

**KITTITAS COUNTY
SOLID WASTE AND MAINTENANCE MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting-Webex**

TUESDAY	2:00 PM	September 14, 2021
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Board members present Brett Wachsmith, Chairman, Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Cory Wright via Webex.

Others: Patti Stacey and Erica Luce

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Updates: Patti informed the board of the newest member of the Solid Waste Department, Doug Laurent, who will fill the Scale House Attendant II position at the Cle Elum transfer station. She described his training schedule this week and that upon completion of his training the Solid Waste office will then be fully staffed. Patti informed the board she is waiting for final paperwork on the LSWFA grant from Department of Ecology which will go towards recycling, HHW and increasing public outreach. Patti commented being fully staffed will also allow for more public outreach opportunities.

Request Board Approval to Advertise RFP for Bowling Alley: Patti requested revisions be made to the submittal requirements on the Bowling Alley proposals. Patti suggested reducing the amount of information required within the proposals to promote more applicants, along with adding a bullet point on an estimated timeline for the proposed project. Patti requested to post the information on the county website to save money in advertising and make for easier accessibility. Laura motioned to approve on advertising RFP for bowling alley on the county website. The Board approved 3-0.

Review Customer Counts and Tonnage at the Transfer Stations: Patti informed the Board she reviewed and compared historically peak customer count dates from 2020 and 2021. Patti shared that in 2020 customer counts were higher with lower tonnage versus 2021 with lower customer counts and higher tonnage. Patti explained that contractors and business accounts with greater tonnage per load increased, while the average residential customer count decreased. Discussion was held on the topic of the transfer stations being one of the few essential businesses operating during mandated lockdowns in 2020. Discussion was held on the Cle Elum Transfer Station regarding customer counts, the county's conditional use permit to operate on Sundays, issues with days of operation and high volume of recreational tourism in the area. Further discussion included looking into the budget regarding cost of additional operating days and staffing as well as possible drop off locations or pay-as-you-throw programs.

New Office Update: Patti informed the board that construction of the new office for the Communications Director was underway. Maintenance is in the process of creating a new

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window for the space. The project is a week behind schedule due to an employee being out sick the previous week.

Carpet for Auditorium Project: Patti requested approval to schedule installation of new carpet in Auditorium. The Board agreed to begin installation on Wednesday, September 22nd. Patti informed the Board the expense was already approved in the budget and could be completed as early as Friday, September 24th.

Update on New Transfer Station Project: Patti informed the Board that the new transfer station project has moved to the curb and guttering phase and once completed will begin planting the approved plants by the City. She informed the Board this phase should be completed by the end of October. Discussion was held on the status of the short plat and contacting the City regarding the sale of the southern portion of property. Patti informed the Board she was hoping to hear the status of the BRIC/FEMA grant by the end of September or in October, however FEMA may be delayed due to the current hurricanes. Patti informed the board the name of the new road for the transfer station will be Green Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Osiadacz shared highlights from a previous meeting with Rep. Tom Dent regarding the possible redistricting of the 13th District. Discussion was held on the issues this change would create for Kittitas County. Further discussion included the Commissioner's options for comment on the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.



Erica Luce

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman