



ENRAC Agenda

September 10, 2025 4:00 – 5:30pm

Attendees

Members: Charli Carroll, Michael Hughes, Ankit Koirala, Damilola Olajubutu, Tere O'Rourke, Jason Schindler, & Sydney Tamplin
Absent: Jackson Rheuben
Staff/Guests: Sean McGuire & Bailey Payne, Benton County Staff

Welcome – Jason Schindler

4:00

- *Open Meeting*
- *Icebreaker Question – Sydney Tamplin: What is your go-to item to get at the Farmers Market? Charli Carroll will have Icebreaker for October.*

Group Updates – Jason Schindler

- *Upcoming Events & Member Updates*

Update on Coffin Butte & State Waste Management Task Force – Sean McGuire

Sean provided a brief update on the status of Republic Services' appeal to expand Coffin Butte. The County's Planning Commission voted to reject the expansion of Coffin Butte, and Republic Services appealed that decision. Public hearings will occur in October, and the Board of Commissioners will decide in November. Sean also shared that the state's newly created Solid Waste Management Task Force is accepting applications, but no word yet of status or calendar.

Develop ENRAC Workplan – Jason Schindler & Sydney Tamplin

Springboarding from August's meeting on solid and materials management, Jason & Sydney guided ENRAC to develop a workplan. The following are issues to consider and action items:

- The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition & OSU partnered to develop a report about composting that can be found [here](#).

Recommended Action: Survey in Rural Areas

- Surveys cannot currently be funded by RMA.
- Benton County can use its Public Information Office.
- Focus on rural areas
- Jurisdictional opportunities: rural & urban areas have same services, similar to adjacent counties. Rural rates are established. RMA is now focused on eastern & wester counties that did not have bins & trucks.
- Survey to focus on sorting; decrease contamination

- Educational materials in the survey/assessment
- Potential of interviews
- Use monetary/fiscal savings as hook to reduce waste
- Explore Block Captain moving out to the rural areas; potential to work with Gleaners, local organizations, Granges, etc.
- Recycle On will print materials for free.
- Coalition's Waste Action Team has materials for ENRAC to emulate

Action Items

Sean: Ask Jeannette Hardison to meet. Sydney & Charli. Ask Jeannette if she wants to attend October.

Sean: Grange list from PIO

Sydney: Will research [Coalition's Waste Action Team](#)

Sydney: Marys River Grange near Gathering Together

Jason: Talk with Wren Grange & Philomath Gleaners for thoughts and/or join in October.

Benton County Climate Adaptation Plan – Sean McGuire

Sean shared that the County is beginning to develop a Climate Adaptation Plan for Benton County government. Sean asked members for their perspectives and recommendations of important topics or issues that should be included:

- NAPE: plant natives; drought resistant plants
- What type of plants will adapt to new climate?
- Resilience hubs, especially in rural areas; cooling/warming centers
- Reactions/Planning for extreme events: freezing, heat
- Review of Codes to make it easier to build the "right kinds of stuff" not build "wrong kinds of stuff"
- Social ecology part of equation; how are people dealing with adaptation. Not just education, but really understand humans are part of the ecology, not separate from it. And that needs to be appreciated. Systems thinking to adapt to the world. Building redundancy to address climate stress. Might not be part of Government plan specifically, but addressed upfront.
- Diseases & insect: health issues.
- Increased population impacts
- Warning alerts for extreme events; especially in rural areas
- Water usage; conservation

Benton County Updates – Sean McGuire

Future Meetings, Wrap-Up, & Next Steps

- *Sean reviewed the action items from earlier discussions.*

Adjourn

5:30