

OKALOOSA COUNTY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Grandy at 1:06 p.m.

2. Committee Members and Staff

Members Present:

Amanda Grandy, Chairman  
Sharon McAuliffe, Vice-Chairman  
Rip Coleman (Via ZOOM)  
Nicholas Hall  
Jill Hoglund (Via ZOOM)  
Kimberly Hopkins (Via ZOOM)  
Freda Meyer-Kuhl  
Stephen Wolfrom  
Renee Wood

Staff Present:

Scott Henson  
Jim Reece  
Janet Thompson

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion:	Approve the agenda as presented.
Made by:	Stephen Wolfrom
Seconded by:	Nicholas Hall
Disposition:	Approved unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes from 12/15/2020

Motion:	Approve the minutes as submitted.
Made by:	Nicholas Hall
Seconded by:	Renee Wood
Disposition:	Approved unanimously

5. Old Business:

There was no old business

6. New Business:

a. RAC Discussion:

1. Business/Commercial - Gold Star Program

Members discussed having a tiered program - Bronze, Silver, Gold.

2. Technology

Several links have been provided to the Liaison in regard to this item.

3. Public Education

Members discussed the inconsistent recycling information from individual waste vendors on their web sites. Staff pointed out that ECUA is not the exclusive recycling processor for the other companies, only for Okaloosa County and their contractor. Therefore, other companies may be dealing with alternate disposal facilities which have a different set of rules and regulations.

Members agreed that schools are an important battleground and the Chairman will speak to the Superintendent to see what programs are in place and how to proceed.

Available resources were discussed, including the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance and FloridaDEP.gov which includes educational resources for teachers and students as well as information on the Florida Green Lodging Program.

4. Chamber program

The Chamber is very agreeable once the program is better defined and endorsed by the BCC.

5. Flow Control

b. Define RAC goals for Strategic Plan

Motion:	That public education to increase recycling and reduce contamination be a goal in the strategic plan.
Made by:	Stephen Wolfrom
Seconded by:	Renee Wood
Disposition:	Approved 8-1 (Hopkins opposed)

Motion:	That we set as a goal for the recycling advisory committee to investigate the feasibility of increasing recycling by the commercial and industrial businesses in the County.
Made by:	Stephen Wolfrom
Seconded by:	Freda Meyer-Kuhl
Disposition:	Approved unanimously

c. Set 2021 RAC meeting schedule

At this time, the meeting schedule will remain as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at a location designated by the Staff Liaison.

7. Resources added to RAC website

- a. [ECUA Website For Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties](https://resourcecentral.org/reuse/other-responsible-recycling/)  
(<https://resourcecentral.org/reuse/other-responsible-recycling/>)
- b. [Statewide public education campaign dedicated to increasing Florida's recycling rate](https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/national-overview-facts-and-figures-materials)  
(<https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/national-overview-facts-and-figures-materials>)
- c. [Okaloosa County Contract with ECUA](http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/sites/default/files/contracts/contract/C20-2885-PW.pdf)  
(<http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/sites/default/files/contracts/contract pdf/C20-2885-PW.pdf>)

8. Public Comment (3 minutes each):

9. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.