
SWAC voting members absent were: Bob Spencer, Cusick Mayor; Don Hutson, Kalispel Tribe; Tara Leininger, Metaline Falls Mayor; Dennis McLaughlin, Regional Disposal Company.

Ron Curren called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm and began with introductions. A short, informal agenda was handed out and presented.

It was noted that the Pend Oreille County SWAC By-Laws require a Chair and a Vice Chair be elected. Bubba Hendricks from the City of Newport submitted his resignation in a March 3, 2009 letter to Ron. Dave Alvarado asked who appoints the Chairs. Bob Nichols asked if SWAC members had to be Pend Oreille County residents. Jim Wavada answered “no”.

Beth Gillespie passed out a signup roster for all to sign-in. Beth also handed out a roster of the SWAC voting members appointed by the Commissioners to each SWAC voting member. Ron has spoken with Fred Anderson, Newport City Mayor, about him joining SWAC or someone else from Newport. Ron asked for nominations from the floor for the two Chair positions or should we wait until next meeting to elect the Chairs? It was agreed to either nominate whoever was NOT here tonight or wait until the next meeting.

The Pend Oreille County Flow Control Ordinance draft was distributed. Ron explained the Ordinance would need some fine tuning. Those present took a few minutes to look it over. Jim further explained the Ordinance and why SWAC reviews them in each county.

Ron asked Sheila Pachernegg to give a brief overview of the Plan Update. She encouraged feedback of any kind. Ron further asked for any glaring items to be forwarded to Beth as soon as possible. Sheila agreed; for more meaningful meetings, we should use Beth as a "clearinghouse" for comments and suggestions. Beth in turn will distribute the comments to all SWAC members for review and collectively to Sheila for our discussion at the next SWAC meeting.

Beth shared an e-mail from Randy Knight (the other consultant who helped Sheila write the plan) that said “the SWAC meetings should focus on the facility needs, waste reduction, recycling and any other revisions to the Plan”. Sheila continued with the Plan overview. Beth clarified that the "existing 2008 Plan Update" is as of December 2008. Sheila said “yes” and it also includes how things are done now. She continued on through the Sections. Beth asked for clarification on Section 8 the Summary of Recommendations and Implementation.

Jim said the Department of Ecology reminded the SWAC to include a process description for how to amend the plan once its adopted. He also noted that IF the county decides to combine the Solid Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Plans that the portion of the plan that deals with household hazardous waste must include all five program elements described in the Guidelines for developing these plans. This guidance
is separate from the Solid Waste Planning Guidelines because the household hazardous waste programs are required by different legislation than the solid waste plan requirement. Still, counties do have the option of combining the two plans into one document.

Ron addressed future County plans will be to start accepting CDL. Nancy Thompson asked what that abbreviation meant. Ron defined it as Construction, Demolition and Landclearing debris or "clean wood waste". (It can also include concrete, glass, aluminum, dry wall and other construction debris). Ron explained Pend Oreille County's pro-active stance regarding increasing recycling more and more to reduce the County's disposal costs.

Ron re-iterated that as the members progress through the plan, to please forward their comments to Beth. Beth asked if everyone had her phone number, address and e-mail. If not call Public Works at 509-447-4513.

Jim said SWAC should help the County to set priorities. What is most important and what is least; like triage.

Sheila spoke about dealing with the Plan subject by subject. What things are worthy of pursuit. Jim said the Plan will be unique to Pend Oreille County's needs. Dave suggested a Section be chosen for consideration before the next meeting. Dave asked how SWAC would present recommendations to the County Commissioners. Jim suggested the SWAC Chair accompany Ron before the County Commissioners once SWAC has their recommendations for the Plan.

SWAC By-Laws may need to be amended to make provision for alternates in case one of the nine voting members is unable to attend.

Ron asked how often SWAC should meet. Bob said it used to be once a month. Beth said until the Plan has been completed, once a month seems reasonable. Ron concurred. Rod Troutt asked how long meetings would last. Ron said if everyone has done their "homework" prior, only 1-1.5 hours.

Dave made a MOTION to have the SWAC monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month from 3pm to 5pm. Scott Campbell seconded.

Jim suggested a deadline for comments to be submitted to Beth. By the last Thursday of the month comments are to be e-mailed or mailed to Beth for distribution to each SWAC member and Sheila.

Next SWAC meeting is Thursday, April 2, 2009 in the Commissioner's meeting room at the old County Courthouse in Newport (625 4th Street, Scott & 4th) from 3 to 5pm.

Turn in all your comment on Sections 1 & 2 to Beth by March 26th.

Scott made a MOTION that Dave be the ACTING Chairman until elections at the April 2nd meeting. Charles Kress seconded.

Ron thanked all for their attendance. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

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NO CORRECTIONS

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