Friday, November 20, 2026
1:30 – 3:00 PM Contamination Committee Meeting
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Item	Lead	Time
Open meeting; accept notes from previous meeting	*Johnson*	1:30 PM
Discuss study ideas around PFAS presence on Benton County lands	*Phillips*	1:32 PM
Discuss potential to join Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC)	*Johnson*	2:10 PM
Next steps on contaminant webpage. Any updates from Sara or other thoughts about content	*Ahr*	2:40 PM
Updates on Research, fact finding, or recent Task Force meeting (if time permits)	*All*	2:50 PM
Meeting Adjourned	*Johnson*	3:00 PM

Friday, October 16, 2026
1:30 – 2:30 PM Contamination Committee Meeting
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Nate Johnson called meeting to order at 1:40 pm
Attendees Claire Phillips, Charli Carroll, Michael Ahr, Sara Roberts, Nate Johnson

The committee approves the notes from the last meeting. Unanimous approval

Updates on County reviews, appeals, recent decisions etc
No major updates on county reviews, appeals, decisions. The county hasn't met to approve whether a BSWCD District representative join the Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) or not. They'd like us to send in an application. County Commissioners would approve us as a member in November. The DSAC committee meets every quarter, however sometimes they increase that to monthly.
Discussion took place on whether a board director or a staff member should be the applicant to the committee. Clarity on the concept that what is being asked is that they create a position for Benton SWCD on the DSAC rather than considering us as an applicant to be elected "at large."

Review of webpage on "Soil and Water Contamination"

Sara showed the committee a sample webpage with headings of:
What is Contamination?
What types of contaminants are found in the environment?
How do I test for soil contamination?
How do I test for water or well contamination?
How can I prevent soil contamination?
How can I prevent water contamination?
What about biosolids?
Suggested add…somewhere in the "tree" of information have information on what to do if you find that you have contamination.

General consensus was that the page looked good and there is excitement that it is being completed. There was a lot of discussion that might need to be carried over to another time about how to arrange the information and how to label the headings. Instead of How Can I Prevent soil contamination," write How do I protect my soil. Sara made notes about many of the suggestions.

Let's have some experts look at what we created on the webpage. Feedback will be great. Claire, BSWCD staff, and OSU faculty could all be useful in reviewing it. Next meeting would be good to see any updates that Sara has made.

Consideration of creating a statement about the purpose of this committee
Let's talk about this at the next meeting since we're low on time

Updates
Claire did some research on pfas and biosolids and feels like somebody really needs to be monitoring pfas on farmland in our area. There has been some use of biosolids on local land and the likelihood of pfas being out there is high. Nate discussed a study happening in Oregon to assess the concern of pfas loading on ag land from biosolid applications.

At the next meeting we would like to talk more about soil testing for pfas and how to explore it / be thoughtful of the impacts of that.

Next meeting, 11/20 1:30 – 3 pm on zoom
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Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm