

## **Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2019**

**Mission Statement: To enhance communication and working relationships between the Department of Environmental Quality and solid waste management facility owners and/or operators, by discussing issues and exchanging ideas.**

### **Committee members attending:**

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

### **Committee members not attending:**

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

### **Other attendees:**

Julie Ackerlund - DEQ Air Quality Bureau – Planner  
Nick Whitaker – DEQ legal  
Joe McElroy– Pioneer Technical Services  
Glen Rafish– Butte-Silver Bow landfill  
Mike Rieger – DEQ Enforcement  
Brian Hohn – Jefferson County  
Bob Church– Great West Engineering  
Emily Ewart – DEQ Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau  
Fred Collins – DEQ Solid Waste  
Matt Elsasser – 406 Recycling  
Mike Rieger – DEQ Enforcement  
Dianna Robinson – DEQ Motor Vehicle and Recycling  
Andrea Staley – DEQ solid waste  
Stephanie Beckert – Great West Engineering  
Travis – Great West Engineering  
Jim Keeney – Republic Services

- **Meeting called to order at 1:38 p.m.**
- **Introductions**

- **Discussion and approval of minutes**
  - The January 10, 2019, meeting minutes were approved
  
- **Solid Waste Section updates**
  - Solid waste training update – Fred Collins/Rick Thompson
    - 4/16 Tuesday 9-10:15 Troy Kechely from Blue Ridge doing webinar on managing airspace
    - SWPPP May 8 storm water pollution prevention training in Helena 8-4:30 Scott Olson out of Durango
    - 24-hr HAZWOPER Bozeman C'mon Inn June 17-19 or 18-20
    - MOLO late Aug early Sept w/ Michelle Langdon probably in Billings
    - Jean Bohnotal for compost training early summer
    - SWP has landfill training DVDs available.
    - Blue Ridge has moved to offering training through a yearly subscription
    - Online NORM awareness training for \$250; Sara will send link
  - TENORM rules update – Emily Ewart
    - April 5 sent revised rules to the workgroup they have until April 22 to respond
    - State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Regulations' (they review oil and gas regulations for states) feedback is pending – rules will go back to the workgroup after they comment
    - Try to file July 15 w/ sec of state. Open for public comment/review.
    - 2 public hearings will be held 1 Helena 1 east side of state
    - Emily anticipates getting many comments
    - Rick went to NORM conference in Houston
    - Rick: We've learned much about waste stream/management which has improved the rules they are straightforward due to everything we learned during extended process
  - Licensing – Rick Thompson
    - 75% renewals are in
    - 3 unlicensed pumpers; April 1 was deadline to avoid 125.00 late fee
  - Inspections – Rick Thompson
    - Slow due to winter and now just ramping up for spring
  - Materials Management – Rick Thompson
    - JV training in Billings invitations sent 2 days ago will use Q & A format
    - Planning recycling industry get together July 25 Thursday will try to do in Helena. Doing it based off feedback from integrated waste management group.
  - Enforcement – Rick Thompson
    - Mary: heard tires might be going into old mine south of Radersburg. Shawn Roland is Broadwater County's contract sanitarian. His contract is limited and Broadwater County is looking for a full-time sanitarian
  - Enforcement– Mike Rieger (update was emailed)
    - Complaints
      - 7 asbestos
      - 4 junk vehicle
      - 1 septic tank pumper

- 7 solid waste
    - The number of complaints is steady/average
  - Julie
    - Nothing changed at federal level re: air rules
- **Other updates**
  - Federal emission guidelines – Julie Ackerlund
    - Nothing to report
- **Round Robin Discussion**
  - Dave Duffy, Valley View Landfill. Last year's storm water pond work paid off and went well. They moved a lot of snow. Good handle on leachate. New scale is going in. Mike Jungers will begin managing the landfill. Dave plans on retiring within a year.
  - Joe Aline. Lots of demolition waste and muddy. Quiet winter.
  - Mary Hendrickson, Broadwater County. Spending time getting control of canister sites which are unmanned and used by non-county waste. Will implement changes on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Dumpster diving and disposal by outside residents will be curtailed. Submitting license application for a new burn site.
  - Mark Nelson, Lake County. Hauling garbage and dealing with scavengers at container sites
  - Rick Thompson – DEQ getting sued on MEPA findings for Billings expansion license findings; 27 findings/claims by residents south of the landfill.
  - Barb Butler, City of Billings. Q: how asbestos rule state tour is going? Emily: stakeholder meetings had one more scheduled. They've gone well, helpful feedback information is on DEQ's website under new asbestos rule she thinks. DEQ trying to get more input. Only focused on fees accreditation trainings permits providers. Hoping to avoid storm water flooding neighboring trailer court with lots of storm water work. Spent last year updating storm water ditches, installing rip-rap, and stabilizing hill north of landfill.
  - Gallatin County. 2 ½ ft. snow, a record. Muddy, windy, litter. Getting bids for expansion with great west. SVE project starts April 22 with Great West.
  - Jim Simon, Gallatin Solid Waste District. Storm water improvements made last fall are proving effective.
  - Stephanie Beckert, Great West Engineering. Busy helping landfills with standard operating procedures.
  - Travis - Sanders County transfer station about to go up. Rick inquired about some ash which had been stockpiled in Sanders County
  - Barry Damschen. Deer Lodge obtained 100 acres, they are starting expansion. Finishing master plan for Shelby. Northern Montana got the expansion license. Closed Wolf Point did evapo cap on old landfill. Started putting waste in new lined cell in Malta. Updating master plans for Fallon County and Hardin. Will build lined cell for Rosebud County's leachate pond. Q: what's Hardin doing? A: The coal ash pit has 4-5 years of life left of current cell so will create new one.
  - Kim Carley, City of Helena. Transfer station is ramping up for busy season

- Jackie Pierson, L&C County. Things are going well. Have seasonals coming on to start digging out Phase 4 and build berm. Full-time operator hired and 2 more by end of month. Filled bottom of Class 4 unit and another lift on Phase 3.
- Matt Elsaesser, 406 Recycling. 406 is busy. Tomorrow they will have the state quarterly recycling drive. HB 144 died today. HB 723 advanced; eliminates credits in 2025 looks like it will go through. 25 % first qtr million, search recycling credit at dept of revenue for information.
- Glen Rafish, Butte-Silver Bow. Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, they will charge by tonnage not yards. Unsecured tarp load fee, loads exceeding 1000 lbs per trip for private citizen will be charged. Challenging changes – 14,000 fliers in water bills, 2 newspaper ads per week to educate public. Haven't had many rules since inception 25 years ago; people come through with huge loads as private citizen with no limit, no charge they operate off small landfill access fee in taxes. Q: what is main funding source A: landfill access fee & commercial accounts. BSB is updating master plan looking at expansion of Phase 4.
- Q: any legislative updates? A: JV passed HB 15 that allows counties to tow non-motorized recreational vehicles with JV grant funds; has sunset date. Signed 2 days ago. Recycling bill update given. Mark asked about training on HB 13 we're trying to figure out how to fund it first. Q: Was the JV fund raided this year? A: nothing to take due to decline in crushing contracts; none in last 4 years. Vehicles are hauled to Pacific Recycling, vehicles not making it to traditional wrecking yards anymore.

- **Agenda items for next meeting**

- Budget for SW department – Ed Thamke
  - TENORM update – Emily Ewart
  - Asbestos rules update – Emily Ewart
  - Solid waste fees – Rick/Ed
- The next SWAC meeting will be July 11, 2019 1:30-3. Lunch 12-1:30 east side of building
  - The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.