



Department of Environmental Quality

Solid Waste Advisory Committee – hybrid meeting agenda

DEQ: 1225 Cedar Street, Helena, Ponderosa Room

Teams

July 17th, 2025

1:30-3:00 p.m.

❖ Call to Order – Fred Collins

Meeting called to order at 1:37

❖ Introductions

Fred Collins – Solid Waste Supervisor – DEQ
Stacy Kintigh – Lake County Solid Waste
Shane Johansen – Oaks Disposal
Dusti Johnson – Materials Management – DEQ
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavation
Candi Zion – Recycle Montana
Rick Thompson – Waste Management Bureau Chief - DEQ
Jeremy Welch – Republic Services
Andrea Staley – Data Control Specialist - Solid Waste - DEQ
Madeline Marchiafava – Solid Waste Hydrologist - DEQ
Mary Hendrickson – Hendrickson Consulting
Barry Damschen - Barry Damschen Consulting
Jacki Pierson - Lewis & Clark County Landfill
Emily – City of Helena Recycling Coordinator
Travis Rumfield – MDT Columbus
Jim Simon- Gallatin County Solid Waste Director
Bevin McCormick – Montana FWP
Franz Ingelfinger – Montana FWP
Debi Randolph – Broadwater County Commissioner
Amanda Henderson – Program Support Specialist – DEQ

❖ Approve minutes from April 10th, 20205, meeting

Fred motions to approve; approved

❖ Nominate Chair and vacant positions.

- Small Western Class II Landfill (e.g. Deer Lodge)
 - *Jim nominates Jacki, many “Ayes” to approve. **Jacki nominated as the new Chair.***
- Public Intermediate Class II Landfill (e.g., Valley County Landfill, Beaverhead County Landfill)

❖ Solid Waste Section Updates

- Staff assignments, hiring – Fred Collins
 - *Tim Stepp’s position should be posted next week due to HR updates, should be posted at least 30 days or until filled.*
 - *Fully staffed otherwise*
- Trainings – Fred Collins
 - *Virtual industrial stormwater training. July 30th, All day training.*
 - *Compost training by for fall 2025 or spring 2026*
 - *Neal wants to cover asbestos, lithium-ion batteries, solar panels. Virtual and recorded.*
 - *MOLO will be August or September of 2026.*
 - *Jim asked about possible planning **large equipment safety and training**, Fred thinks maybe late spring 2026.*
- Project statuses – Fred Collins
 - *Two big projects*
 - *Flathead County Landfill*
 - *Comments are mixed*
 - *MEPA for legal review*
 - *Application complete letter for transfer station by Love’s*
 - *Jim – looking at a location for a transfer station, possibly one on Frontage Road outside of Bozeman*
- Licensing updates/reminders – Andrea Staley
 - *156 licenses have gone out, 11 facilities are unlicensed but no landfills are unlicensed.*
- Inspections – Madeline Marchiafava
 - *53 inspections, 21 minor violations and 7 major*
- Materials Management Program – Andrea Staley, Dusti Johnson
 - *Dusti has been busy*

- *Megan is working on nursery pot recycling projects.*
- *Montana Dakota Facilities – looking at recycling*
- *Paint recycling project in Miles City at the end of August.*
- *Laboratory chemical exchange program; one in Missoula*
- *Pilot program – working with some tanneries, have found some water-soluble tans*
- *Phase I of Bonner Landfill reversing. Quite an undertaking.*
- *SWIFR Grant – 2 meetings, moving into waste audits*
- *Class for recycling economics. No dates yet but has some experts waiting to help.*
- *Great Falls – used oil takeback*
- *Licensing metal recycler in Stevensville.*
- *Andrea has given out grants for county junk vehicle graveyards*
- Enforcement – Fred Collins
 - *6 asbestos, 1 hazardous waste, 36 junk vehicles, 2 septage complaints*

❖ Other Items

- Legislative Updates – Fred Collins
 - *Rule writes for fentanyl*
 - *Some hazardous waste rule changes.*
 - *Looking at writing a rule for coal combustion*
- PFAS Updates – Madeline Marchiafava
 - *No working group meetings, Madeline has been keeping up on news and EPA, no updates to report. No changes for Montana facilities.*
- Lithium-ion batteries – any updates?
 - *Jacki – talked to Recycle Boise, they're cheaper than Call To Recycle. Boise charges 85 cents per pound.*
 - *Barry Damschen – has been asked a lot about what to do with lithium-ion batteries*
- CWD updates (presentation attached)
 - *Franz – symptomatic deer reported near Kalispell landfill October 14th, 2024. 96 deer sampled, 16 tested positive for CWD; 23%, even within yearlings and fawns. Set up a trail camera - many deer caught feeding on trail cam. Landfill not completely fenced off, jump fences in some areas.*
 - *Bevin – looking for cooperation*

Stacy – looking at videos, where is the covering?

Franz – they're using spray mulch coverage

Travis – voices concern about transmission of CWD to humans

Bevin – reports no known cases of CWD transmission to humans.
In cooperation with MDT to work together re: CWD

❖ Round Robin

- **Jim** – Gallatin County Landfill – starting construction on the lower tipping facility. Running out of room. Looking to add bio solids and food composting. Has fencing in place around landfill, hasn't seen many animals.
- **Travis** – Things are going well in Columbus
- **Stacy** – Lake County is great, working through expansion. Contractors coming in late August, hopefully putting garbage in late fall/early winter 2025. In the running for SWIFR Grant. Looking for grinder for tires. Wants to start up a Hazardous Waste program.
- **Joe** – asphalt recycling
- **Candi** – had recycling events; 13,000 lbs. for E Waste, 2300 lbs. of paint. Yellowstone E Waste Solutions is a good partner.
- **Jeremy** – October will be groundbreaking for facility
- **Barry** – Daniels County (Scobey) to close Class II facility, waste going to Plentywood now. Glendive to be updated to Class II facility. Deer Lodge now licensed to
- **Jacki** – City of Helena and County did a masterplan to look at transfer station redesign. Green waste curb side recycling proposed to city commissioner. Looking at a convenience site, possibly at entrance of landfill.

❖ Call for Agenda Items – Fred asked for attendees to submit agendas for next meeting.

❖ Set Next Meeting Date – new chair (Jacki)

- Tentative – October 23rd, 2025 (hybrid)
- ❖ Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 3:16pm