

Riley County Solid Waste Management Committee
DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2023
10:30 AM

In attendance: Steve Galitzer (Chair), Justin Brenner, Michael Boller, Evan McMillan, Greg Wilson, David Kreller, Commissioner Kathryn Focke, Casey Smithson, Morgan Bates, Amanda Webb

Absent: Adrian Self, John Ellermann, Perry Piper, Josh Brewer, David Shover, William Spiegel, Fran Zerby, and Travis Hummel

Chairman Galitzer opened the meeting at 10:30 and began with introductions.

No formal agenda was prepared.

Amanda Webb discussed the 2023 annual plan update, due May 14, 2023. Will send the current plan to the group and request availability for another meeting the following month.

Amanda Webb discussed the 2024 five-year full update. Asked to generate a schedule and determine who wants to do what/who has expertise in each category. The group mentioned November as a potential starting timeframe.

Evan McMillan discussed rate increases. The Hamm's contract is still under negotiation. The group wants to make recommendation to the BOCC regarding the rate increases. There is concern about the increases, due to inflation and other cost increases. Projected rates to start May 1 at the latest. There was discussion about how these rate increases would affect county budget. C. Focke indicated the budget calendar is out with department expenditures due April 27. There was also discussion about trying to implement a CPI ceiling, as HAMM's is requiring a floor CPI of 2.5%. This will be discussed in the contract negotiations. A recommendation was made for a rate of \$63.00 per ton lasting between 2 and 4 years. The group discussed raising the rate to \$64.00 to prolong the next rate increase. Greg Wilson motioned to increase the fee for MSW/White Goods to \$64 for a period of 3-5 years. Michael Boller seconded. All in favor; unanimous approval. No abstentions.

The group determined that it might be worth looking into the cost associated with a county ran operation for processing and hauling trash from the transfer station to Hamm's landfill. This would require heavy up-front costs for equipment and new jobs but could possibly reduce costs in the long run. This will be evaluated in the future.

The group discussed the battery recycling program. Hamm's is looking at fire protection measures at the transfer station and the battery program is a big component. Fire training with Hamm's is in June. E-bikes and E-scooters are having issues with battery explosions and fires. Members of the group have presented to various civic groups with more coming up. There has been an increase in the number of batteries recycled, so the word is out and we feel the program is helping. A group member brought up a neighborhood app to help spread the word. Chairman Galitzer asked about collaboration with haulers and other partners, and how the

stickers and flyers are working. Amanda explained we've distributed many stickers and flyers and will follow up with haulers for their input.

Judy Willingham has resigned from the committee.

Next meeting TBD. Amanda will send out the plan to the group and request availability for a next meeting to discuss annual update and the full five-year update.

Chairman Galitzer adjourned the meeting **at 11:15 AM.**