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MINUTES
RILEY COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 24, 2022
7:00 PM

Members present: Judy Willingham, Casey Smithson, Adrian Self, David Kreller, Evan McMillan, Michael Boller, and Amanda Webb

Others Present: None

Members Absent: Steve Galitzer, John Ellermann, Perry Piper, Josh Brewer, Greg Wilson, Dennis Peterson, William Spiegel, Fran Zerby, Betty Book, Kathryn Focke, Charly Pottorf, and Dave Shover

Amanda Webb, Planning Director, opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

The group unanimously approved the minutes from the February 17, 2021 meeting with David Kreller motioning and Casey Smithson providing a second.

Solid Waste Budget Report:

Evan McMillan, Assistant County Engineer, gave the solid waste budget report. The group talked about price adjustments and potential fee increases. It was suggested that we schedule a time to meet with other trash haulers to get their input.

Master Food Plan:

Amanda Webb discussed the draft Master Food Plan and asked the group's opinion on a public compost facility, potentially at the County's transfer station. The group discussed issues with smell, vermin, who will use the compost, how it will be used, will it be picked up or drop off, etc. There are other communities that are doing some version of this including Fort Collins/Colorado State University. Salina has purchased a tub grinder to shred material. The group suggested we build upon what restaurants or facilities are already doing. Amanda said she would report the discussion and concerns back to the Master Food Plan committee for consideration into the draft plan.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update:

Amanda Webb discussed the Solid Waste Management Plan 2022 annual update. She had found mostly minor changes within the current plan. The group indicated that they would like to focus on any substantive changes with the annual review, and can save more minor things, such as dates, for the full five-year plan update, due in 2024. All of Amanda's proposed changes can be placed on the list for 2024 update. The group asked to have another meeting to confirm consensus on the recommendation for no changes this cycle.

Committee:

The group discussed the committee members and asked that staff contact members who haven't been present to inquire if they'd still like to be on the committee.

Lithium-Ion batteries:

Michael Boller, Noxious Weed Director, presented numbers – Riley County received 3300 pounds of lithium-ion batteries in 2021. The group discussed the battery recycling educational program. Suggestions included promotion at the zoo, getting on the speaker list for rotary, lions, and other community groups, using the PIO/City, and youth education (getting into schools and kids' programs). Amanda let the group know that most haulers were interested in the stickers, and some would affix stickers themselves. Some committee members took stickers to place on cans.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.