

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Call Meeting to Order (Earth Day!)

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM. Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairwoman Melissa During, Solid Waste Committee Members M. Roberts, E.A. Shwartz, T.J. Stokes and T. Daviau, County Chairman J. Cunningham, County Administrator M. Scimone, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Second Assistant County Attorney M. Martel Felton, Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski, Solid Waste Deputy Director J. Monaghan, Public Information Officer S. Field, Confidential Secretary to the Board J. Keville, City of Oneida Supervisor M. Cavanagh, County Vice Chairman P. Walrod, Town of Lenox Supervisor J. Pinard and Recycling Coordinator K. Welch.

Approval of Minutes

1. February 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes (no meeting in March)

On a motion by Supervisor Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Daviau, the motion was made to approve the 2.18.25 meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

Solid Waste and Recycling

1. 1st Q 2025 Tonnage and Activity Updates
 - a. Flow Control Updates and Enforcement Activities

The department has three new certified landfill operators. Five employees went to the training in March, the certifications are good for 5 years and are a great way to understand landfill rules and regulations.

The first quarter of 2025 saw a decrease in tonnage as Madison County experienced a true winter. The department is still working to see tonnage impacts from the rate change that went into effect July 2024. The department has also seen a decrease in recycling tonnage due to hauler and market changes. Our Enforcement Officer has been out in the community enforcing the flow control law and the State's environmental enforcement has been out ticketing for uncovered loads.

2. Project Updates
 - a. Landfill Netting and Fencing Repairs
 - b. Landfill Gas Collection and Dewatering Project
 - c. Compost and Mulch Project

a. The past two months have seen several days with exceedingly high winds, which impacts the landfill's netting. The department is working on repairing damaged sections. The department is also looking at a demo for a litter vacuum machine to aid in litter pickup around the site.

b. The department is purchasing piping for the dewatering and gas collection project.

c. The department is working to improve their yard waste end-product and potentially

pilot a small-scale food scraps collection program. The department is still waiting to hear back on grant funding for these projects. In the meantime, three staff members went to the Organics Summit at the beginning of April.

3. MRF and Recycling Updates
 - a. Contract Extension Recommendation

Director Gelewski mentioned that the ARC of Madison Cortland is interested in continuing their recycling contract. This contract allows them to run the County's recycling facility and expires in the summer. The committee provided consensus to keep this contract in place as they have been a great partner. The department is continuing to explore ways to keep this partnership engaged even though there has been a decrease in recycling tonnage coming through the facility.

Resolutions

1. Authorizing Extension of the Operation Agreement and Ground Lease with Madison Cortland Chapter, NYSARC, Inc. for Operation of Madison County's Recycling Facility

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

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

Other Committee Business

1. Event Updates (Shred-Event, Earth Week, ICAW, Take Your Child to Work)

The department scheduled the community shred event days and will promote them within the community. In addition, they will be doing events and promotion around Earth Day (April 22) and International Compost Awareness Week (early May). The department is also scheduled to host a group of 18 kids for the County's employee Take Your Child to Work Day to show them the landfill and recycling center.

2. Town Cleanup Days and Current Schedule

Several towns have reached out to the department to coordinate town clean up days. The program is the same as last year.

3. Solid Waste and Recycling "Open House" (proposed dates)

Director Gelewski mentioned a summer Open House to highlight the department's activities. More information will be coming as the department schedules around the County Fair and Open Farm Days.

4. Solid Waste Technical Review Committee Updates

The technical review committee discussed permit modification needs and impacts as other NYS landfills are anticipated to close in the next few years. They are meeting this

week and have invited CDM Smith to present on landfill PFAS treatment. The committee hopes to bring a recommendation to the Solid Waste Committee and share their findings.

Preferred Agenda

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

Next Meeting May 27, 2025 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Daviau to adjourn at 9:54 AM. Second by Supervisor Roberts. The motion was passed.