OTTUMWA/WAPELLO COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING 5

May 28, 2026 4:00 p.m.
Ottumwa City Hall City Council Chambers 2nd Floor

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

Staff: City Administrator Phil Rath, Solid Waste Superintendent Lori Creech, Clerk Amy Johnson

Absent
City Council Members Galloway and Hoffman, SCS Engineering Tim Buelow

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

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

Approval of April 23, 2026 Minutes
Motion to approve minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting by Teninty. Seconded by Duprey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update from SCS Engineers
Buelow was not able to attend the meeting. He had no additional information to his written report. The Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan Update was submitted May 1, 2026. Groundwater sampling and 2nd quarter methane monitoring occurred May 5-7, 2026. There were no methane level exceedances. The groundwater will be evaluated at the laboratory. Leachate line cleaning and inspection are due in 2026. Khalid Al Gharrawi is the new project manager for our facility.

Financials
Creech presented the Landfill and Recycling Center financials. She said the Landfill is getting busy with the summer season. There was a storm in April with hail that caused extreme damage to homes and there is several of those projects coming through. The Recycling Center is also getting busier with the warmer weather.

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

Other Information/Discussion
An employee of the Landfill spoke of concerns with pricing on yard waste. SWC held discussion on a few other items and what information to bring back to the next meeting to take action on.

The next meeting will be June 25, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Teninty. Seconded by Duprey. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Chairman, Ottumwa/Wapello Solid Waste Commission

Darren Batterson, Wapello County Supervisor

ATTEST:

Amy Johnson, Clerk