

LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE CONSORTIUM
DRAFTED MINUTES OF MEETING
Livestreamed/In Person
Lincoln County Courthouse
Commissioners Conference Room 108
225 W Olive Street
Newport, OR 97365
January 25, 2024; 1:00 pm

INTRODUCTION

- I. Meeting Called to Order - The Zoom and face-to-face meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Paul Seitz.
- II. Introduction of Consortium Representatives and Staff
 - a. County – Jayne Welch, Lincoln County Treasurer; Paul Seitz, Solid Waste District Manager
 - b. Cities - Cynthia Jacobi, Newport City Councilor; Kathy Short, Depoe Bay Mayor.
 - c. Staff – Nancy Hale, Recording Secretary.
- III. Approval of Minutes – The Minutes for September 28, 2023, were tabled for the next meeting as there was no quorum to vote.
- IV. Review of Bills – Jayne reviewed an accounting of bills and is tracking payments and trends. Electrical and sewerage billing were significantly lower this year due to the landfill study (which turned off the pumps for several months). Paul indicated that Vista Engineering, previously a subcontractor under WSP, will now be billing the consortium directly instead of through WSP.
- V. Financial Assurance and Budget – Vista will be compiling the financial assurance for the Consortium for 2023 and should be issued by August of 2024. Paul noted, per Wayne the Financial Assurance is performed every two years. BUDGET – Wayne and Kaety met regarding the required demolition of the building and confirming the Consortium’s authority on demolishing this building.

Currently, the Consortium operates under a more casual < \$150,000 budget process (which worked well under the years of maintenance waiting for the 30-Year DEQ permit to draw to a close). The Consortium now may need to organize under a more formal budget committee (with the prospects of demolishing the building and potentially developing strategies to move past the DEQ permit phase). **The February Consortium meeting will need a discussion and a vote on a budget process moving forward. Each Consortium member is requested to provide the name of a potential budget committee member at the February Consortium meeting.** A proposed calendar will be provided with the meeting minutes for the timeline to establish a formal Budget Committee (in the event a formal budget is chosen).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- VI. Consortium Budgeting FY 24/25 – Discussion and vote set for February Consortium Agenda

- VII. Maintenance of Property and Buildings –
- a. Demolition of antiquated building on site (Consortium Asset) Bid packet for destruction and recycling is ready to send. It has been delayed due to a legal question on authority of Consortium in bid process. Intent to have resolved prior to next meeting. One of the bay doors damaged in the storms. There will be a small expense in securing that door.
 - b. Well Maintenance. The freezing weather caused damage to some pipes and the well heads needed to be cleaned to restart after the study. Repairs are being completed.
 - c. Well Study – Well study has positive preliminary findings. In short, more wet weather appears to be diluting the existing leachate (rather than washing more leachate into the wells). Study and findings from the engineer will be provided with these minutes. There are plans to perform a follow-up study in Spring.
 - d. Top cap maintenance – The rock put on the top cap late Summer has held well. This Spring will anticipate continued vegetation maintenance.
- VIII. Pathway to ending DEQ permit phase of the landfill – There is still a long path to demonstrating to DEQ that the post closure permit is ready to phase, Russ Bunker (WSP) and Roger North (Vista) will be key to these discussions. The key focus is contamination levels in the leachate.
- IX. Post permit planning (on hold) We need to better understand our path with DEQ before looking at this phase.
- X. Overview of Agate Beach Landfill tour October 19, 2023 This tour was very informative. A big THANK YOU to Molly Murphy with Lincoln County Transit for the bus ride there! Pictures attached.

ACTION ITEMS - None

OTHER ITEMS

- XI. The LOC (League of Oregon Cities) Spring Conference is on April 26, 2024. It was determined that we will hold April's meeting on April 19, 2024, to ensure better attendance.
- XII. Next meeting date – February 22, 2024, at 1:00 pm, Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Conference Room 108. **Quorum is needed and each SW Consortium participant needs to come ready to propose a potential budget committee person.**
- XIII. Adjourn 1:40 pm.