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**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BLAINE COUNTY  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JULY 2012 SESSION**

**RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM**

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**Seventh Day – Evening Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 17, 2012**

Pursuant to Statutory Provisions, the Board of Blaine County Commissioners (BCC) met this day at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Angenie McCleary, Vice Chairman Tom Bowman, Commissioner Lawrence Schoen; Operations Director Char Nelson; Southern Idaho Solid Waste District (SISWD) Executive Director Josh Bartlomé; SISWD Outreach Coordinator Amy Windle; Blaine County Planning Assistant Michele Johnson; Blaine County Recycle Center Supervisor Lamar Waters; Blaine County Recycling Advisory Committee members Mike Goitiandia, Josh Bartlomé, Mike Thompson, Joyce Allgaier, Cathy Tyson-Foster, Claudia Gaeddert; Winn's Compost owners Winn and Patricia Weaver; Britta Grimberg; and Recording Secretary Sunny Grant.

Chairman McCleary called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

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**RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Blaine County took over management of the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station Resource and Recovery Center about 18 months ago. Blaine County wants its recycle center to serve the needs of the community, be environmentally sound, and sustainable. The Recycle Center is supported by the sale of recycled materials, and subsidized by transfer station tipping fees.

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An advisory committee was formed in 2011 to research cost-benefit best practices for different methods of recycling. The four main methods of residential recycling are:

- 30 • Single Stream – resident puts all recyclables together. They are sorted at a materials recovery facility (MRF).
- 31 • Dual Stream – resident sorts into fibers (newspaper, mixed paper, magazines) and everything else
- 32 • Modified Resident Sort – resident sorts into fibers (all papers), metals and plastics
- 33 • Resident Sort – recyclables are sorted into individual bins by the resident.

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The committee recommends a Modified Resident Sort for Blaine County. Modified Resident Sort produces high quality product and almost as much revenue as Resident Sort, but is more convenient for the customer. The resident will use three curbside bins for fibers (all papers), metals, and plastics 1-5. Plastics 6 and 7 are considered contaminants. The committee recommended the BCC adopt a curbside Modified Resident Sort method to begin October 1, 2012.

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The committee recommended glass no longer be put in curbside bins. Glass can be taken to drop-off locations and the recycle center. Glass in curbside bins can get broken, which has caused injury to the hauler, and recycle center staff and equipment. Glass is not currently recycled, but is crushed and put in a holding bin at Ohio Gulch. Glass is inert and does not cause any environmental concerns.

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Corrugated cardboard, which is a valuable recycled product, will continue to be received at drop-off locations due to its bulk.

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The committee will formulate an outreach and advertising campaign to educate the community on the benefits and profit of recycling. The committee hopes the new sort method will increase the number of recyclers, and the amount of recyclables by at least 30%.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Residents thanked the committee for their in-depth research. The recommendation should make recycling easier. Communication is necessary. Start with kids and in-school programs.

The BCC was impressed with the committee’s thorough research, and their conclusions.

**Schoen moved, seconded by Bowman, to adopt the recommendations of the Recycle Advisory Committee, in total, as a matter of policy, and to make the program of recycling uniform at the two transfer stations, so that what’s available at Ohio Gulch is also available at Carey Transfer Station, and to initiate the process of developing an education and outreach program prior to program implementation on October 1, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Blaine County Resource and Recovery Center Name Change**

The BCC discussed changing the recycle center’s name from Blaine County Resource and Recovery Center to Recycle Center in coordination with the new curbside Modified Resident Sort method. Schoen noted that the recycle center is also a recovery center, and takes old appliances, computers, batteries, household hazardous waste, etc.

**ADJOURN**

At the hour of 7:12 p.m., the BCC finding no more business before them adjourned.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
JoLynn Drage Angenie McCleary  
County Clerk Chairman