

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

SUMMARY

January 12, 2022 11:00 AM

In attendance:

<u>SWAC Members:</u>		<u>remote or in-person</u>
Benton County:		
City of Benton City:		
City of Kennewick:	Bruce Mills, Martin Nelson	in-person
City of Prosser:		
City of Richland:	Jay Marlow	in-person
City of West Richland:	Richard Bloom, Rosco Slade	in-person
Basin Disposal:		
Clayton-Ward:		
Sanitary Disposal:		
Waste Management:		
Public Citizen:	Khris Olsen	in-person
Agricultural Representative:		

Additional Attendees:

Cristina Woods, Benton County	in-person
Shela Berry, Benton County	in-person
Jackie Mayfield, Benton County	in-person
Doug D'Hondt, Benton County	in-person
Matt Mahoney, Benton County	in-person
Steven Gimpel, Dept of Ecology	remote
Laura Busby, Dept of Ecology	remote
James Coleman, Benton-Franklin Health District	remote

Meeting start time: 11:00am

1. Introductions

2. MRW Facility Update

Doug: The original bidder withdrew their bid so the county went with the next bidder. Booth and Sons was awarded the contract in the amount of \$1,059,700.00. Currently in the process of getting the documents signed. The question was asked of Doug when the facility would be complete and open. He stated he was unsure, possibly the end of summer or early fall.

Shela: Clarification regarding the costs associated with the new facility. The grant money will be used for the construction of the building. The total shared cost is \$170,626.00. Shela will provide a breakdown of the construction costs and how they affect each city/department based on population. Shela was advised that the City of Richland provided money to Benton County, possibly last year and she is going to look into whether or not that has been put into the Benton County Solid Waste Fund. It was asked how

operation costs would be divided once the facility is up and running. It was decided this would be addressed at a later date.

Group Discussion:

- Discussed the potential costs and challenges of small quantity generators. This also brought up the issue of latex paints being brought in and then being labeled as hazardous.
- The number of days and hours the facility would be open was discussed but it was decided these decisions would need to be made once the facility is completed.
- Currently there is no interlocal agreement in place. This is being worked on to get it complete.
- Also discussed was who would be staffing the facility. Matt clarified that the services would be contracted out to start with and the County would assess the operations at a later date.
- The discussion and Benton County statements on the operation and maintenance costs of the new MRW facility was that these costs would be covered by Benton County solid waste funds through December 31, 2023.

3. Meeting Dates and Times

- a. In the past the meetings were held monthly and in the evening. The idea of changing the meetings to quarterly and during the afternoon was talked about. By having the meetings quarterly, around the same time the County submits the quarterly reporting to DOE, would be helpful in seeing where things are at and what needs addressed. It was believed attendance to the meetings would increase vs. holding evening meetings.

4. Department of Ecology

- a. Laura: The solid waste plan needs to be updated, approved, and submitted. The last update was back in 2018. Specifically brought up for updates were chapters 7 & 9. Also, a SEPA review needs to be completed.
- b. Laura offered to provide information on any new upcoming legislation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03pm