

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM. Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairwoman M. During, Solid Waste Committee Members T. Daviau, M. Roberts, E.A. Shwartz and T.J. Stokes, County Chairman J. Cunningham, County Administrator M. Scimone, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski, Solid Waste Deputy Director J. Monaghan, Public Information Officer S. Field, Lenox Supervisor J. Pinard, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, Recycling Coordinator K. Welch, Oneida Supervisor M. Cavanagh and Confidential Secretary to the Board J. Keville.

Approval of Minutes

1. November 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor Daviau, seconded by Supervisor Roberts, the motion was made to approve the 11.18.24 meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

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1. 2024 Tonnage Overview

Director Gelewski presented the draft 2024 tonnages and revenues with comparisons from previous years. These numbers are currently being reviewed and will be finalized in March/April to bring back to the committee. Director Gelewski mentioned that the mid-year tip fee increase surpassed the projected revenue, helping the department's overall budget and landfill tonnage amounts remain relatively the same as previous years. The Recycling Center saw reduced tonnage with some changes in haulers and collection systems, but commodity markets were decent and allowed the department to meet and slightly exceed their projected revenues for recyclables.

2. 2025 Committee Goals

Director Gelewski presented the 2025 department goals that enhance waste management, sustainability and regulatory compliance. These goals include:

- Organic waste reduction methods through a new composting program
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the landfill through best management practices for methane capture
- Improve overall recycling participation and data capture for single stream recycling within the County
- Promote Extended Producer Responsibility programs to reduce municipal financial burdens
- Explore Inter-municipal agreement and landfill tonnage increase opportunities

Resolutions

1. A Resolution in Support of Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in the Governor's New York State Budget Bill Proposal for 2025

This resolution was tabled at this time.

2. Authorizing the Chairman to Accept a Grant Award from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to Madison County Department of Solid Waste

Motion by Supervisor Shwartz to approve the resolution. Second by Supervisor Roberts. The motion was passed.

Other Committee Business

K. Welch reported that the department is working on a new grant that will reimburse up to \$200,000 on food scraps composting programs. If awarded, the grant will help cover funds for a pallet scale, composting buckets, staff time and equipment. The committee provided consensus to submit the grant application.

The department is also working on a vape collection program that would be funded by the Juul settlement money disbursed to counties. The department is currently working with Public Health to address this issue.

Preferred Agenda

It is the consensus of the committee to allow any eligible resolution to be added to the preferred agenda.

Next Meeting February 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Daviau to adjourn at 9:52 AM. Second by Supervisor Shwartz. The motion was passed.