

# LOPEZ SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT REGULAR MANAGING BOARD MEETING

## APPROVED MINUTES

THURSDAY, March 17, 2016  
LOPEZ ISLAND FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM  
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Approved 4/21/16

Board members present: Dan Post, Tytti Langford, Judy Meyer, Jim Lombard, Bruce Creps

Board member absent: Sandy Bishop

Others present: Facilities Manager David Zapalac, Facilities Administrator Gary Lawrence, TOEC Nikyta Palmisani

Guest: David Williams

1. Dan called the meeting to order at 3:03PM, noting two additions to the agenda: furniture for the LSWDD office and chain of command.
2. **Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the February 25, 2016 called Special Meeting.** A correction to the Feb 18th minutes under Management was added to clarify that the resolution was voted on and approved 5/0/0. **The motion to approve minutes was approved unanimously.**
3. Treasurer's report: **Bruce moved approval of the quarterly statement (see Appendix 1).** **The motion was approved unanimously.** Several claims forms were signed by board members present.
4. Update on David Williams' appointment: The county ordinance currently states that our Board should be 3-5 members, and our bylaws cannot contradict that. The county will need to write a new ordinance saying we can have 3-7 members. John Cain, Deputy Prosecutor is working on this.
5. Office furniture: Larry Eppenbach has designed furniture for the office and estimated it would cost ~ \$650 if built from new materials. The Board prefers that used/repurposed materials be used. Nikyta will put the word out that we are looking for used office furniture or materials for construction, and if nothing materializes in a month, buying used furniture from a used office supply store is a reasonable alternative. Board will discuss it next month.

6. Chain of command: Mark Herrenkohl has been going to David directly, which increases David's already full workload. David was directed to have Mark contact the Board for any policy issues.
7. Staff reports and Board action if noted in report or requested:

**Manager's monthly report: See Appendix 2.** As a courtesy David will notify the county that we will be repaving. We discussed placing the metal sign created by Kevin Roth on the gate and whether to put it on a wooden board. Jim said he preferred that it be put on the wooden fence to the left of the gate. **Judy moved that the sign be put on the gate with David deciding whether or not to mount it on a board. The motion passed 4/1/0** with Jim voting against it.

**Administrator's report: See Appendix 3.** Gary was asked to separate glass from garbage in the annual summary on the upper right of the document and note it as glass to reclamation as he has done elsewhere in the report. He was also asked to clarify that the TIOLI data are not for a full year as was done in the annual report.

**Training, Outreach and Education Coordinator's report: See Appendix 4.** Nikyta was asked to provide L&I with a list of individuals and hours worked as part of Great Islands Cleanup.

8. Committee reports:

**OPS: Select contractor for paving** Two bids have been received: Lawson Construction for \$31,835 and Lakeside Industries of Anacortes for \$39,688. Both would use Lopez Sand and Gravel for the initial work of cutting and removing old asphalt. OPS recommends accepting the Lawson bid. **Jim moved that we accept the Lawson bid; the motion pass unanimously.**

*Glass:* The Board discussed the memo sent to County Council by Brian Vincent. Sandy has expressed her opinion in a recent email: "Because I can't be at the LSWDD meeting I wanted to express my opinion. I like the recommendation except for the last two sentences. I think they should be deleted - I placed ( ) around them. As a managing board it is up to us to inform the voters and our constituents of our business. In my opinion neither PW or the County Council need ever get formally involved in our management decisions. Besides, we do not have members nor to we have annual meetings. I am all in favor of us bringing this issue out further into the public awareness and we discussed this today at the PR meeting. But I am in favor of the LSWDD board deciding when and how we will do this."

**Bruce moved that the Board send a memo to County Council and Brian Vincent thanking them for their efforts and asking them to remove the last two sentences from the Annual Review section. The motion**

**passed unanimously.** Sandy needs to send the memo as Chair of the Board, and Judy offered to write the first draft.

*Litter form:* Mark has asked for our feedback on a form he proposed be filled out when beach litter is brought in. We noted we already enter much of this information in LISSY and asking for our customers to fill out an additional form would slow down the line at the kiosk. The Board asked Gary to write Mark with this feedback.

*Metal recycling:* Jim reported that the efforts to separate metals has resulted in our receiving higher prices for the materials. Thanks to the group who does this!

**MANAGEMENT:** Did not meet.

**TIOLI** – A work group has been formed to do some spring cleaning. Some structural repairs are needed and individuals were identified who might be willing to do it. Hummel House will be available for the June volunteer appreciation Texas barbeque.

**PR** – The discussion of the procedures document included the issues raised by SWAP, which will require some editing of the website review procedures. Concern was raised about the final approval for publications resting with the PR committee, noting that the committee will be speaking for the Board but without Board approval. This effectively puts that committee above the Board. Board members said they wanted to know what was going to be coming out in a newsletter or newspaper so that they would be informed when asked about it. The logistical difficulties of the entire Board editing material were described. Board members said they would be satisfied if they were sent material 24 hours before it was posted, which would give them the opportunity to voice any major concerns. The PR committee will revise the procedures in light of this discussion, and bring it to the next Board meeting.

Based on the PR committee's recommendation, **Judy moved that the casual name be Lopez Island Dump.** After some discussion, **the motion was approved 4/1/0** with Jim voting against the motion.

#### 9. **Other reports** –

SWAP – They hope to have a new Board in place soon.

SWAC – No report

10. **New business** – Mark Herrenkohl has asked the Board whether it would support San Juan County banning single use plastic bags. The Board brought up several issues: has this been an effective strategy based on the experience in other places; what is the carbon footprint of single use paper vs. single use

plastic; would stores simply switch to a thicker plastic bag; if such an ordinance were proposed it would be best to put it to a vote as was done for the GMO ordinances; would a charge per bag rather than a ban be more effective. Nikyta agreed to respond to Mark based on this discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm. Next regular board meeting is April 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Meyer,

Secretary

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## APPENDIX 1



## Income Statement (unaudited), Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015

INCOME STATEMENT -- CASH BASIS	2015 Budget	ACTUAL
	12 months	12 months
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Beginning Cash	114,819	149,037
Tax Levy Revenue	115,000	113,894
Excise Tax Revenue	48,860	59,811
Grant Revenue - DOE	17,959	23,300
Garbage Tip Fee Revenue	118,650	149,177
Recyclables Sales Revenue	14,000	12,639
Recyclables Tip Fee Revenue	8,300	7,992
Donations	10,000	10,731
Misc. Revenue		38
Refuse Tax	4,270	5,357
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>337,039</b>	<b>382,939</b>
<b>Total Revenue and Beginning Cash</b>	<b>451,858</b>	<b>531,976</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Wages & Benefits	143,850	120,533
Office & Operating Supplies	8,000	1,208
Fuel	5,000	2,565
Small Tools & Equipment	9,000	2,605
Accounting and Professional Services	7,500	7,050
Advertising and Public Outreach	1,000	371
SJC Admin. and Legacy Fees	38,302	38,302
Communications	1,800	1,768
Travel	-	715
Taxes, Other	2,500	1,826
Rentals and Leases		175
Insurance	16,500	14,384
Utility Services	900	657
Garbage Tip Fees Paid	40,850	44,425
Garbage Transportation Expenditure	10,000	7,811
Recyclables Tip Fees Paid	5,700	4,037
Recyclables Transportation Exp.	8,000	7,754
Repairs and Maintenance	12,000	6,457
Fees & Dues	200	97
Hazardous Waste Expense Allowance	3,000	49
Permits and Licenses	3,000	1,264
Ballot and Levy Measures	1,000	-
Refuse Tax Payment	4,270	4,158
Debt Service: Principal	9,021	9,021
Interest Expense	1,133	1,132
Facility Improvements	32,000	23,069
Machinery and Equipment	3,000	1,413
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>367,526</b>	<b>302,846</b>
Ending Cash	84,332	229,130
<b>Total Expenditures and Ending Cash</b>	<b>451,858</b>	<b>531,976</b>

NOTES: 1. Reconciled with County

## Appendix 1 (con't)

NOTES to Income Statement Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015

This statement has not been subjected to outside review or audit. However, each of the revenue and expenditure lines and totals has been reconciled with financial records maintained by San Juan County. The following explains the annotated lines on the income statement.

1. Tax Levy Receivable (unpaid taxes) as of Dec. 31, 2015 was \$4,597.
2. More than 90% of these cash donations were received from our partner organization Solid Waste Alternatives Program, SWAP, as a result of their programs. In addition to the donations reported here, SWAP also donated in-kind: \$3,747 worth of materials, web support, and levy campaign support; plus, many hours toward recruitment and support of volunteers and other District needs.
3. Not reflected in this statement are the 3,265 volunteer hours logged on site; or volunteer labor by board members, staff, SWAP, and other community members.
4. This is our annual fee paid to the county for administration, and for legacy costs of county solid waste operations including payments for old bonds, and monitoring and testing of landfill sites.
5. Of this amount, \$22,669 was for addition of four concrete slabs at the z-wall.
6. As of Dec. 31, 2015, in addition to cash we had an Accounts Receivable balance of \$2,502. This amount was not recorded as 2015 revenue because we are on a cash-basis. There were no inventories or Accounts Payable as of year-end. A list of assets is available upon request.

## APPENDIX 2 Solid Waste Facility Manager's Monthly Report

Date Issued: March 11, 2016

### SAFETY

On February 21<sup>st</sup> one of our volunteers tripped and fell during her shift at TIOLI. The main contributing factor in the accident was a suitcase that had been left in the aisle by a customer. The volunteer visited the Lopez Clinic the following day and had her wrist examined. An L&I claim was filed and approved for payment and she was able to return to work the following week for her regular TIOLI shift.

The "Bicycle Parking" sign has been installed in the grass area to the south of the exit driveway.

### GENERAL

#### OPERATIONS/ONGOING ISSUES:

We have been collecting clamshells in the Other Plastics 1-7 bin and have been storing the accumulating materials in the vertical baler. We should have a complete bale by 3/13. Since we no longer collect clamshell and molded plastic containers in the commingled tippler, the daily volume of material in the tippler has been reduced to about ¼ of the previous volume. At this rate it is estimated that we will need to haul the 40 cubic yard commingled container only once per year. Our commingle mix in the Recycle Plaza is now consisting mainly of tetra- pack containers and paper milk cartons.

Two bids were received for the Z-wall Plaza resurfacing project. The OPS Committee is reviewing the proposals and will make a recommendation to the Managing Board for the selection of the contractor.

Kevin Roth of San Juan Island has crafted a very creative and unique sign for our entrance gate in the form of a metal sculpture fabricated out of various scrap steel items. Kevin has presented the sign as a gift to LSWDD.

We saw a slight increase in price for our plastics sold to Skagit River Steel and Recycling during the month of February. #2HDPE Cloudy increased by one cent over December prices to .10/lb and #2 HDPE Solid Color increased by four cents to .04/lb. Corrugated cardboard fell from \$52/ton to \$44/ton in the same period.

#### CUSTOMER/VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK:

We have had several comments thanking us for the alkaline battery information. It was mentioned that it was well written and explained everything they needed to know.

We have had one request for yard waste and food scraps composting. It was explained that we simply do not have the room for composting at the facility.

APPENDIX 3

Facility Administrator's Board Report  
 March 11th, 2016  
 Gary Lawrence, Facility Administrator

Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District (LSWDD) 2014-2016

In Tons	Total Year	YTD Through February		
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Aluminum Cans	2.7	0.72	0.27	0.47
Cardboard	48.0	7.21	8.38	10.00
Commingled Recyclables	14.5	5.26	-	-
E-Cycle	5.0	-	-	-
Ferrous Metals	30.5	0.68	4.40	-
Glass	95.8	-	-	-
Mixed Paper/Newsprint	81.5	22.44	10.90	12.16
Non-Ferrous Metals	1.4	-	0.71	0.25
Other	4.9	1.73	1.80	3.25
Plastics	14.0	2.94	3.16	2.59
TIOLI	-	-	11.49	21.78
TIOLI Discards	-	-	0.08	1.39
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>298.3</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>41.03</b>	<b>49.11</b>
Garbage	425.0	67.68	55.45	55.32
Glass - reclamation project	15.0	8.00	8.00	14.90
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>440.0</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>63.45</b>	<b>70.22</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>738.3</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>104.48</b>	<b>119.32</b>

Full Year Annual Rate	2013 Full Year Rate	2014 Full Year Rate	2015 Full Year Rate
Recycle	40%	35%	39%
Garbage	60%	65%	61%

Year to Date			
Garbage	Tons	Recycle/Reuse	Tons
2014	76	2014	41
2015	63	2015	41
2016	70	2016	49

  

Garbage Rate	%	Recycle Rate	%
2014	65%	2014	35%
2015	61%	2015	39%
2016	59%	2016	41%

2016 Monthly in lbs	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	Tons
Aluminum Cans	480	460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	940	0.47
Cardboard	11,437	8,553	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,990	10.00
Commingled Recyclables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E-Cycle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ferrous Metal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed Paper	-	24,320	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,320	12.16
Non-Ferrous Metal	508	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	508	0.25
Other	4,300	2,202	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,502	3.25
Plastics	2,783	2,394	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,177	2.59
TIOLI	23,016	20,540	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,556	21.78
TIOLI Discards	2,000	776	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,776	1.39
<b>Recycle/Reuse Subtotal</b>	<b>40,524</b>	<b>57,693</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>98,217</b>	<b>49.11</b>
Garbage	53,480	57,160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,640	55.3
Glass - reclamation project	14,790	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,790	14.9
<b>Garbage/Glass Subtotal</b>	<b>68,270</b>	<b>72,160</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>140,430</b>	<b>70.22</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>108,794</b>	<b>129,853</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>238,647</b>	<b>119.32</b>

2015 Monthly in lbs	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	Tons
Aluminum Cans	-	541	-	-	-	1,789	867	1,270	431	516	482	523	6,419	3.21
Cardboard	7,713	9,049	9,769	5,817	6,515	16,033	15,116	13,194	14,054	8,407	9,464	9,850	124,981	62.49
Commingled Recyclables	-	-	8,400	-	-	-	5,460	-	-	-	-	8,400	22,260	11.13
E-Cycle	-	-	-	-	3,522	-	-	5,204	-	-	4,783	-	13,509	6.73
Ferrous Metal	-	8,800	-	-	22,600	-	-	22,584	-	-	24,829	300	79,113	39.56
Mixed Paper	-	21,800	-	23,440	-	22,320	21,280	21,260	20,560	24,220	-	22,688	177,368	88.78



## APPENDIX 3 (con't)

Facility Administrator's Board Report  
March 11th, 2016  
Gary Lawrence, Facility Administrator

<b>Non-Ferrous Metal</b>	1,291	123	-	-	-	234	-	183	97	73	236	3,000	5,237	2.62
<b>Other</b>	3,037	560	3,895	1,055	2,707	6,364	2,354	1,430	884	2,979	679	1,265	27,209	13.60
<b>Plastics</b>	3,943	2,380	422	-	1,627	9,349	4,153	4,852	4,074	2,684	3,036	3,486	40,006	20.00
<b>TIOLI</b>	10,881	12,093	13,332	22,039	31,568	27,476	30,007	24,977	24,871	21,736	16,542	14,626	250,147	125.07
<b>TIOLI Discards</b>	-	160	773	183	470	1,094	533	514	266	930	1,579	218	6,722	3.36
<b>Recycle/Resuse Subtotal</b>	<b>26,865</b>	<b>55,186</b>	<b>35,043</b>	<b>52,168</b>	<b>68,069</b>	<b>82,471</b>	<b>78,704</b>	<b>94,440</b>	<b>64,705</b>	<b>59,685</b>	<b>58,472</b>	<b>63,920</b>	<b>739,727</b>	<b>369.86</b>
<b>Garbage</b>	54,500	56,400	91,020	72,800	66,700	79,300	121,040	88,880	71,460	72,780	78,460	78,480	931,820	465.91
<b>Glass - reclamation project</b>	16,000	-	16,000	16,000	16,000	15,160	47,370	29,010	17,360	12,470	19,330	30,360	235,060	117.91
<b>Garbage/Glass Subtotal</b>	<b>70,500</b>	<b>56,400</b>	<b>107,020</b>	<b>88,800</b>	<b>82,700</b>	<b>94,460</b>	<b>168,610</b>	<b>117,890</b>	<b>88,820</b>	<b>85,250</b>	<b>97,790</b>	<b>109,400</b>	<b>1,167,640</b>	<b>583.82</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>97,365</b>	<b>111,586</b>	<b>142,063</b>	<b>140,968</b>	<b>150,769</b>	<b>176,931</b>	<b>247,314</b>	<b>212,330</b>	<b>153,525</b>	<b>144,935</b>	<b>156,262</b>	<b>173,320</b>	<b>1,907,367</b>	<b>953.68</b>

2014 Monthly In lbs	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	Tons
<b>Aluminum Cans</b>	1,017	427	-	443	449	543	870	932	895	431	-	989	6,996	3.50
<b>Cardboard</b>	10,845	3,569	8,939	6,077	8,643	4,884	16,796	9,040	13,251	7,341	6,315	11,032	106,932	53.50
<b>Commingled Recyclables</b>	10,520	-	371	988	-	-	8,980	-	4,900	194	365	4,127	24,400	12.20
<b>E-Cycle</b>	-	-	-	5,173	-	-	-	-	7,041	-	-	2,320	14,536	7.30
<b>Ferrous Metal</b>	1,360	-	-	35,500	-	-	33,480	-	16,680	-	16,700	-	103,720	51.90
<b>Mixed Paper</b>	26,936	17,944	2,846	47,318	-	21,040	38,620	-	17,640	22,260	21,360	22,480	238,444	119.20
<b>Non-Ferrous Metal</b>	-	-	371	988	-	-	-	-	198	194	365	4,127	6,243	3.10
<b>Other</b>	-	3,450	825	2,125	80	7,268	2,025	40	80	605	2,373	2,735	21,628	10.50
<b>Plastics</b>	4,603	1,277	3,199	4,245	5,462	2,919	8,798	3,030	5,535	2,177	2,445	1,651	45,341	22.60
<b>TIOLI</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,922	15,060	13,212	25,331	12,333	94,858	47.40
<b>Recycle/Resuse Subtotal</b>	<b>55,281</b>	<b>26,667</b>	<b>16,551</b>	<b>102,859</b>	<b>14,634</b>	<b>36,654</b>	<b>109,569</b>	<b>41,964</b>	<b>81,280</b>	<b>46,614</b>	<b>73,256</b>	<b>61,814</b>	<b>663,098</b>	<b>331.30</b>
<b>Garbage</b>	78,940	56,420	70,720	61,460	72,040	94,720	99,500	91,680	100,800	76,160	85,700	53,620	941,760	471.00
<b>Glass - reclamation project</b>	16,000	-	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	32,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	192,000	96.00
<b>Garbage/Glass Subtotal</b>	<b>94,940</b>	<b>56,420</b>	<b>86,720</b>	<b>77,460</b>	<b>88,040</b>	<b>110,720</b>	<b>131,500</b>	<b>107,680</b>	<b>116,800</b>	<b>92,160</b>	<b>101,700</b>	<b>69,620</b>	<b>1,133,760</b>	<b>567.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>150,221</b>	<b>83,087</b>	<b>103,271</b>	<b>180,319</b>	<b>102,674</b>	<b>147,374</b>	<b>241,069</b>	<b>149,644</b>	<b>198,080</b>	<b>138,774</b>	<b>176,956</b>	<b>131,434</b>	<b>1,796,858</b>	<b>898.30</b>

Notes on Spreadsheet  
Oil Waste is calculated at 7.5 lbs per gallon  
Tires are calculated at 25 lbs each  
2016 Recycling Other contains 3645 lbs of Textiles

## APPENDIX 4

### **March 2016 Board Report Training, Education and Outreach Coordinator**

#### **Training / Volunteers:**

Metrics: 82% shifts filled for February. Goal was 86%. There is a continued discussion about the challenges of having an off site volunteer coordinator with meeting the goals of shift coverage, as there is a lack of communication between our LSWDD goals with the volunteer coordinator. Our volunteer coordinator has agreed to use Google calendar reminders as a possible method to increase awareness of where open shifts are and take action before operating hours.

- See Administrators report attached.
- 2 current volunteers trained in TIOLI, cross trained in Recycled plaza

Volunteer Recruitment: the management committee has suggested speaking at service groups as a path to recruit potential new volunteers. See Outreach for actions taken.

#### **Education:**

- Nikyta is continuing to partner with Alex Nellie's 5<sup>th</sup> grade math class. These students will now be the ambassadors of the Zero Waste Challenge. Students have identified that paper towel usage in the classroom is their major source of waste. We did calculations resulting in an average of 400 lb of paper towel waste currently going to the landfill. Students are designing a system to collect paper towels and working in collaboration with garden compost program to get these out of the waste stream. Concepts of aerobic vs anaerobic breakdown discussed and resulting methane from anaerobic landfilling of compostable material as it contributes to green house gas emissions covered, including the simple mathematic calculations. The students are very excited to be putting a hands on, student led solution in place for the whole school. They will be strategizing about how to present their project and findings to their peers at the Earth Day assembly. Students continue to be impressed by how many diversion streams LSWDD creates for Lopezians.
- Nikyta also went into the school World Art class in partnership with the BLM and Kwiaht, to do education around beach trash, plastics, and the surfactants that stick to the plastics from run off into our Salish Sea. The students are designing sculptures of Salish Sea marine life: one sculpin fish, one Puffin bird, one Sea Turtle, all out of found beach trash. The designs are done, and artist Kevin Roth, who created our new sign out of found metal, is helping them build solid armatures. The sculptures will be completed by Earth Day, and exhibited in the Lopez School Library with detailed descriptions of the process of building them, the issues presented, and local actions being taken to work on solutions—like the GICU.
- Textile Recycling education: The TIOLI Committee project of 18' x 4' textile mural depicting the Lopez landscape using up-cycled

fabrics and textiles from the TIOLI design has been completed. The whole mural has been laid out and background fabrics unified. They are breath-taking. After presenting to enchanted quilters we have enough individuals to now work on the project on their own, with the goal of completion tentatively slated by June 17<sup>th</sup> for the Summer Volunteer Appreciation party. The mural will be displayed in the summer at the TIOLI and then move to the LCCA on Aug 5 (Community Center) as an art show around the importance of textile recycling. This show will be in conjunction with Trashion Fashion, in the lobby.

#### **Outreach :**

##### **Service Groups:**

- March 8, TEOC went to Enchanted Quilters monthly meeting, spoke to 25 members about textile recycling, shared beginnings of textile mural and one more member offered to help, educated members about the effects of textiles production (20 Billion garments purchased in US in one year alone, 85% of which go to the landfill. One shirt uses 1,320 gallons of water to produce, and produced 9 lbs of carbon emissions into the environment.) TEOC highlighted the work volunteers do at TIOLI to recycle textiles through Goodwill industries.
- Educated Transitions Lopez Island about how LSWDD helps reduce emissions via diverting waste streams into recycling and reuse. Also shared textile recycling education as an example, and encouraged participants to continue to be part of the solution by volunteering. Also encouraged GICU participation.

##### **Events:**

- Great Islands Clean Up (GICU) planning meetings are underway, Nikyta will use this event as a platform to continue to recruit new volunteers, and thank existing ones.
- Lopez GICU sponsor list continues to expand, now including: Lopez Library, Transitions Lopez, Blossom has offered to donate snacks. SWAP has offered to support the event fiscally, and will purchase morning treats from local businesses with new owners from Lopez Coffee shop and
- Earth Day planning for the school: Nikyta went to the ASB to see if they would like to join the GICU, and Earth Day planning. There has been no response. Nikyta will follow up with overseeing teacher.

##### **PR Committee:**

- Nikyta, Sandy and Judy have finalized the template design for the LSWDD Newsletter, and are continuing to work on designing the updated and new theme for the LSWDD website. We now are working on the Spring newsletter.

**Ongoing:**

Committees:

- Nikyta was present at both the TIOLI committee monthly meeting, and Trashion Fashion Steering Committee meetings.

Data Collection:

- Weighing of TIOLI donations was done 3 times in February, with larger than expected results for the first two days (between 1600-2000 lbs), and smaller than expected on the last (480 lbs).