

Recycling Board Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, May 1, 2017 8:30am Council Chambers City Hall

Attendance: Diane Dimich, Katelynn Essig, Gordie Blevins, Phil Yerby, Cory Thompson, Heather Patterson and Ed Lambrecht

Diane call the meeting to order and there was no discussion on the last meeting minutes. Phil motioned to pass the minutes and Gordie second. The minutes passed unanimously.

Ed handed out a car count by the hour for April 12, 15, 19 and 22.

Diane asked if the contract with Recycling was done. Ed stated that we are in process and working with the city. Cory Thompson said that the City is negotiating with Beartooth Industries.

Recycling glass was discussed. If you have amber non screw top beer bottles you can take them to Sam's Tap Room and he will use them. Gordie reported that the large glass crushers he researched were in New Zealand. Heather talked about her friend that has a glass crusher and she will talk to him.

The next item of discussion was the results of the Recycling Survey. The following goals have been set as a result of this discussion.

1. Get the sign back out on the highway to signify where the Recycling Center is and when it is open. There is a sign that was taken down when the walkways and street was done last year. It is all rusty and hard to read. Cory said she will talk with Back Alley metals and see about getting the sign powder- coated a bright green color.
 - a. We need to check with the city on sign ordinances.
 - b. Ed said they will either hang an open sign or put up a flag on days they will be open. Beartooth industries will supply.
 - c. If Back Alley is willing to do the sign could they add two hooks on the bottom or a flag pole holder so an open sign could be put out.
2. Phil Yerby and Ed Lambrecht will get in touch with Carbon County News and do an education article on recycling. Items that should be mentioned in this article
 - a. What is recyclable
 - b. Where and when the 24 hour bins can be used and what goes in there.
 - c. Hours of operation
 - d. Education on single stream options
 - e. No glass will be accepted, 57% of the responses to the survey wanted to recycle glass

3. Diane said she will get some of the postcards that she handed out at Earth Day so they can be posted on the web and possibility of putting them around town.

Cory gave a report on the Carbon County Resource meeting she attended about composting. She and others took a road trip to view the Shoshoni County Farms composting operation in Cody, WY. The city picks up the compost and takes it to Shoshoni. He had piles that were gathered yearly. It seemed to be a great facility. Carbon County Resource Council is pursuing finding out more about composting and is it feasible in Red Lodge. This committee is supportive of this. She is not sure about the details of when and how Cody picks up the composting.

The next meeting will be June 5, 2017 8:30 am at Red Lodge City Hall.