

Minutes
Canyon County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday July 26, 2023
10:00 am –12:00 pm

Rollcall for Committee Members – Fred Butler, District 1 (unable to attend), Russ Schroll, District 2, Hubert Osborne, District 3, Tom Points, City of Nampa, Brent Orton, City of Caldwell (unable to attend), David Murray, City of Middleton, Doug Amick, City of Parma/Greenleaf/Wilder.

Ex-Officio Members in attendance were: Bob Bennett, Republic Services, Mike Murgoitio, Timber Creek Recycling (via phone), Travis Williams, Hardin Sanitation (unable to attend), Chad Gordon, J&M Sanitation (unable to attend), Others that were in attendance; Gregg Rast, Canyon County Commissioners COO, Bill Pastor, Republic Service, David Loper, CCSW Director, Daniel Pecunia, CCSW Landfill Supervisor

Action Items: Agenda approval for the current meeting was motioned for approval by Doug Amick and 2nd by David Murray. The Committee approved the current agenda. Approval of minutes from 6/28/23 was motioned for approval by Doug Amick and 2nd by David Murray. The Committee approved the 6/28/23 minutes.

New Business: Tom Points, Chairman of CCSWAC asked for a motion to replace Brent Orton, City of Caldwell with Ashley Newbury (Brent was no longer available to serve on the committee). Motion was second by Dave Amick and passed.

David Loper, Director of Canyon County Solid Waste gave a brief explanation of what the 2024/2025 Budget will be looking like. He hi-lighted the Landfill Gas System, that is currently being constructed, the beautification project, and other air control projects that will continue to the next Fiscal Year.

David Loper, presented the current rates/fee structure for the Landfill and the need of increasing them for the next fiscal year. David asked for feedback on the timing. There was discussions and concerns from the city members that the timing for the next fiscal year, 2023/2024, wouldn't be enough time to present the new rates to their constituents. Bill Pastor reminded us all that the last rate increase by the County Landfill was March 1995. There were several ideas from the committee members that may require a "two stage" fee increase to soften the surprise of a potential substantial rate increase. All city/county agencies will have to do a public hearing of any increase that will be 5% or more. The committee will revisit the rates at the next meeting. Tom Points suggested maybe having the rate increase be done in a two-part stage for the community.

Transfer Station concepts have been at the forefront of Canyon County discussions and a major reason for the formation of the Canyon County SWAC. David Loper explained to the committee the history and different steps that it will take and how the County needs at least one if not two transfer stations. David provided all the committee members with a copy of Idaho Code, Title 31, Chapter 44, Solid Waste Disposal Sites for reference. These codes give the Board of County Commissioners certain oversight of solid waste "systems", in their respective Counties. The discussion around the table was the need, cost, location and time frame of construction. Bob Bennett is in support of a transfer stations. He was

concerned how it will be operated and rates so the private and commercial hauler industries wouldn't be rated out of business. Bob wanted the Committee and the County to be mindful that it would need to be a fair rate if ran by a government entity. David Murray suggested a Hybrid Plan by placing bin stations at certain areas of the County. This would help with an immediate fix to the growing problem. Mike Murgoitio, Timber Creek Recycling, informed the committee that his company is in the process of putting together a plan for a complete transfer station located in Nampa. Per Mike, he is a year out in starting the process of construction. David asked Mike if this plan was presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Mike stated he has not presented the plan at this time. Bill Pastor, Republic Service, gave another option to build a smaller transfer station in which could expand in the future if the need arises. He explained this is how he constructed the Homedale Transfer Station when he was the owner of Westowns Disposal. He indicated when building that station, they built it to where they could expand it for future use. Hubert Osborne recommended in getting a third-party study done of how it will best be served for the impact of the County since there will be millions spent on this project. Tom agreed and asked which area would be best and asked David Loper for his recommendation. David suggested the Sand hollow area and the Northeast side (Sugar Beat Factory area). David Murray went to google map and hi-lighted that area as well. Mike Murgoitio gave suggestions of how Timber Creek approached the site that they are at now. David and other members agreed that looking into having a third-party study and survey may be beneficial. The members agreed to revisit this at the next meeting.

The Ex—Officio Member Update: Bob Bennett wanted to remind everyone that school will be getting back into session here soon.

Old Business: N/A

Other Business: N/A

Next Meeting Date: The committee agreed to meet quarterly; March, June, September and December. The meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of that month. David Murray made the motion and Tom 2nd and passed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned: