

MINUTES

SOLID WASTE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2022

4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

The meeting is recorded and can be found here

<https://www.clackamas.us/recycling/solid-waste-commission>

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Members Present-Quorum Established:

Chad Oyler (Chair), William Potter (Vice Chair), Carrie Kraten, Carlton Paulmier, Julie Hamilton, Cheryl Bell

Absent: Allan Bushey

Guests: None

Advisor for Franchised Collectors

Beth Vargas Duncan (Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association / Clackamas County Refuse & Recycling Association)

Staff (DTD Sustainability & Solid Waste): Rick Winterhalter, Eben Polk

(1:55) **INTRODUCTIONS**- Commissioners, Staff, introduced themselves.

(4:01) **Minutes** – March 10, 2022 reviewed and approved with corrections suggested by Mr. Potter to include the written options, as written, from the staff report in the minutes. Staff made the corrections and posted the minutes.

Motion to recommend: Bill Potter

Motion seconded by: Cheryl Bell

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Annual Review of Solid Waste Collection system; considering a proposed fee increase.

(5:59) Staff presentation of report.

(14:45) Questions from Commissioners: 1) How staff verifies the reported numbers;

2) Do franchisees own disposal facilities-yes; *Canby Transfer Station-Waste Connections; Willamette Resources Inc. TStation&Mat'l Recovery, Wilsonville-Republic Services; Troutdale Transfer Station, Waste Management*

3) Are rates charged at these private facilities regulated-No.

4) How are leased vehicles/equipment reported on the reports? *The County's approach for leased vehicles is the same for purchased vehicles – The vehicle cost is paid over 84 months at market interest rates. In the case of leased equipment Mr. Bell reviews the costs to ensure the reported amounts are within market parameters. Lease expenses are reported as Rental costs on the*

form. The review ensures the leased equipment/vehicles are not included as a depreciation expense. The interest expense is reviewed in the same manner.

(39:40)

(40:30) Public testimonial from Beth Vargas Duncan (Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association / Clackamas County Refuse & Recycling Association)

(44:25) Commissioner Deliberation

(46:11) Beginning to consider Options:

1. Maintain fees at current levels until 2023. In this scenario, the 2022 estimated composite return would be 10.68%, within the 8-12% acceptable range.
2. Based on the existing known and measurable costs, increase fees for cart, container, and drop box rental, as proposed, to be effective July 1, 2021. In this scenario, the 2022 estimated composite would be 11.41%.
3. Propose an alternative to Options 1 and 2.

Motion to recommend Option 2- Bill Potter

Motion seconded by: Carrie Kraten

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Abstention: Bell

(47:30) Updates: Commercial Food Waste Collection program restarting; Metro Clean Up Fund- (\$10M granted by Legislature for clean-up in high visibility areas)

(1:02:06) **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by: Bill Potter

Motion seconded by: Julie Hamilton

Vote: 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.