



Environmental and Energy Stewardship Subcommittee

138 Tavistock Road

April 8, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee Members Present

Chairman Newman, Commissioner Wells, Commissioner Sloan, Jamie Ager, and Meg Williams

Staff Members Present

Sybil Tate, Jeremiah LeRoy, Jessica Hughes, Michael Frue, Amanda Stafford, Rafael Baptista

The Subcommittee participated in a short tour of the Waste Pro Facility in Arden, NC prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Sloan called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- *Terri Wells made a motion to approve the April 8, 2022, agenda and March 18, 2022 minutes, seconded by Meg Jamison, and the motion passed with the vote.*

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

Residential Waste Collection

- Franchise waste collections contract started Jan. 1, 2020. It's a 5 Year contract with (2) 2 year extension options
- Weekly trash and every other week recycling collection in the unincorporated areas of Buncombe County
- Waste Pro is under an exclusive contract but it is not mandatory and based on subscribership. Residents who do not subscribe elect to self-haul material to transfer station or landfill.
- Waste Pro direct bills customers for services (quarterly, trash and recycling roll carts are provided.
- Basic service subscriber fee was \$19.21/month at start of contract, with CPI increase, new subscriber fee for CY 2022 is \$20.54/month.
- Current subscriber count: 30,395 Premium Service subscriber count: 76 Backdoor subscriber count: 444
- Increasing costs in fuel and labor shortages have been challenging the past two years.
- Please see Waste Pro Collection Presentation for full report.

Innovative Solar Projects

- Chairman Newman shared a document with a proposed schedule for floating solar project in Buncombe County.
- Floating solar arrays tend to generate more electricity than ground solar arrays because the temperatures are cooler. Floating solar arrays can also increase the amount of clean water supply and capacity.
- Chairman Newman asked if the Subcommittee would like to make a formal recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.



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- Sybil Tate stated the next budget work session will be on April 26th. Tate also stated if the Subcommittee was to bring it before the Commissioner at the next budget session a requested amount would need to be included as a placeholder.
- Please see Innovative Solar Projects under Agendas & Minutes for full document.

Review of Future Meetings

- Sybil Tate presented a review of future meetings.
- The next meeting will be on May 20, 2022 in-person at 200 College Street, Room 310, Asheville, NC 28806

Adjourn

- *Parker Sloan made a motion to adjourn at 12:11pm, and the motion passed with all in favor.*