



Town of Southwest Ranches Zero Waste Advisory Board Minutes

August 5, 2025
7:00 pm

Board Members

Rose Allbritton, Rick Conrad, Debbie Green,
Harold Gubnitsky Jessica Hartmann

Council Liaison

David Kuczenski

Staff Liaison

Dan Stewart

Members present:

Rick Conrad
Harold Gubnitsky
Debbie Green
Jessica Hartmann

Staff present:

Dan Stewart

Council present:

Bob Hartmann
David Kuczenski

Members absent:

Rose Allbritton

Others present:

Linda Flack

Call to order at 7:00 PM

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

Rick Conrad motioned to approve the June 2025 minutes to be amended with correct Council present. Jessica seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Harold suggested that we start a district recycling contest, with the cooperation of WM. Barbara at WM thought there could be a way of sampling. This would create some friendly competition among districts and some kind of reward at the end, such as a picnic. Dan will also follow up on future tour dates and scheduling one on a Saturday.

Broward SWA Update – Debbie shared that at the last Executive Committee meeting a motion was made and passed to instruct the consultants to change the language in the Scenario A (the recommendation) to say that while no incineration or waste-to-energy is contemplated at this time, if there is for a need in the future it could only be placed at an existing incineration / waste-to-energy site.

Jessica found a company, Sneaker Impact, that picks up used shoes and recycles them. Jessica will follow up on more information.

Dan will follow up with Women in Distress to participate in the October 11th Shred/HHW event to add a reuse and repurpose section.

Recap of Birthday Party. Residents were happy to stop by and excited with the Town's progress. Everyone had lots fun and great turn out . For next event, we should get a banner for Zero Waste table and Recycle & Compost bins.

Meeting requested to talk about concerns of the Zero Waste Advisory Consultant RFP process.

A suggestion was shared to possibly add a Composting Tent at Farmers Market to have drop off composting.

Rick Conrad motioned to publish the bullet points below in the September Newsletter and for Debbie to coordinate with Town staff for the article to be included in the Town's September Newsletter. Jessica Hartmann seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

SWA good news

More recycling tours to be schedule in coordination with WM for interested residents and targeting a weekend tour(come see for yourself how our recycled trash is actually sorted and prepared to be sold to be repurposed)

Limited number of spots left to sign up for the pilot Residential Compost Program – please contact Town Hall to add your name to be included in the program! In the first week they picked up 2,000 lbs of compost.

Recycling contest between districts

For next meeting : Update on RFP process, Update on Broward Solid Waste Authority

Rancher Academy – each department of Town gives a presentation on how things work in Town

Next meeting – September 2, 2025

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.