

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, April 28th, 2026

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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, County Vice Chairman P. Walrod, Supervisor T. Daviau, County Administrator M. Scimone, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Second Assistant County Attorney M. Martel Felton, Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski, County Treasurer C. Edick, Assistant Director of Finance K. Lummis, Budget Analysis S. McConnell, Public Information Officer S. Field, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, and SW Dir of Admin Services J. Jacobs.

Absent: J. Monaghan, M. Aney

Approval of Minutes

1. March 24th, 2026, Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor B. Henderson, seconded by Supervisor M. Cavanagh, the motion was made to approve the 3.24.2026 meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

Acknowledgments & Opening Remarks

Chairwoman M. During expressed appreciation to staff for strong communication and keeping leadership well-informed, including educational efforts that provided deeper context on programs and operations. Special thanks were extended to Jenny and Michaela for coordinating a successful Take Your Child to Work Day event, including an interactive landfill demonstration activity for the children.

Solid Waste and Recycling Discussion

1. 1st Quarter 2026 Tonnage & Activity

SW Director G. Gelewski provided an update: Solid waste tonnage increased by over 10% through Q1 and continues trending upward in April. Growth was attributed to strong consumer activity and sales tax performance. Staff will continue monitoring trends, as the landfill may reach its 60,000-ton annual threshold if increases continue.

- a. Flow Control & Enforcement

The flow control program remains effective overall, with increased monitoring of small haulers, particularly those transporting waste outside the county. Multiple violations were identified, with fines set at \$2,000 per incident/load. The goal of enforcement remains compliance rather than revenue generation.

2. 2025 Financial Review

SW Director G. Gelewski reported a strong financial performance, including a net position improvement of approximately \$500,000, more than \$1 million allocated toward depreciation coverage, and a \$2.2 million increase in cash reserves. Continued emphasis was placed on maintaining reserves for future capital purchases, including equipment exceeding \$1 million, while avoiding long-term fixed-rate structures. Additional highlights included increased revenue from beneficial use soils and improved reimbursement tracking for recycling and education grants.

Resolutions

1. On a motion by M. Cavanagh, seconded by T.J. Stokes, the Committee approved Modifying the County's Local Community Clean-up Program in the Year 2026
2. On a motion by A. Carvall, seconded by B. Henderson, the Committee approved Resolution of the Madison County Board of Supervisors determining that the action to execute the Madison County Landfill annual tonnage limit modification is an unlisted action and will not have significant adverse impact on the environment.

Other Committee Business

3. Events & Outreach

Successful initiatives included Earth Day cleanup efforts and compost bin and rain barrel sales. Upcoming events include the Shred Event on May 16th, International Compost Awareness Week, and continued development of the food scrap pilot program.

4. Town Clean-Up Program Discussion

Discussion focused on the shift from community cleanup efforts toward "free disposal" usage. Concerns included overuse and misuse of the program, participation imbalance, and municipalities implementing coupon systems and residency verification. Emphasis was placed on refocusing the program toward community improvement and litter cleanup.

County Fair Support Discussion

A proposal was discussed to provide waste and recycling containers along with enhanced bottle and can collection. Staff will return with usage data and a financial impact analysis.

5. Technical Review Committee Update

The committee continues focusing on emerging contaminants, renewable energy opportunities, and community engagement. A new member, Sam Doubleday, from SUNY Morrisville with energy technology expertise has joined the committee, which will now meet bi-monthly.

Landfill Gas to Energy Opportunities

Discussion included renewable natural gas (RNG) technologies, and an invitation was extended to tour an RNG facility on May 14.

Educational & Public Outreach

Public health materials regarding safe disposal of sharps continue to be distributed, along with ongoing collaboration with public health and educational institutions.

Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session for advice of counsel. Motioned by M. Cavanagh. Second by A. Carvell. The motion was passed. Executive Session Entered at 9:47am.

Motion to Exit Executive Session motioned by M. Cavanagh. Second by B. Henderson. Motion passed. Executive Session Exited at 10:03am.

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting May 26th, 2026, 9:00 AM in the Chambers

Adjourn

Motion by T.J. Stokes to adjourn at 10:04 AM. Second by A. Carvell. The motion was passed.