

**JOPLIN SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 16, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The February 16, 2023 meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Commission was called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Chairperson Patty Overman.

**ROLL CALL**

Answering Roll Call were Commission Members: Patty Overman, Aaron Rice, Andrew Whitehead, and Ashlea Cantrell – quorum. Commission Members Absent: Zoe Gawlik, Craig Kreman.

Others in attendance: Lynden Lawson, Public Works Deputy Director; Scott Patterson, Interim Recycling Coordinator; Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services; Max Murray, GFL Environmental.

**AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Whitehead to approve the Agenda. Voting in favor were Commission Members: Overman, Rice, Whitehead, and Cantrell.

**INTRODUCTION – SCOTT PATTERSON, INTERIM RECYCLING COORDINATOR**

Mr. Patterson introduced himself and gave a brief overview of the Recycling Center including hours of operation and materials accepted from the public.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Whitehead to approve the summary of the previous meeting on November 10, 2022. Voting in favor were Commission Members: Overman, Rice, Whitehead, and Cantrell.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Issues Concerning Hazardous Waste

Discussion regarding the HHW accepted at the recycling center. Mr. Rice mentioned concerns of how items were stored and for what length of time. Ms. Fagan, Republic Services, advised the Commission of US Ecology in Tulsa, OK as a possible vendor.

Numbers for Recycling Center – 2022 vs 2023

Tonnage numbers for the recycling center remain steady in early 2023.

Update for Curbside Trash Pick-up and Recycling

The number of residents who have opted into the Curbside Recycling program is lower than anticipated. Discussion regarding contract end date of June 2026 and how to soon to start discussions regarding the next bid for contract.

Update for City Services and Transfer Station

Brief discussion regarding the discount rate at the transfer station for Joplin residents.

### Update on EPA Solid Waste Grants

*SWIFR Grant Application* - The City is applying for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant. The City recently conducted a Solid Waste Master Plan that recommended the relocation and consolidation of the City's recycling facilities at a former wastewater treatment plant site. This will streamline collection and treatment processes, which will give residents greater access to all facets of recycling, including brush and yard waste. In turn, this will help reduce pollution and promote environmental sustainability. This is a three-year grant, and the City will be leveraging \$1.1 million of local dollars and requesting nearly \$2.8 million in grant funds.

*REO Grant Application* - The City has applied for the Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Grant. Also included in the Solid Waste Master Plan was the need for greater public education and outreach about recycling. This grant will help the community and region increase recycling, promote composting, divert yard waste, and help change behavior so that proper handling, treatment, and re-use of resources becomes second nature to residents and businesses. The focus of this project will be to create a recycling education program with area schools for elementary and junior high students. This is a three-year grant, and the City will be leveraging approximately \$600,000 of local dollars and requesting just over \$1.7 million in grant funds.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **SET NEXT MEETING**


Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Whitehead to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor were Commission Members: Overman, Rice, Whitehead, and Cantrell.

Meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Commission Adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully,



Patty Overman

Chairperson of the Solid Waste Advisory Commission