

**Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**
Wednesday, December 5th, 2012 from 09:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mid-Columbia Fire & rescue

Committee Members Present: Kevin Liburdy (Vice Chair, City of Hood River), Sandy Macnab (Sherman County), Mike Matthews (Hood River County EH), Tracie Hornung (Mosier), Glenn Pierce (Chair, Wasco County/NCPHD), Karen Skiles (City of The Dalles), Bruce Lumber (DEQ), Jim Winterbottom (Waste Connections)

Staff Members Present: Heather Alexander (NCPHD/Tri-County HWR), Kathi Hall (NCPHD), David Skakel (NCPHD/Tri-County HWR), and Cynthia Villalobos (NCPHD)

Minutes Taken By: Cynthia Villalobos

Welcome and Introductions

Glenn welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room.

Schedule December Quarterly Meeting

The next Tri-County Steering Committee meeting will be held on March 6, 2013 from 9am-12pm.

Minutes

Members reviewed the September 26th meeting minutes. Kevin brought up the \$1,000 committed in the 2012-13 budget to cover registration costs for people in our service area taking the Recycling 101 class. Expecting 15 hours volunteering as payback and that was to be paid for with an increase in compost bin costs. We estimated increase going up from \$40 to \$50. Also in the progress reports at the bottom of page #2, discussion of curbside compost service and the need for outreach working with the public (in City of Hood River). Bruce asked about an updated master recycler program and more information about the plausibility of unwanted food for human consumption. David clarified & looking at what the program could do with involvement. Kevin Liburdy moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Sandy Macnab seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed by the group.

Fiscal Report

- Kathi Hall reviewed report. October usually a month lag.
- 25% surcharge, Sherman Co. 50%, Equipment sold 18%
- Expenditures: personal 32%, materials and services the number is higher than budgeted.
- \$83,000 YTD around 68% - a little over 40%. That should even out since doing it quarterly.
- Kevin Liburdy made a motion that the Fiscal Report be approved. Tracy Hornung seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed by the group.

Structure & Funding:

- There is movement on NCPHD becoming its own agency. Gilliam & Sherman counties are in favor. Wasco Co. is still thinking.
- NCPHD needs to go through the process of becoming a standalone agency, which would not change the fact that we can still apply for grants.
- Process of NCPHD becoming its own agency is moving forward. Committee is giving us support. Since NCPHD going to city council. Glenn suggested a motion to show support.
- Heather thinks that Tri-Co HWR should stay with Environmental Health.
- Karen thinks that a motion would be a good idea; it will be a much smoother operation.
- Kevin is not very familiar with how NCPHD is becoming a separate government entity. Kathi explained that after July 1st funding will come from state funding & we will get paid from NCPHD and not from Wasco County.
- Mike Matthews made a motion that Tri-Co HWR remains with Environmental Health. Sandy Macnab seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed by the group.
- Computers and equipment will stay with NCPHD.
- Contact County Court let them know of decision.
- Timing of revising IGA? Do changes first then go to commissioners. IGA Committee (smaller group) will meet and make changes and modifications. Will it be added to sub-committee?
- We will have budget ready by March 2013.
- Karen Skiles made a motion to expand duties to the sub-committee. Mike Matthews seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously passed by the group.
- David Skakel wants to propose a motion to purchase a used pallet jack for the HHW facility in The Dalles. Sandy Macnab made a motion to purchase the pallet jack. Karen Skiles seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously passed by the group.

Miscellaneous:

- **SWAC:** Waste Connections 1.9% , Mel's 5% increase – went through and was approved.
- Land fill automatic increase .85x CPI each year. \$7.48/ton. Every year there are increases.
- Hood River \$.03 /customer/month.
- **Recycling 101 Update:** Go live January. Taking enrollment now! Should it be promoted throughout the area?
- \$75 not credit course, is not a replacement for Master Recyclers.
- **Legislative Issue:** No interest from the pharmaceuticals to do so. Alameda Co. in California passes a law that pharmaceutical manufacturers are now responsible for the disposal of unwanted medicines.
- Given feedback, want guidance. How can we help?

- Possibly push a similar law? Ask Glenn or NCPHD director what the best take on the state then report back to the group.
- Other counties are now becoming interested after Alameda Co. passed this law.
- **AG Waste Funding:** DEQ – Mid-Columbia River Study. Hood River and Walla-Walla being used as successful models.
- Better data, more weather stations, & better communication.
- Long term plans? SEP? Grant though DEQ
- Leftover funds (pass on our way?) cover costs for Ag Events.
- Will let committee know next week.
- Bruce Lumper mentioned that there is a pesticide registration fee increase? Potential funding: clean water agencies have funding. Can be used in Ag Waste. City will have to be the applicant. Highly recommends max \$30,000.
- Will check with Medford & La Grande.

Collection Comparisons 2011-2012 (PowerPoint):

- Looking at 2 permanent locations. Total waste if divided by 3 was down a bit.
- Hood River – 51.3 cars/month (lower than normal). Paint – 3,250 lbs. (varies). Other paint – lower than what is normally collected.
- The wait in Hood River was long, so we lost a few cars.
- Mike Matthews suggested possibly shifting event times? Having event last more than one day?
- Saving money on labor.
- There was an impact to the rural events.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.