

**ADA COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 29, 2018**

Location:

**Ada County Operations Department Conference Room
200 West Front Street
Boise, Idaho**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

SWAC Members Present: Steve Cory, Lynn Moser, Kevin Wallis, Ramona Martin, Richard Llewellyn, Dave Dean

III. Election of Officers

Steve Cory made a motion to nominate Steve Sedlacek to serve as the SWAC Chairperson; Lynn Moser seconded the motion; Steve Sedlacek elected SWAC Chairperson by acclamation.

Lynn Moser made a motion to nominate Steve Cory to serve as the SWAC Vice-Chairperson; motion seconded; Steve Cory elected SWAC Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

IV. Agenda Approval

The SWAC approved today's (August 29, 2018) agenda.

V. Approval of Minutes

Discussion: Richard Llewellyn suggested that the minutes be expanded to more accurately reflect the discussion points brought up by SWAC members. Ramona Martin also recommended that the minutes be expanded to more accurately reflect discussion points brought up by SWAC members. Kevin Wallis and Lynn Moser indicated that they felt that the minutes, as presented, adequately reflected the SWAC member discussion points. Kevin Wallis and Lynn Moser recommended that SWAC members should e-mail recommended changes to the minutes to Dave Neal for his consideration.

A recommendation was made for Ada County to provide a recording device for SWAC meetings. This recommendation was passed on to the Operations Department Director, Scott Williams, for his consideration.

The SWAC approved the April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 25, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. Landfill Capital Projects – *Kurt Hunt*

North Ravine Cell Landfill – At buildout (70+ years of remaining capacity), the NRC Landfill will cover approximately 300 acres. Every 5 to 7 years, an additional stage of the landfill is constructed. Construction consists of soil removal (tens of thousands of cubic yards), placement of a plastic liner, installation of leachate removal pipes, etc. This project was awarded to a contractor on a competitive bid basis and will cost more than \$11,600,000.00 at completion. Project completion is supposed to happen on or before the end of calendar year 2018.

Hidden Hollow Landfill Final Closure – This landfill, which opened in 1972, was filled to capacity recently. Final closure of the site requires the placement of a multi foot layer of soil over the top of the entire surface of the landfill capped with a foot or so of topsoil. The topsoil layer will then receive an application of native grass seed. Sixty to 70 gas extraction wells will be installed in the landfill very shortly after the native grass seeding takes place. Closure costs, including the installation of the gas extraction wells are estimated to exceed \$3,300,000.00. Project completion is supposed to happen before the end of calendar year 2018.

Funding for both of these projects will come from the Solid Waste Management Department's Enterprise Fund.

VIII. Landfill Reduced Fee/Waived Fee Programs – *Theresa Rademacher*

The landfill provides a variety of services that must be paid for but are provided to landfill customers on a reduced fee or waived fee basis. The following briefly explains each of these services followed by fees paid by landfill customers and the amount the landfill pays to provide each service:

Wood Waste – Customers are allowed to deposit tree limbs, scrap wood, leaves, and Christmas trees at a designated area. A contractor chips/grinds, loads, and hauls this material off site for reuse. Over 27,000 loads of this material are dropped off at the landfill each year. Customers pay less than \$400,000.00 per year to drop this material off. The landfill pays a contractor approximately \$550,000.00 per year to process and remove this material.

Hazardous Waste – Annually, over 27,000 customers deposit approximately 1,500,000 pounds of hazardous waste at mobile units or at the permanent facility located at the landfill. All of this material is categorized, packaged, and shipped from the landfill’s permanent hazardous waste facility to approved waste recycling, disposal, or destruction facilities. Customers pay \$0.00 to the landfill to drop this material off. The annual cost to dispose of this material exceeds \$735,000.00.

Electronic Waste – Each year, landfill customers drop off thousands of televisions, computer monitors, computers, etc., at an area on the landfill designated for this type of material. This waste is packaged and sent off site to approved electronic waste disposal/reuse facilities. Landfill customers pay \$0.00 to drop this material off. Annually, the landfill pays a contractor in excess of \$435,000.00 to dispose of this material.

IX. Other Business

None

X. Next Meeting Date

The SWAC chose November 14, 2018 for the next meeting.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.