



**Environmental Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes**  
May 17, 2011–6 p.m.  
Library  
218 East Park Street, McCall, ID 83638



**COMMITTEE MEETING – Begins at 6 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Cindy Miller, Anika Miller, John Rygh, Fred Coriell and Lindsey Truxel were present.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The April 19, 2011 EAC minutes were approved.

**RECYCLING- LAKE SHORE DISPOSAL**

Everette from Lake Shore Disposal was present to discuss recycling with the EAC. October 2013 is when their contract expires with Valley County. There is tax waste disposal assessment from the County. Lakeshore would like to do the "all-in" waste disposal in the County and then Lakeshore would pay a franchise fee. This means they would privatize waste disposal.

Lakeshore proposed single stream recycling that would not include glass and only blow molded plastic. Glass is currently using glass for road base mix but the County does not want it anymore so it is now being dumped in the landfill. In this proposal, the County would mandatorily require recycling for City limits in Cascade, Donnelly and McCall.

Lindsey asked about how all the single stream works and Everette said they would haul it Western Recycling where it would be baled and transported west. It would not be sorted until then and is sold by the ton.

There was some discussion about storing materials and selling when market is better but Lakeshore does not follow this practice. Everette said recycling has increased since 2003. The County is subsidizing recycling. Lakeshore said it would cost \$500,000 over 10 years aims for a 15% profit. Currently, Lakeshore is losing money on recycling.

Everette said they may put together a proposal for the City of McCall. Fred asked about if there could be construction waste recycling. Everette said it was something they could look into it and Lake Shore currently can provide a container for wood. He said there are lots of contaminants with construction materials.

There was some discussion about recycling in other states. For example, Oregon has food compost, grass clipping, etc.

In 2010, there were 552 tons of recycling and in 2009 there were 453 tons of recycling in Valley County. There is a clean up on June 1 and also a hazardous waste clean-up.

Lindsey asked about the maintenance of the recycling center and it is managed daily by Lakeshore employees. Often boxes need to be broken down.

Everette reported about the recycling center because it was too costly. He said it would be cheaper to do curbside recycling and the center would not be adequate for future growth. Twin Falls offered curbside recycling and their recycling went up 300 percent. Everette said it would reduce the garbage amounts since more would be recycled.

John brought up some information about increasing the disposal price for garbage to provide incentives to recycle. Everette said this was one of the proposals. John asked about bailing. No bailing is required for single stream.

The EAC discussed their role in the issue. John talked about the role of grants in the effort. Everette said this could defray the cost for the end user. Only organizations that currently recycle are the Shore Lodge and Forest Service.

The County said they do not like any of the proposals. So Lakeshore will apply for a price increase (\$6,100 for recycling and 15% overall.)

There some discussion about the centennial event and recycling of plastic dishware. Everette said he would be happy to answer questions about recycling for the event.

#### **CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

The EAC completed a form that the EAC wanted a booth at the Centennial with Forest Service and SOLV. John said we need content and interactive games like a recycling sorting game. Judy Anderson talked about 3 people representing 100 years ago, the present, and 100 years in the future. The talked about having a survey on recycling. Cindy suggested giving out green prizes.

Cindy talked to Bill Weida about coming to EAC to talk about green lawn care during a future meeting. Anika will need to resign in August because she will go away to school in Vermont.

The June meeting will be dedicated for planning for the booth and EAC activities. Lindsey will bring cardboard for the recycling tops. Staff will bring some maps to the next meeting for recycling locations. The EAC members will bring some poster paper and markers.

#### **WEEVIL UPDATE**

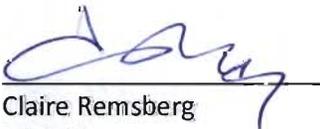
The experts will go to the elementary school on May 26 for the students and they will go around with the Park crew to look at knapweed patches. John will email out the agenda.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Date: May 17, 2011

Attest:

  
Claire Remsberg  
EAC Chair

  
Michelle Groenevelt  
Community Development Director