

MADISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, May 26th, 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, Supervisor T. Daviau, Vice Chairman P. Walrod, County Attorney T. Wayland-Smith, Second Assistant County Attorney M. Martel Felton, Solid Waste Director G. Gelewski, Solid Waste Deputy Director J. Monaghan, County Treasurer C. Edick, Assistant Director of Finance K. Lummis, Public Information Officer S. Field, Clerk to the Board E. Burns, Recycling Coordinator M. Aney, and SW Dir of Admin Services J. Jacobs.

Absent: J. Cunningham, M. Scimone

Approval of Minutes

1. April 28th, 2026, Meeting minutes

On a motion by Supervisor A. Carvell, seconded by Supervisor T. J. Stokes, the motion was made to approve the 4.28.2026 meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

Solid Waste and Recycling Updates

1. SW Director G. Gelewski reviewed continued increases in waste generation despite economic pressures and higher fuel costs. Total waste tonnage remains up approximately 9-10%, transfer station punch card volumes increased approximately 5%, and MRF recycling volumes increased approximately 3-4%. Commodity markets for recyclable materials remain soft, particularly for plastics and cardboard, while metal commodities continue to perform better.
2. G. Gelewski also reported continued enforcement of flow control violations, primarily involving smaller contractors, roofers, and clean-out services. Three prior violations have been paid, while one unresolved case remains under review with the County Attorney's Office after failure to attend a hearing or respond to notices. Larger haulers continue to cooperate and support consistent enforcement efforts that maintain a level competitive environment.
3. The committee received an update on the Food Scraps Composting Pilot Project, which officially began its soft launch through DEC grant support and public outreach efforts. A public survey earlier in the year showed strong resident interest, and educational materials, including a six-page informational flyer, were developed to explain acceptable food scraps and participation guidelines. Residential drop-off collection

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bins are now available at the transfer station, and staff will monitor participation, diversion data, and tonnage metrics. The project supports broader state goals related to greenhouse gas reduction and organics diversion.

Resolutions

1. On a motion by Supervisor B. Hendrson, seconded by Supervisor T.J. Stokes, the Committee approved the 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

1. Shred Event-Staff reported that the recent community shred event exceeded expectations, with more than 140 vehicles participating, several of those were within the first 45 minutes and nearly three tons of paper collected despite limited advertising. Staff also discussed reinforcing safety messaging after a minor issue involving pets exiting vehicles during the event.
2. DEC and Regulatory Updates- Department representatives summarized updates from the recent State Solid Waste Conference, including upcoming PFAS regulations affecting landfills and biosolids management, proposed landfill gas and greenhouse gas regulations, continued discussions surrounding Extended Producer Responsibility legislation, statewide emphasis on food waste diversion and organics management, and expansion of hazardous household material take-back initiatives.
3. Solid Waste Technical Review Committee Updates- The Technical Review Committee continues to meet bi-monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for June 4, 2026, focusing on DEC greenhouse gas and landfill gas regulatory proposals. Staff noted that Madison County Landfill is expected to remain exempt from some requirements due to its size while continuing voluntary reporting efforts.
4. Budget Modification for Leachate Management- Staff also discussed a proposed budget modification tied to increased leachate management costs caused by heavy snow melt and rainfall. A request will be made to transfer \$100,000 from reserves to operational budget lines associated with leachate transport and disposal, although operations currently remain stable.

Staffing Updates

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SW Director Gregory Gelewski announced one laborer vacancy following the resignation of an employee accepted into the State Trooper Academy. Additional seasonal summer positions also remain open due to ongoing labor shortages and competitive private-sector wages.

Next Meeting

The next Solid Waste and Recycling Committee meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the Chambers.

Adjournment

Motion by Supervisor M. Cavanagh to adjourn at 9:27 AM, seconded by Supervisor A. Carvell. The motion was passed.