

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018

Mission Statement: To enhance communication and the working relationship between the Department and the solid waste management facility owners/operators, through the discussion of issues and the exchange of ideas.

Committee members in attendance:

Mark Nelson – Transfer Stations
Jim Simon – Compost Public/Private
Barb Butler – Major Public Class II Landfills (by phone)
Amy Ferguson – Public Intermediate Class II Landfills (by phone)
Mary Hendrickson – MACo/Class III Landfills and Burn Sites
Joe Aline - Landfarms
Rick Thompson - DEQ Solid Waste Program
Dave Duffy – Private Intermediate Class II Landfills

Committee members not in attendance:

Vacant - Small Eastern Class II Landfills representative
Roger Bridgeford – Major Private Class II Landfills

Others in attendance:

Brian Hohn – Jefferson County
Bob Church– Great West Engineering
Samantha Mongoven (presenter) – Montana Interactive
Brady Christensen – DEQ Junk Vehicles
Travis Craig – Great West Engineering
Kim Carly – City of Helena
Andrea Staley – DEQ solid waste
Emily Ewart – DEQ Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau
Barry Damschen - Barry Damschen Consulting
Julie Ackerlund - DEQ Air Quality Bureau – Planner
Fred Collins – DEQ solid waste
Patty Navarro – Pioneer Technical Services
Joe McElroy– Pioneer Technical Services
Glen Rayfish– BSB landfill

- **Meeting Called to Order at 1:33 p.m.**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - The July 12, 2018 minutes were approved with two corrections.
- **Introductions**

- **Agenda Items from Previous Meeting**

- Solid waste training update – Fred Collins
 - Non-MOLO year, so budget can cover more training sessions
 - Tony Olson may teach 24-hour HAZWOPER with an 8-hour refresher on one of the 3 days of the training.
 - HAZWOPER will be in Helena, Butte or Bozeman dependent on Tony’s availability.
 - Two requests were made: one for the training to focus primarily on hazardous waste recognition, and one tailored for solid waste employees.
 - DEQ Water Protection Water Protection employees were consulted about storm water pollution prevention plan training. Would utilize DEQ personnel to train and be in Helena or in Billings
 - Webinar with Neal Bolton this February; topics will be chosen by regulated community.
 - Hoping to do composting training with Jean Bonhotal. Would be specific to landfills
 - Have someone from MDT talk about roadkill
 - Equipment rodeo in Glasgow in June
 - MOLO next fall
 - Request for SWPPP to specifically address SW concerns. Jim S. suggested Scott Olson.
- TENORM rules update – Emily Ewart
 - Published last year; received approximately 1,000 comments.
 - Revisions were made, due to comments
 - TENORM workgroup meeting in Billings next week; members are from environmental and industry sectors, as well as citizens. A facilitator will be present. The workgroup’s comments will be used to make further revisions, prior to submittal to the secretary of state’s office. The hope is that the revisions performed due to last year’s comments, along with the post-workgroup revisions, will address most of the public’s concerns, and the secretary of state’s public comment period will generate fewer comments/concerns and a better rule package.
 - Q: What is projected timeline? A: The end of this year
 - Q: Can we get a copy now? A: This is still a working copy for the workgroup to review. A proposed rule set will be published through the Secretary of State and open for public comment with two public hearings.
 - Q: Are any city or county people on this? A: Ed Thamke responded: Yes, Duane Mitchell, Richland County Commissioner and Jason Rittal with MACo. Other work group members are: Stephanie Beckert; Chad Bauer; Alan Olson; Seth Newton; Patty Whitford; Catherine Card, Health Physicist; Jan Johnson, Consultant and Health Physicist. Also, Mark Franks, Oaks Disposal Landfill Manager.
 - The meeting next week is open to the public – it is from 8 am – 4 pm, Tuesday, Oct 16 at the Department of Natural Resources Board of Oil and Gas Building, 2535 St Johns Ave, Billings

- **Solid Waste Section Updates**
 - Licensing – Rick Thompson
 - Getting close to finishing a couple old applications
 - Starting one new application within the next month
 - Several septic tank pumper applications for land application sites, and for change of ownership
 - Inspections – Rick Thompson
 - 33 inspections last quarter
 - No major violations
 - Minor violations, usually about litter
 - Materials Management – Brady Christensen
 - Metal prices are coming up a little
 - Send out 145 renewals for 2019 licenses
 - Letters sent to counties about performing inspections
 - In the final review of the integrated waste management plan; it then goes out for public comment
 - Enforcement (for last quarter) – Rick Thompson
 - 11 solid waste complaints
 - 2 septic tank pumper complaints
 - Solid waste collaborated with enforcement on Two Brothers Tire; a court case was required. The facility cannot haul any more tires to the site. Next action(s) may include removing the tires and getting licensed.
 - Staffing – Rick Thompson
 - Solid waste filled one of two environmental scientist spots.
 - Mike Eder starts October 29, 2018, and will be at the January SWAC meeting. He has lots of solid and hazardous waste experience. He attended MT Tech in Butte.

- **New Agenda Items**
 - Montana Interactive – Samantha Mongoven
 - They've had a contract with state since 2001
 - Services include online forms and payment processing
 - They do utility bill payments for city of Helena
 - AccessGov portal – creates citizen engagement, we can build our own forms in it and use it to collect payments. Can be a full web presence or integrated into current website.
 - AccessGov sample page shown
 - Can use their services for no cost or contract (they're already contracted with the state)
 - Spector – is for mobile inspections. User can fill out forms (e.g. inspection form) online/offline. Highway patrol is using this. It can take thermal photos and collect all data.
 - Go Pay – takes payments in the field. Richland County Fair used that this year.

- Q: Solid waste's desire is for mobile inspection form that transfers data to desktops/databases. Is this possible? A: Yes. Available immediately.
 - This automatically uploads data to desktop as well as enabling us to upload the data to other systems.
- Preview mode allows user to view forms as they are built
- Q: Can we put a shape into mobile inspection forms, onto a map? A: County Burn Service is using this, enter location onto map and it pulls up info
- Contact Sara Nelsen for more information
- Legislative Issues - Ed Thamke
 - Water Protection Bureau bill to create a grant program for the removal of lead in drinking water pipes/fixtures in schools
 - Revision to the Sanitation in Subdivisions Act will update that program's fee structure.
 - Water Quality Division is looking at getting statutory authority to revise water quality standards and add Manganese and nutrient variances for municipal wastewater discharges.
 - Amendments to Voluntary Cleanup Response Act (VCRA) are in the works
 - Two WUTMB bills:
 - One would expand the junk vehicle fund appropriation
 - One would change the definition of a junk/abandoned vehicle. We wanted to do this because we'd been approached for help clearing roadways.
 - After re-evaluating whether or not to advance these bills, we decided not to; the junk vehicle fund could be negative and definition should be addressed in the Department of Justice's motor vehicle statutes
 - Opencut/gravel mining permitting
 - State Historic Preservation Office –their sign-off is required on all new applications for solid waste licenses.
 - Eliminate archaic contract language, mainly in opencut process
 - Q: Any landfill bills? A: We'll tell you when there are
 - Ed reviewed some bureau activities that will become rules/law
 - Q: Fee increase doesn't need to go through the legislature? A: No
 - Q: Anyone talked about increasing fees for out of state TENORM wastes? A: We have. The current fee is .40/ton (the local fee) plus .27/ton.
- Solid Waste Gantt Chart Demonstration – Rick Thompson
 - We are delaying fee increases because we are evaluating: Are our fees commensurate with the services we provide?
 - We are using Gantt Charts to improve our service
 - The Gantt Chart is a project timeline of each person's portion of work, shared throughout the workgroup.
 - If you're going to do an expansion, apply early to allow time for the entire process.
 - Q: Say an expansion application is received, when on the chart are the consultants brought in? A: The 90-day "notice of deficiency" period is when consultants/applicants would be able to contribute. Barry Damschen suggested adding consultants into the process as it is initiated.

- Bob Church suggested sharing the chart with the applicant so they know what to expect and can identify if the project is off track. The perception exists that these applications have no end dates.

- **Round Robin Discussion**

- Glen Rafish – nothing to report
- Barry – everything looking good for fall
- Kim – hope to be done with transfer station expansion in the end of November
- Bib Church – working on Dave’s expansion of landfill license.
- Jim (Gallatin County) Working with Jefferson County studying solid waste system
- Dave Duffy – smooth summer, working on expansion and a few items for Jefferson County
- Joe Aline – people are reusing asphalt
- Jim Simon – land swap will be before land board at DNRC on Monday and will head into expansion after that. Landfill slowed down a little; is still up overall.
- Mark Nelson – a glass pulverizer from the Flathead area is going to be available
- Barb Butler – completed landslide hazard assessment due to stormwater flood in June.
- Mary Hendrickson – she’ll be calling on members for advice/resources. Q: How much salvaging/drug searching is Mary’s outfit doing? A: They don’t do that

- **Agenda items for next meeting**

- New staff introductions
- Legislative update from Ed Thamke

- **The next SWAC meeting will be Thursday January 10, 2019.**

- **The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.**