KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) PUBLIC HEARING
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 21, 2012
Commissioners’ Auditorium
10:00 am

Present

Board of Health (BOH): John Asriel M.D., Alan Crankovich, Paul Jewell, Obie O’Brien, Rich Elliott

Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) Staff: Candi Blackford, Maria D. Canfield, Karen Hamel, Linda Navarre, James Rivard

Other Attendees: None

Alan Crankovich called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Waste Management of Ellensburg Material Recovery Recycling Facility permit approval.

Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD):

James Rivard stepped to the microphone and reviewed the staff report. Waste Management of Ellensburg applied for a solid waste handling permit to operate a recycling material recovery facility on January 4, 2011. The application was complete on May 16, 2012. The Kittitas County Public Health Department was the lead agency during the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process and made a mitigated determination of non-significance (MDNS) on May 16, 2012. During the SEPA period KCPHD received comments from the City of Ellensburg and Friends of the Northern Pacific Depot.

A summary of the comments from the agencies include the following:
- Litter, odor, and noise concerns from neighbors
- Landmark and design aesthetic concerns

A summary of proposed mitigations are as follows:
- The facility shall be fenced to prevent litter
- If public complaints about litter, light, or glare received by KCPHD become a consistent and persistent issue and a series of corrective actions by Waste Management are not effective, KCPHD reserves the right to require that the facility purchase a fence screen
- Storage of material shall be controlled so as not to create a nuisance, allow vermin to inhabit, or create a safety hazard
- KCPHD may amend the permit at any time and will notify waste management in writing if such amendments are necessary
- Waste Management shall secure a $20,000 financial assurance bond or provide proof of another financial assurance mechanism to ensure that site closure requirements can be financially met at any given time.
Mr. Rivard noted that they have applied for a standard operating permit for a recycling material recovery facility. On June 6, 2012 the Kittitas County Public Health Department met with the Kittitas County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and determined the application conformed to the Kittitas County Solid Waste Plan and recommended permit issuance to the Kittitas County Board of Health.

There was discussion amongst the board members and Mr. Rivard about the proposed mitigations. Mr. Rivard requested the Board of Health review and approve the recommendation by the Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) to issue a solid waste handling permit to Waste Management of Ellensburg to operate a Material Recovery Facility.

Alan Crankovich asked if anyone representing the applicant was present and wished to speak. No one was present.

**Public Testimony opened at 10:20 am**
**Public Testimony closed at 10:21 am**

Motion to approve the Board of Health Resolution 2012-02 Waste Management of Ellensburg Material Recovery Recycling Facility Permit Approval.

**Motion 06-01:** Motion 06-01 to approve the Board of Health Resolution 2012-02 to approve the Waste Management Recovery Recycling Facility Permit. Rich Elliott moved to approve the Board of Health Resolution 2012-02 to approve the Waste Management Recovery Recycling Facility Permit. Paul Jewell second. All approved. Motion 06-01 carried to approve the Board of Health Resolution 2012-02 to approve the Waste Management Recovery Recycling Facility Permit.

**Board of Health Public Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am**

Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health

Alan Crankovich, Chair of the Board of Health

Kittitas County Public Health Department