

Tri-County Solid Waste and Recycling Plan – Meeting Four Minutes

August 29, 2024 10:00AM Virtual (Zoom)

In attendance

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Staff Present

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Tyler Carpenter (Greater Egypt) opened the meeting with introductions of staff and attendees. Staff reviewed the planning completed since the last meeting in early 2024. Staff reviewed participation from communities in the Tri-County. The remaining municipalities will be contacted to meet the participation requirement.

Staff reviewed the Public and Hauler Surveys. Most respondents were from Mt. Vernon and Benton. Republic Services is the hauler for eighty percent of the respondents. The most important waste and recycling issues mentioned were: needing a compost/yard waste facility, community needs a recycling drop off location and municipality needs a curbside recycling program. The needs for more recycling and waste options is a large concern for residents.

Four businesses replied to the hauler survey. Most of them operate in more than the Tri-County Area. Republic Services offer most services in the area including commercial trash and recycling. Hauler responses were reviewed and will be detailed in the plan.

Staff reviewed the public education and outreach component needed for the plan. This will include information and messaging, public meetings, waste pickup events and a residential survey during the planning process. Management measures were also discussed. These will be needed from the communities and Advisory Committee. The remaining planning timeline was presented.

Meeting adjourned.