

Attending:

Corey Thompson (City Council representative)

Heather Iselin

Diane Dimich

Gordie Blevins

Clare Witcomb

Ed Lambrecht

Discussion:

Overview of Red Lodge recycling history

Overview of Montana state law on recycling

Red Lodge recycling historic strengths and weaknesses

STRENGTHS

Greener Red Lodge

See "the guys" at the recycling center

Recycle to keep items out of landfills

Pride in making RL better

Employment

WEAKNESSES

Cost

Weather

Bears

Confusing

Hours of operation

Tax dollars/revenue out of balance

The need to educate the public

Low commodity prices

Revenue going to Billings

Develop Committee By-Laws

NEW OFFICERS

Chair – Diane Dimich

Sec. – Clare Witcomb

Ed stated that an employee of BI had told the drivers to discontinue doing curbside recycling

Places that recycle:

Rewind~ Electronics

Luther Auto and Rocky Mountain Tire~ they burn oil

Napa~ Batteries for autos, motorcycles, boats, lawnmowers, etc

Michael Szcutekowski~ Picks up for businesses~ currently 3-4

Ed will contact Julia at Republic and invite her to the next meeting. The possibility of restarting city curbside recycling by Republic was discussed. City businesses would like the gate to be unlocked for drop off. It was discussed to do a city/countywide survey. Katelynn Essig with the RLArea Community Foundation will work with the Recycling Committee.

The next meeting will be Nov. 7th at 8:30 AM at city hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.