

Solid Waste Advisory Council – Meeting minutes, Thursday, February 4, 2016

Members Present: Don West, Bruce Holstein, Charles Hughes, Ellen Cutsail, Bob Ernst and Karen Leatherwood

Staff Present: Jeff Topper, Dusty Hilbert, Maria Myers and Sheree Lima

Chairman, Don West, opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and Karen volunteered to take minutes. Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Announcements from the Chair: There was nothing new to report on Boonsboro PAYT or the Curtis Bay (Energy Answers) incinerator.

Staff Liaison Report: Dusty reported on SB105 regarding the Northwest Authority. Originally, we were cautiously in support of this bill, however, Bruce expressed his concerns at how it has evolved. The bill does not properly list the hierarchy and Bruce wants the Commissioners to know we should be out of the Authority. Sheree explained that we have benefitted from contracts the Authority negotiated on our behalf.

The proposed tipping rate increase will go from \$62/ton to \$64/ton. The public hearing will be a part of the Commissioners meeting on 2/25.

Presentations: None

Old business/New business: The rest of the meeting time was spent reviewing and discussing the power point presentation assembled by the staff for the report to the BOCC scheduled for **2/18 at 10:30**.

- Hauler licensing and protocols, restructure fees, detail on property tax bills
- Possible hauler districts, add value to recycling program, work with a municipality to institute PAYT, more composting, education, possible temporary capping of Northern, increase revenue, explore existing technology
- Reduce or eliminate transfer from General Fund, lengthen the life of Northern Landfill, control costs, maximize diversion and recycling

Next meeting, Thursday, March 3 at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted.

Karen Leatherwood