OTTUMWA/WAPELLO COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING 4

April 23, 2026 4:00 p.m.
Ottumwa City Hall City Council Chambers 2nd Floor

Attendance
Mayor Foote
City Council Members Caviness, Duprey, Galloway, Hoffman, Reid
Wapello County Supervisors Batterson, Teninty, Ziegler

Staff: Clerk Amy Johnson

Davis County Supervisor Ron Bride

SCS Engineering Tim Buelow

Absent
City Administrator Phil Rath, Solid Waste Superintendent Lori Creech

Wapello County Supervisor Batterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda by Galloway. Seconded by Teninty. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of March 26, 2026 Minutes
Motion to approve minutes of the March 26, 2026 meeting by Teninty. Seconded by Galloway. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update from SCS Engineers
Buelow had nothing additional to add to his written report. The landfill financial assurance report was submitted April 3, the biennial landfill inspection report for the Area A unit was submitted on April 17, and the leachate line cleaning and inspection are due in 2026.

The Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan Update is due May 1, 2026, pending receipt of resolutions from planning area members. Resolutions have been accepted from 3 planning area members, with 2 still not received.

Financials
The SWC looked over and had some discussion on the financials from the Landfill and Recycling Center.

Motion to approve financials by Ziegler. Seconded by Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update on Strategic Planning
Ziegler gave an update on strategic planning. A discussion was had with the landowner to the south of the Landfill on buying soil or the land. The SWC and Buelow held some discussion. No action was taken.

Landfill Rate Structure and Recycling Rates

Ziegler presented rate increases at the Landfill that would take effect July 1. Rate increases would be: Landfill tipping fee from $63 to $69 per ton; shingles from $63 to $100 per ton; concrete from $0 to $10 per ton; yard waste/brush/tree debris from $0 to $18 per ton; yard waste/brush/tree debris from Commercial hauler from $33.50 to $48 per ton; contaminated soil from $110 to $120 per ton; asbestos from $84 to $93 per ton; granite from $0 to $34.50 per ton. The SWC discussed the fees and shared their concerns.

Motion to refine the Landfill rates for the next meeting by Batterson. Seconded by Teninty. Motion failed by a tied vote of 4-4. Four ayes: Batterson, Duprey, Galloway, Teninty. Four Nays: Caviness, Hoffman, Reid, Ziegler.

Discussion continued on the Landfill rates and included the Recycling Center rates.

Motion to approve the Landfill rates presented, with the shingles increasing to $75 instead of $100 per ton, granite increasing to full rate of $69 instead of $34.50 per ton, and to bring the Recycling rates to the next meeting made by Galloway. Seconded by Teninty. All ayes. Motion carried.

Groundskeeper to Operator Position at the Landfill

The Groundskeeper at the Landfill has been filling in as an operator when needed. A new union contract starts on July 1, and the pay structure will be different. This position is a Civil Service position. SWC had some discussion and questions for Creech.

Motion to table the Groundskeeper to Operator Position pending more information made by Caviness. Seconded by Hoffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Informational Items

The next meeting will be May 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Teninty. Seconded by Ziegler. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Chairman, Ottumwa/Wapello Solid Waste Commission

Darren Batterson, Wapello County Supervisor

ATTEST:

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Amy Johnson, Clerk