



Town of Southwest Ranches Zero Waste Advisory Board Minutes

April 1, 2025
7:00 pm

Board Members

Rose Allbritton, Rick Conrad, Debbie Green,
Harold Gubnitsky

Council Liaison

David Kuczenski

Staff Liaison

Dan Stewart

Members present:

Rose Allbritton
Rick Conrad
Harold Gubnitsky
Debbie Green

Council present:

Jim Allbritton
David Kuczenski

Members absent:

Others present:

See attendance sheet

Staff present:

Dan Stewart

Call to order at 7:03 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the March 2025 meeting.

Rick Conrad motioned to approve the March 2025 minutes. Rose Allbritton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Harold shared about his participation at Zero Waste Forum and that Russell represented the Town proud. There were many presentations by different presenters sharing different zero waste initiatives. There was a focus on composting on today's schedule. Discussion on alternative ways to stop waste from entering landfills. 62 incinerators exist today, and unfortunately Florida is at the top of the list. Harold connected with a representative from Deerfield and looks forward to building on that relationship. Harold also spoke with someone from Jupiter, who is behind us in zero waste initiatives. We can learn from some and help others move along in implementing zero waste processes.

The Town Birthday Party should be a great event to share information and hold an educational event. Giveaway for participating in some educational video or game and secondary giveaway (Aluminum Mug with Southwest Ranches logo that Council has), for signing up for WM Tour. Town will be using cloth tablecloths, and aluminum water bottles.

Recycle Tour picked for April 30th. We will keep a few slots available to town staff. Let's look at a future date in later June. Dan to follow up 3-5 minute video for mini virtual WM tour.

Alignment of the Zero Waste Advisory Board and Zero Waste Task Force.

Board Vacancy will reach out to Isabelle

The advisory board shared it's disappointment in what was presented by town staff and shift in the path than what was previously discussed. Board requesting that Dan request the status of the RFP and we will review the approach for Scope of Work, as presented by town staff. Board asked what the timeframe is for both paths.

For next meeting : Birthday Celebration / RFP or Approach for Scope of Work prepared by Staff

Old Business – to follow up on RFP draft to be presented next meeting

Staff Comments – There is a board vacancy to be filled.

Board Comments - Rose talked with the Principal at Hawke's Bluff about future recycling/zero waste initiative education programs

March 30th is International Zero Waste Day. Requested that staff earmark this date for next year to put on the Town Calendar and we plan for an event.

April 5th is the Sikh Youth 5K run/walk to benefit the Town of Southwest Ranches Scholarship Fund

Next meeting May 6th

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.