

Minutes
Canyon County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday December 11, 2024
10:00 am –12:00 pm

Rollcall for Committee Members – Mark Christiansen, District 1; Russ Shroll, District 2; Hubert Osborne, District 3; Tom Points, City of Nampa (unable to attend); Bruce Mills, City of Caldwell (unable to attend); Doug Amick, City of Parma/Greenleaf/Wilder.

Ex-Officio Members in attendance were: Travis Williams, Hardin Sanitation; Craig Hunter, Tire Re-Claim; Bill Pastoor, Republic Service; Bruce Smith, Republic Services. Others that were in attendance; David Loper, CCSW Director; Daniel Pecunia, CCSW Deputy Director; Debbie Jenks, CCSW Business Manager; Aaron Erickson, Vision RNG; Brian Cronin; and James Tomlinson, LFG Development; Chris Hiller, Waga Energy (via video); Greg Rast, BOCC Chief Operating Officer; Kyle Wilmot, CCSW Comptroller.

Action Items: Agenda approval for the current meeting was motioned for approval by Mark Christiansen and 2nd by Russ Shroll. The Committee approved the current agenda. Approval of minutes from 1/10/24 was motioned for approval by Mark Christiansen and 2nd by Russ Shroll and approved by the Committee.

New Business: Timber Creek Recycling Transfer Station Update was tabled due to Timbercreek was unable to attend. David Loper updated the Committee on the landfill expansion and where they can find the complete expansion and gas system on the website. See link: [Solid Waste | Canyon County](#) He explained the usage of the gas flare and possibly the next step would be looking into the renewal/electric power of the reclaimed gas. The three companies that reached out to Canyon County were present at the meeting for a brief introduction to their companies. Brian Cronin & James Tomlinson with LFG Development, Aaron Erickson with Vision RNG, and Chris Hiller with Waga Energy.

All three companies gave about a 20-minute presentation to the committee. There were some questions and answers:

Mark Christiansen asked if grants would be available for the construction of these plants and the time frame. Aaron with Vision RNG stated there are some but the better route are tax credits that would be available that can off set some of the building costs. Mark also asked if there were investment opportunities by other sources being added into the methane process. Construction build out time frame would be 22-24 months give or take.

David Loper asked what the cost difference would be if you were to put in a RNG plant compared to an Electric plant. RNG could be 10x the infrastructure cost, but returns could be much greater. Doug Amick asked David who reached out to Pickles Butte on the sale of the methane gas and David indicated that two of the companies reached out to him over a year ago while putting in the gas collection system and then the third had just recently.

Russ Shroll asked if the earnings from the sale of the gas were going to the Landfill or the County General fund. David Loper has already asked the County PA to look into this which they are researching and David is just waiting to hear back.

David Loper asked if any of the Ex-Officio Members had anything they would like to share. Craig Hunter with Tire Re-Claim informed the committee their Crumb facility is up and established and is located across from the Darigold in Caldwell. They are looking into legislation to help with funding the cost of tire recycling. Directing a small dollar portion from the sale of the consumer's tire purchase and putting it into a separate fund. This bill is set to go to the Idaho Senate in the next session.

Russ Shroll asked if the flow of landfill gas (CSFM) will lessen over the years or increase and David and Daniel both stated that it would increase.

Doug Amick asked David what the next step would be for the board to move forward with the sale of the methane. David mentioned that we will need to discuss with the County Commissioners, Third Party Engineer and the SWAC.

Doug would like SWAC to tour Ada County's gas facility. David will look into getting this set up for the March meeting along with Hubert's suggestion of touring Timbercreek's transfer station. Craig Hunter and David also added that a tour of the new facility at Tire Re-Claim will be a good idea as well.

Old Business/Action Items: None

Next Meeting Date: March 12th at 10:00am

Adjournment: Mark Christiansen made a motion to adjourn and it was 2nd by Russ Shroll and passed.