

ISLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (SWAC) COMMITTEE
September 19, 2022

Members Present:

Melanie Bacon, Andrew Riggs, Dar Christopherson, Scott Sebelsky, Liz Ketcheson, George Place, Tony Rounds, and Joe Grogan. Sarah Bergquist (arrived 11:00 a.m.)

Staff Present:

Jeff Hegedus, Carolyn Bowie, Olivia Carros, and Gynon Nash

Others Present:

Don McDaniels, DTG Recycle

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Island County SWAC was called to order on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams meeting, by Jeff Hegedus.

Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Approval of Minutes:

Roll call determined the correct amount of a quorum. The minutes for the April 29, 2021 SWAC meeting were approved as written. The motion for approval was made by Melanie Bacon and 2nd by Scott Sebelsky. Motion approved - all in favor.

Public Comment Period:

None

Operations Update:

Jeff Hegedus updated the committee on operations:

- Introduced Tony Rounds and Don McDaniels of DTG Recycle, announced the new mattress and Styrofoam recycling program at Island Recycling in Freeland.
- Coupeville Transfer Station assessment is currently being conducted by SCS Engineers, assessment for Camano site in the budget for next year.
- Rail worker strike was averted, supply chain issues and railyard staffing still a problem. Solid waste staff assess container availability and storage space daily.
- New MRW sheds at the Coupeville Complex.
- Plastics compactor at the Oak Harbor site replaced, will help reduce risk of repetitive motion injury.
- Bayview site to be expanded to maximum space, new fencing to be installed in January 2023.
- New shed for storage and employee lockers at the Camano site.

Solid Waste Rate Structure:

Public Works staff has recommended a CPI/Garbage & Solid Waste Index rate increase due to inflationary pressures, increase cost of equipment, possibility of increase payroll cost, and need to replace the compactor at the Coupeville Complex in the next couple of years. A motion to recommend the index rate increase annually, along with conducting a rate analysis every five years, to the Board of County Commissioners was made by Dar Christopherson and 2nd by Scott Sebelsky.

Motion approved - all in favor - Andrew Riggs, Dar Christopherson, Scott Sebelsky, Liz Ketcheson, George Place, Tony Rounds, and Joe Grogan, with one abstention by Melanie Bacon.

SWAC Bylaws, Organization, and Meeting Schedule:

All members present agreed to hold the next SWAC meeting on January 16, 2023, and thereafter the third Monday of the first month of every quarter at 10:00 a.m. or as needed.

Elections for SWAC Chair and Vice Chair.

Dar Christopherson nominated Sarah Bergquist on the condition that Sarah agrees, 2nd by Liz Ketcheson. Motion approved – all in favor. Members postponed election of Vice Chair to the January meeting.

Dar Christopherson moved to approve the Island County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Bylaws, 2nd by Liz Ketcheson. Motion approved - all in favor.

Sarah Bergquist joined the meeting and accepted Chair. Vice Chair position remains vacant.

Contamination Reduction Outreach Plan (CROP) Implementation:

Jeff Hegedus recommended activating the CROP subcommittee and amending WSU’s currently contracted scope of work to include CROP in the scope of work. Liz Ketcheson moves to approve change, 2nd Scott Sebelsky. Motion approved - all in favor.

EPS Waste Stream Reduction Options:

Dar Christopherson presented a Power Point presentation regarding challenges and options in recycling and reducing expanded polystyrene (EPS) from the waste stream.


Open Session, Announcements, Agenda Items:

Carolyn Bowie let the committee know that information regarding the future state ban on EPS products can be found on the Washington State Department of Ecology’s website and that outreach material is coming soon.

Adjournment:

Sarah adjourned the meeting. The next regular scheduled SWAC meet will be January 16, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Approved this 3 day of February, 2023


Sarah Bergquist, SWAC Chair