

SWAC Summary

April 10, 2008

Present: Mary Jean Hrbacek, Chair, Elrey Simon, Rik Fredrickson, Wendy Ervin, Janet O'Connor, Don Stacy, Rose Swier, Tami Ramsey, David Baker

Minutes from March, agenda approved.

Updates:

- The tip floor repair was completed on April first. The project was done by Everson Asphalt, and the final cost was under \$6,600.
- Spring Clean up is underway, and seems to be going well.
- The vouchers for free disposal were discussed. As the SWAC recommended, staff spoke to the Board of County Commissioners about the voucher program. The Board supported the idea of distributing the vouchers through Mason Matters. They also supported staff in reducing the overall number of vouchers, and in making some available to Environmental Health. The News Release will be read into the record on Tuesday the 15th.

Ecology updates: County, City and State met to discuss the offset cycle for grant funding. There are multiple grant opportunities with the state, and there are priorities the state would like to fund. The County and City are hoping to collaborate on organics, as well as other projects.

Public/member comment: The Sheriff's Department will be requesting a new van for the litter crew during this grant cycle. Blue boxes for mixed waste paper will be delivered to the Union and Hoodspout drop boxes in May.

Old Business: Letter from SWAC. This is the memorandum from the Committee to the Board that outlines the role and purpose of the SWAC to the Board. After several drafts, the committee feels the memo is ready to go forward. The date will be made current and the chair will sign it and send it to the BoCC.

New Business: Hazardous Waste Plan. The Hazardous Waste Plan for Mason County was last updated more than 10 years ago. While still considered current under the law, modernizing this document has been considered. At a workshop today, Rose learned that Ecology was in the process of incorporating the Beyond Waste Plan into Hazardous Waste Plan Guidelines, and should be completed this year. SWAC would like to look at the current Plan, and staff will acquire Plans from other jurisdictions for comparison.

Next meeting will be May 8, 2008 at 6:00 PM