

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: SWAC

Date: 12/8/2020

Observer Reporting: Deb Olson

Length of Meeting: 1:00

Members Present: Devon Felsted- chair Pullman Disposal, Rick Finch-WSU, Dot Sharp-Colton, Aaron Lawhead-Waste Connection, Michele Beckman-Colfax, Matthew Pederson, Republic Services, Robert Curry-Endicott, Mark Storey-Whitman Co, Rick Finch-WSU

Members Absent: David Hansel-Albion, Eileen Macoll-Pullman, Chris Skidmore- Whitman County Health Dept.

Others Present (e.g., media, public) Liz Siler, Heather Church & Steve Gimpel- Dept of Ecology, David Nails WC Transfer Station

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Capital Improvements to Landfill on schedule for new MRW (Moderate Risk Waste) Facility progressing, should be enclosed by mid-January. Supply slow down. Need for new or redesigned scale and entrance moved up on the schedule. Increased use has caused slow down and wait lines. Will start process of soliciting designs and plans.

The Solid Waste Management Plan **CROP amendment** required due to new RCW, Contaminated Recyclables. David and Steve working on it and will send to Commissioners when complete.

Need to ask for **fee increase**: commercial green waste (wood) (Ecology grant shrinking.), costs more to deal with refrigerators, handling fee for recycling to cover costs currently \$30/ton increase to \$35 or \$36/ton. Plan is to bundle changes into one ask. Landfill facility is funded solely by user fee. Not County.

Recycling discussed (Heather) new Advisory Board Link Commerce & Ecology

A couple of online resources: Zero Waste Washington and Acceptable Recycling list (changing all the time).

Public Meetings of interest to League: If we are interested in touring facilities can be arranged

Process & Protocol: All Good