

**Benton County
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
(SWAC)**

**Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2024 10:00 a.m.**

<u>SWAC Members:</u>		<u>In-person or remote</u>
Benton County	Will McKay	absent
Benton County	Matt Mahoney (alternate)	absent
City of Benton City	Jessica Wadsworth	absent
City of Kennewick	Chuck Torelli (Secretary)	absent
City of Kennewick	Jim Millbauer (alternate)	absent
City of Prosser	Don Aubrey	absent
City of Richland	Theresa Richardson	absent
City of West Richland	Richard Bloom (Vice Chair)	in-person
Basin Disposal	Darrick Dietrich (alternate)	absent
Basin Disposal	Rebecca Francik (Chair)	in-person
Public Citizen	Khris Olsen	in-person
Agricultural Representative	Anthony Searls	absent
Benton Franklin Conservation Dist.	Mark Nielson	remote
Waste Management	Tami Yager	in-person
Waste Management	Kevin Fuerst (alternate)	absent

Additional Attendees:

Michelle Mulrony, Dept of Ecology	remote
Cindy Bluemel, citizen	in-person
Pete Rogalsky, City of Richland	in-person
Aisling Gardner, BF Health Dept	in-person
Chris Loid, Benton County	in-person
Mark Nelson, City of Kennewick	remote
Jackie Mayfield, Benton County	in-person

Meeting start time: 10:00 a.m.

Discussion items

- 1) Introductions**
- 2) Approval of December 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes**
- 3) Public Comment**
 - Cindy brought up QR codes found on pizza boxes

4) **MRWF Update – Chris Loid**

- Ventilation system engineering plans just came back. Once this is complete hopefully an opening date can be obtained and a decision on what items will be accepted.
- Question was asked where the funding was coming from for the ventilation system. It will be coming from the Solid Waste Fund.

5) **5-Year Solid Waste Plan adoption status by cities**

- Only waiting from approval from the City of Kennewick and the City of Benton City. Also needing the signature page from the City of West Richland.

6) **Other**

- **Public citizen member**
 - Discussed current member will be resigning and possibly replacements.
 - Richard Bloom will put together a list of questions for interested parties and send out for input from the SWAC.
- **Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary selections for the 2024 year.**
 - Chair: Rebecca Francik motion by Richard Bloom, second by Tami Yager
 - Vice Chair: Richard Bloom motion by Rebecca Francik second by Tami Yager
 - Secretary: Aisling Gardner motion by Chris Loid second by Rebecca Francik
- **Request for more public education, specifically in the school districts**
- **Pete Rogalsky provided an update on projects occurring in Richland**
- **Aisling Gardner provided information regarding DTG**
- **Discussions on upcoming legislation**

Next meeting will be June 12th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.