

# FRANKLIN COUNTY

## Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.  
Port of Pasco Conference Room  
1110 Osprey Pointe - Pasco

### MINUTES

1. **CONVENE:** 1:05 PM
2. **ROLL CALL:** MEMBERS: Bridget Gallant, Cade Scott, Candy Thornhill, Dale Lindsey, Marvin Moore, Rebecca Francik, and Rob Wiskerchen. VIA ZOOM: John Millan, Laura Hann, and Lee Barrow. EXCUSED: Achille Ngombwa, Pete Serrano, Rick Dawson, and Rocky Mullen.  
  
NON-VOTING AND/OR GUESTS: Alica Krueger and Sally McKenzie.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Membership approved agenda as presented.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approval of February 14, 2024 minutes.
5. **WASTE INDUSTRY SPECIFICS:** Reviewed challenges faced by specific industries.
6. **COMMON GOALS SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE:**
  - a. Strategic and cost effective strategies to reduce waste, protect public safety and the environment.
  - b. Creating education programs that will help citizens be compliant with solid waste rules.
7. **HOW TO FUND PROPOSED GOALS:**
  - a. Facilities for waste diversion from landfills such as compost (legislation requirement soon)
  - b. Moving organics to industries who have anaerobic digesters or compost facilities.
  - c. More fairly share the cost of Household Hazardous Waste facility (required by state law) by asking all residents of the county (not just the rural residents) to pay for services of the facility.
    - i. Sub discussion about using grant money. With grant funding being unpredictable, further discussion about building a market rate for necessary facilities on a regional scale reducing the cost by increasing the subscribers. Use grant money to buy down the rate in subsequent years when and if it arrives.
  - d. Two of the cities did not believe their citizens would pay for an additional tax.
8. **MISSION / GOAL STATEMENT:** Membership decided to base our mission statement on Klickitat County's model.
9. **UPDATE OLD PLAN OR CREATE NEW:** Membership decided that the old plan was not easy to read and had more information than necessary. Decided to create a plan that is useful, simple and easy to understand. Membership decided not to hire a consultant at this time.

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10. **NEXT MEETING:** Reading and editing Chapter 1 of the FC DRAFT Comprehensive Plan.
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** 2:05 PM