

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, March 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, Vice Chairman T.J. Stokes, Solid Waste Committee Members M. Cavanagh, B. Henderson, A. Carvell, County Chairman J. Cunningham, Supervisor T. Daviau, Supervisor P. Walrod, 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 M. Aney, and SW Dir of Admin Services J. Jacobs.

Absent: G. Gelewski

Approval of Minutes

1. February 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor A. Carvell, seconded by Supervisor M. Cavanagh, the motion was made to approve the 2.24.2026 meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

Chairwoman M. During praised Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski for the outstanding presentation at the NYSAC event, as well as applauding the Solid Waste Department for their continued education and outreach to the community.

Solid Waste and Recycling Discussion

1. Deputy Director J. Monaghan shared there are not any new updates, this is review of the latest information to vote on the Resolution to allow Madison County to be Lead Agency.
2. (A) Recycling Coordinator M. Aney provided an update on the increase of needles (sharps) at the MRF. Materials at the facility are hand-sorted, which increases exposure risk, and removal of sharps is prioritized. She shared that she is working with Sam and Public Health to increase outreach and education to the public on proper disposal of needles. Outreach efforts have been expanded, including placement of guidance in internal and external newsletters. It was noted that this increase is not limited to illicit drug use, but is largely associated with GLP-1 medications.
(B) Chairwoman M. During shared that she created a flyer for an upcoming "Where Your Trash Goes" tour to be held at the landfill on Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM. She also shared that cleanup event support is in relation to the WOW Committee Rail Trail Clean Up. Additional community engagement efforts discussed included tours, public education initiatives, and cleanup events aligned

with Earth Day. Melissa also discussed the Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale and noted that the spring shred event is still anticipated, with dates to be confirmed by the vendor.

Resolutions

1. On a motion by M. Cavanagh, seconded by T.J. Stokes, the Committee approved authorizing the Chairman to act as Lead Agency
2. On a motion by M. Cavanagh, seconded by T.J. Stokes, the Committee approved authorizing the Chairman to accept a grant award from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to Madison County Department of Solid Waste (Recycling Grant Resolution 2026 Tentative Expenses)
3. On a motion by M. Cavanagh, seconded by T.J. Stokes, the Committee approved authorizing the Chairman to accept a grant award from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to Madison County Department of Solid Waste (HHW Grant Award Resolution 2024 Reimbursement)

Other Committee Business

1. M. Aney provided a summary of a two-part presentation attended by the Technical Committee, delivered by Dr. Ari Kremens of Tetra Tech, regarding the evolving PFAS landscape. The presentation reviewed current treatment technologies, associated costs, and potential future approaches depending on regulatory requirements.
She shared that while DEC regulations have not yet been finalized, there is consideration of differing regulatory approaches, including mass-percentage removal requirements versus contaminant-specific, health-based limits. The Technical Committee is actively evaluating available technologies against these potential regulatory scenarios.
3. Earth Day Reminder, April 22nd, 2026 was acknowledged.

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting April 28th, 2026 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

Motion by B. Henderson to adjourn at 9:16 AM. Second by A. Carvell. The motion was passed.