   - Last November we were notified we weren’t meeting certain policies. Our employees have been working hard at getting leachate control galleries installed, moving dirt to keep the open face minimal in size. We have remediated old leachate ponds. Reverted storm water for sediment treatment.
   - SIMS Electric is onsite now at Roseburg Landfill installing secondary generator.
   - DEQ came through and praised the County and to keep it up. We are removing tarps this summer and will be starting the hydro seeding process. Recent wind storms helped remove half our tarps.

8. **Title V Update**
   - The size of Roseburg Landfill and how much is put into it determined it is now a Title V Landfill. We are now working with DEQ on the enforcements for not having a permit in place when we should have.
   - Shane Latimer with SCS Consulting - they are now working on the air emissions and the rate of emissions, we are on the lower end of monitoring due to low emissions. They have submitted their application with DEQ. Less than 10% of toxic gases are being emitted, so a gas collection system is not required.

9. **Sutherlin Sanitary Recycling Container Charge Requests**
   - Pat Fahey with Sutherlin Sanitary Service - his smaller volume customers would like a larger recycling container. He would like to table this request until the other transfer site closures and landfill prices are discussed and finalized before making his decision on what to do with this request.
   - Pat also would like to thank the County Landfill employees for helping out so much with their recent fatality.

10. **Other Business**
    - Windmill Inn – Bruce Hanna requested for a Solid Waste Landfill Fee Waiver for demolition of the Old Windmill Inn. The demolition included a lot of local trainings for fire fighters and first responders, as well as the sorting of materials that led to a reduction in materials taken.
    - Old Safeway and Rite Aid Landfill Waiver Requests – Waiver has been requested, still has not been approved due to contract needs.
    - Phil Bigler and Ellen Porter need to reapply for their positions as their terms have expired on January 1st, 2019

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

    There being no other business, meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** SWAC Work Session - February 13th, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Mendenhall