

MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 17, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Steve Galitzer, Amanda Smeller, Mike Boller, John Ellermann, David Kreller, Gary Rosewicz, Casey Smithson, Perry Piper, Josh Brewer, Greg Wilson, Dennis Peterson, Adrian Self and William Spiegel

Others Present: None

Members Absent: Judy Willingham, Kathryn Focke, Betty Book, Charly Pottorf, Dave Shover and Fran Zerby

Steve Galitzer, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Annual Review of the 2019 Solid Waste Management Plan

Discussion continued on the annual review of the 2019 Solid Waste Management Plan. Chairman Galitzer asked if everyone had reviewed the current plan. Amanda Smeller indicated she had spoken with Gary Rosewicz for changes to the solid waste section, and Judy Willingham had sent an email with some suggested changes. Mike Boller indicated the recycling section did not need any changes. David Kreller said he would follow up with minor modifications to the biohazard and medical waste sections. Chairman Galitzer said the committee roster needs to be updated.

The group discussed the process by which to update the plan, and submit a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval by resolution.

Greg Wilson made a motion to accept the changes and William Spiegel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Galitzer requested Amanda Smeller make the changes and send the updated plan to the entire committee.

Education/Battery Recycling/Other

The committee discussed lithium ion battery recycling. Boller indicated battery recycling is a problem and that vape pens and e-cigarettes are a biohazard. He further stated that other counties don't do anything about lithium-ion batteries.

Spiegel and Casey suggested informational mailers be sent out. Spiegel suggested a leaflet be included in the County tax mailers with “Do’s and Don’ts of recycling.”

Chairman Galitzer asked if there are funding opportunities for education and what other places around town do. He requested that Amanda research any KDHE guidance on the topic. He further suggested we add planned this education/advertising project into the annual update letter.

Rosewicz reported there has been an uptick in tree waste at the transfer station and it has been steady even with COVID.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.