



Minutes from **Thursday, May 8, 2025, Solid Waste Advisory Committee hybrid meeting
10 a.m. on Microsoft Teams and in person**

SWAC Committee

- In Attendance
 - Brandon Lesowske – Public Member (Scappoose)
 - Kanale Tumlinson – Industrial Representative Alternate – Waste Connections
 - Nick Ries – Industrial Representative – WM
 - Dave Huber – Senior Manager, Public Sector – WM
 - Greg Rouse – Industrial Representative Alternate (in-progress) – WM
 - Meg Gallagher – Analyst II - WM
 - Jacob Anderson – Columbia County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Coordinator
 - Mike Russell – Columbia County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Administrator
 - Joe Wonderlick – Senior Financial Manager – Waste Connections
 - Artem Savka – Financial Analyst – Waste Connections
 - Josh – Brown Industrial Representative – Waste Connections
- Absent
 - Joshua Peters – Industrial Representative Alternate – WM
 - Mike Jeffries – Pricing Manager – WM
 - Austin Carter-Nadeau – Public Member (Rainier)

Regular Session 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Meeting was officially brought to order at 10:12 a.m.

Approve February Minutes – minutes were approved as written at 10:13 AM

Board Members

- **At-Large Members**
 - One position open, preferably from Clatskanie or St Helens.
- **Industrial Representatives**
 - Josh Brown transitioning to new promotion in Clark county.
 - Greg Rouse will apply as new Industrial Representative Alternate for WM
 - Kanale Tumlinson is the new Industrial Representative for Waste Connections
 - Derek Ranta will apply as new Industrial Representative Alternate for Waste Connections

Discussion on Solid Waste Division Updates

- **Sharps Container Exchange Program** started Oct 2016 and expanded to five Fire Districts in April 2021. We collect registrant sheets at the transfer station and remote fire stations as well as full sharps containers.
 - **Registrant Data**
 - **Sharps Purchased**
 - **Advertising sharps program**
- **Dump Stoppers Program** – The program is a collaborative effort involving Land Development Services, Solid Waste, and Community Justice work crew to clean up dumpsites (~\$1,000/month). The tipping fees are ~ \$2,000/year. Dave Carlberg records the cases and investigates dumpsites as the Columbia County Code Compliance Specialist.
- **Transfer Station**
 - TS repairs and upgrades
- **Pilot ReUse Program Updates**
- **Columbia County TS Tonnage Report**
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program**
 - **2025 HHW Schedule:**
 - Transfer Station: March, June, August, November
 - Remote: April - Vernonia, May - Rainier, October - Clatskanie
 - **HHW Changes and Updates**
 - **2025 HHW Costs & Participation**
- **Recycling/Waste Reduction Education & OTR Reports**
- **RMA – EPR Updates**
- **Recycling/Waste Reduction Education & OTR Reports**

Meeting was officially adjourned at 10:35am.

Closed Session 10:30 a.m. – 12:00pm

Next SWAC meeting will be Thursday August 7 at 10 am virtually and at Healy Hall, Public Works Department 1054 Oregon St, St Helens, OR.