

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, February 24th, 2026

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Those attending were Solid Waste Committee Chairwoman M. During, Solid Waste Committee Members M. Cavanagh, B. Henderson, A. Carvell, County Chairman J. Cunningham, Supervisor T. Daviau, County Administrator M. Scimone, Second Assistant County Attorney M. Martel Felton, Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski, Solid Waste Deputy Director J. Monaghan, Public Information Officer S. Field, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, Recycling Coordinator M. Aney, and SW Dir of Admin Services J. Jacobs.

Absent: T.J. Stokes

Approval of Minutes

1. January 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor Henderson, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh, the motion was made to approve the 1.20.2026 meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

Solid Waste and Recycling Discussion

1. Recycling Coordinator M. Aney provided an update on the organics and food waste recycling pilot and 2025 grant, noting that it remains under review with the Office of the State Comptroller. Community outreach efforts, including rain barrel and composting initiatives, are ongoing with sales open for May delivery. Additional partnerships with CCE and the Great Swamp are being pursued to expand education efforts.
2. Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski reported on permit modification activities, including the request to remove the daily tonnage limit (375 TPD), submitted December 31, 2025 and currently under review. Discussion also included the annual tonnage increase to 125,000 TPY, with coordination ongoing with Barton & Loguidice and NYSDEC and a meeting scheduled for March 3. While the review process may take up to two years, timely submission will protect the County's 2027 renewal. Permits are typically issued for 10-year terms, and operations may continue during the review process. The Committee reviewed the Part 1 EAF and Lead Agency request, with no opposition to advancing it to the March full Board meeting.
3. Contract updates were discussed. G. Gelewski reviewed the proposed Barton & Loguidice Engineering Services contract for 2026–2028, confirming a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 with no opposition. A one-year extension with Casella for cardboard and paper bale marketing was supported, citing established regional brokerage relationships. A pilot project with OCRRA to

accept up to 3,500 tons annually of C&D and bypass material remains in development, with an estimated \$200,000 in annual revenue and sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional tonnage.

Resolutions

4. On a motion by B. Henderson, seconded by M. Cavanagh, the Committee approved authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Solid Waste Engineering Services. All in favor. Resolution passed.

Other Committee Business

5. Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski led discussion regarding the development of a local solar panel recycling law, in coordination with Planning, Implementation, and Legal, aligning with the County's renewable energy goals. The Committee expressed support for moving forward.
6. Updates from the Solid Waste Technical Review Committee were provided, including ongoing monitoring of NYSDEC regulatory activity related to PFAS. Technical Committee Chairman Bob Kukenberger continues to participate in NYSDEC webinars and plans to remain engaged as regulations evolve.
7. Additional NYSDEC policy and regulatory updates were discussed, including the DMM-7a biosolids policy, which supports enhanced composting practices, and anticipated landfill leachate treatment regulations that may impact future planning timelines.
8. Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation was also discussed, with consensus to support the initiative due to its potential benefit to the County's recycling program. On a motion by M. Cavanagh, seconded by B. Henderson, the Committee agreed to move forward with drafting a letter of support.
9. Global Recycling Day March 18th, 2026 was acknowledged.

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting March 24th, 2026 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

Motion by A. Carvell to adjourn at 9:35 AM. Second by M. Cavanagh. The motion was passed.