

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM. Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairwoman M. During, Solid Waste Committee Members M. Roberts, E.A. Shwartz and T.J. Stokes, County Chairman J. Cunningham, County Administrator M. Scimone, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Second Assistant County Attorney M. Martel Felton, Solid Waste Deputy Director J. Monaghan, Public Information Officer S. Field, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, Recycling Coordinator K. Welch, Finance Assistant Director K. Lummis and Confidential Secretary to the Board J. Keville.

Approval of Minutes

1. January 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz, the motion was made to approve the 1.21.25 meeting minutes. The motion was passed

Solid Waste and Recycling

1. 2024 Transfer Station Usage, 3 Year Snap-Shot / Overview

In a transfer station utilization and service analysis, the transfer stations have seen a gradual decline in MSW tons received and total roll-off loads picked over the past three years, indicating a reduction in site utilization, lower waste generation and more efficient handling. K. Welch also reported that changes in hauler automation and efficiencies have removed 12 truck/vehicle visits per day at the scalehouse but virtually yield the same tonnage of garbage being brought into the landfill.

2. Discussions on Implementing a Solar Panel Recycling Law Similar to Niagara County

T. Wayland-Smith has their intern looking into Rensselaer and Niagara County's solar panel laws to use as a foundation for creating one in Madison County. M. During recommended doing two separate laws, one for solar panel recycling and the other focused on wind turbine blade recycling. The committee agreed to move forward with researching and developing a local law and the County Attorney's office will look into putting a draft together for the committee to review.

3. Biosolids Agreements Updates

K. Welch reported that the Town of Cazenovia and Village of Canastota have updated their biosolids agreements. The department is working with the Village of Hamilton and Village of Chittenango to update theirs as well. Once all are complete, they will have a fixed rate until the end of 2027, providing some stability for local towns and villages that require biosolids disposal and go through our agreement process.

4. NYSDEC Organic/Food Waste Recycling Grant Submitted

K. Welch reported that the department submitted the NYSDEC grant for municipal food scraps recycling programs, requesting \$200,000 reimbursement to support expanded

composting efforts at the Buyea Road Residential Station. The department hopes to hear back about the award status in the upcoming months to move forward with the project.

5. Solid Waste Technical Review Committee Updates (Eve Ann)

E. Shwartz reported on the Technical Review Committee's efforts. They continued the discussion of identifying potential communities that need landfill space. The committee will continue to explore the options available for financial stability of the landfill and the permitted annual tonnage while weighing leachate management and PFAS concerns.

6. Solid Waste & Recycling Legislative Updates

M. During reported that there will be a Solid Waste Management discussion at the upcoming NYSAC conference in Albany and will be taking notes to bring back to the committee. It should be noted that Packaging EPR is not in the 2025 budget bill but there are hopes it will be addressed in the Legislative Session. M. Roberts addressed concern for the addition of paper to the packaging EPR and how it will be enforced with out of country manufacturers.

Resolutions

1. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into a Lease Agreement for Approximately 103 Acres of County Owned Land in the Town of Lincoln

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

Other Committee Business

M. During requested that the committee consider reviewing the Town of Lincoln's host benefits to see if there were ways to enhance the County's partnership with the residents around the landfill. If the committee is in support of considering this, she can bring more information/ideas to a later meeting. She also mentioned a community Open House in the summer to invite residents to the landfill. M. During will bring back more information to a later meeting.

Preferred Agenda

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

Next Meeting March 25, 2025 (Global Recycling Day) at 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Roberts to adjourn at 9:56 AM. Second by Supervisor Stokes. The motion was passed.