

Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 26th, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Wasco County PUD

Committee Members Present: Kristy Beachamp (Dufur), 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), Paul Koch (City of Cascade Locks), Kevin Liburdy (Vice Chair, City of Hood River)

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 December 5th. Preferable meeting time at 9am.

Members reviewed the June 20th meeting minutes. Karen Skiles made a motion that the minutes be approved. Tracy Hornung seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed by the group.

David asked if the Sub-Committee Meeting minutes needed to be approved. Those present said it wasn't necessary.

Fiscal Report

- Kathi Hall reviewed report. We received a little bit of interest (\$57.00) Surcharge - \$28,000 Sherman County paid half of their \$7,200.
- Personal services about 16% - advertising & promotion.
- Sandy Macnab asked if there was any balance left from Karen Murray.
- Kristy Beachamp made motion to approve fiscal report, Mike Matthews seconds motion.

Miscellaneous:

City of The Dalles/Hood River: Change of Service?

Yard waste of what is currently in landfill 10%, 25% food waste that is curbside garbage & recycling. Self haulers are different. Glenn asked what affect this has on our program. Could it impact our revenue because less waste would go in to landfill? City of The Dalles is not as fast as Hood River is.

Karen Skiles will try and get some information before meetings. Heather mentioned any change they make will impact not only financially, but also in helping educating the community.

Recycling 101:

- What times of services would you like to see us do in the future? Need to figure out costs.
- Recycling 101 is now launching in OHSU education online system. It will be available state wide and online 24-7. They are not accepting registrations yet, but are taking e-mails and will let you know when registration will be taking place. (Very similar to master recyclers). The service does not replace “Master Recycler” but it supplements that service. It will be provided in English and Spanish. The fee for registration will be anywhere from \$60 – \$75.00 in lieu of volunteer hours. Once Recycling 101 is live it will be included in the Tri-County website links so people can connect to it. Tri – County pledged to cover the registration fees up to \$2,000.00 for anyone who registered in our service area.
- Tracy asked if revenue from program goes to the university. David said modified cost share with OSU & Association of Oregon Recyclers.
- One place where we could get sign-ups, possibly some schools. As training for some teachers. Follow through with \$2,000? Kristy agrees.
- Heather mentioned possibly budget this fiscal year either \$750.00 or \$1,000 that way in the next fiscal year it’s still there. Since we didn’t budget that well in the past.
- Possibly having a volunteer to coordinate the tracking to get master recycling hours (15 hrs.)
- Karen Skiles advised that this should be tracked as a separate line item that way it will be easier to see. (Under registration, just be specific)
- Amount to contribute \$1,000 this fiscal year & \$1,000 next fiscal year.

Legislative Issues 2012/13:

- Funding stability understanding of policies statewide.
- Direct cost on disposal has gone away.
- Paint program calculator that DEQ put up, will be meeting in Portland in 2 weeks.
- Pharmaceuticals: we do not collect in our program. Main barrier is that the manufacturers are not taking responsibility of unwanted meds. Will be tracked and then will discuss with committee.
- Another big issue being talked about is water quality (Mercury?). David will attend a work shop in Hood River October 4th.
- Battery manufacturers: requiring by law disposal of batteries drop-sites at Radio Shack & Home Depot. Green Vantage Program will pay for disposal and we our program will get money back as well.
- Kristy suggests that we get contact info to write to legislators about product stewardship as citizens.

Funding Sub-Committee:

- Committee has met twice. There has been a lot of fuzziness on how our financial situation is doing. If we don’t spend more than projected, we are better off. \$15,000 better.
- Is a motion needed to increase cost of compost bins, from \$35 to \$50? Sandy Macnab made motion, Glenn Pierce second motion. Committee agreed unanimously to pass motion.
- We get paid for what landfill is disposed of locally, on each customer’s bill there is a separate line item for HRW. Mel’s doesn’t show a separate line item for HWR on their customer’s bill

- Kevin Liburdy asked if we could determine how many people discontinue service and went to self haul, if prices do change.
- Waste Connections have been very helpful throughout the whole program. There is no need for a private auditor.
- We will probably come to a conclusion on these items today. There will be another Sub-Committee meeting in the future.
- Review every quarterly meeting and make a decision. Tracy Hornung suggested keeping a good eye on the cash flow.
- Sandy Macnab suggests that at the next HWR event we ask people who their garbage company is. Just to track who is coming to events? Will also to at Ag events too.
- David will present a PowerPoint. Where some of the benefits of this are. How many HWR events do we want to do; monthly, quarterly, every other month?
- What do we do about our master recyclers program? There are about 50 master recyclers out there.
- Gorge Security Shred – 1 FTE supervisor = 12 clients. Gross revenue \$46,824.
- Oregon Food Bank – Oregon almost tops the list of highest rates of hunger in children (places either 1st or 2nd)
- Dirt Huggers can take meat products (example: expired meats)
- Does committee want a few budget scenarios? That shows Recycling 101 & other line items. Another scenario with Master Recyclers and one without. Show them as a list instead of a full budget. That way committee can decide or maybe look at it in both ways & compare.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.