

WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETING

Scott Area Recycling Center
5640 Carey Avenue
Davenport, IA. 52807

June 12, 2025

Members Present: Bob Gallagher (Bettendorf), Mike Matson (Davenport), Anthony Heddlesten (Riverdale), and Sally Rodriguez (Buffalo).
Member Present via Zoom: Tim Kelly (Davenport)

Anthony Heddlesten called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Bob Gallagher moved to approve the minutes of April 3, 2025. Sally Rodriguez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Matson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Bryce Stalcup reported the treasurer's report fund balance through May 31, 2025, as of \$10.8 million. Stalcup reported overall revenue is up at 110% of the budget at 92% of the year expenses are down at 88% of the budget at 92% of the year. Stalcup reported that the Recycling Center revenue is below budget at 85% due to a loss of material from a hauler, but expenses have also been reduced and are under budget. Stalcup highlighted that the Electronics Recovery Center's revenue is significantly up at 129% due to a new business partnership processing and refurbishing laptops. Stalcup reported that operating expenses will end the year over 100%, but overall will be net positive due to an increase in revenue. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Matson moved to approve the invoices. Stalcup noted large expenses and highlighted expenses for Closed Loop for optical and cart payments, DuTrac Credit Union for CD investment, Heartland Business Systems for updated cameras at the Recycling Center, Linwood Mining and Minerals for Landfill rent, Scott County Facilities and Support Services for bond payment, and Tricon General Construction for Recycling Center roof project. Gallagher asked for clarification on the revenue share to Lakeshore Recycling, Iowa, and Illinois. Stalcup shared that although Lakeshore has reduced the amount of recycling material it brings in, they continue to deliver some materials and still receive a share of the revenue based on current market conditions. Stalcup shared that this is a common practice where the money earned from selling the recyclables is split, based on a pre-agreed contract. Heddlesten asked about payment to North Scott Baseball. Stalcup reported that the group took part in a litter cleanup along Y-48 near the Scott Area Landfill, gathering over 58 volunteers who collected more than 100 bags of debris during the three-hour event. Stalcup explained that each spring, a local organization is selected to participate in the cleanup in exchange for a donation to support their cause. Deputy Director Brian Seals noted that the terrain in the area is challenging and praised the group for doing an outstanding job with the cleanup.
Rodriguez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Stalcup presented the monthly operations and facility report. Stalcup covered a few updates on the 2025 priorities; Landfill construction for cell 10 is in the design stage with the engineering team, WAGA energy construction is almost complete, with testing being conducted from June–August. Stalcup shared that a notice will be sent to Landfill neighbors due to a flame that will be visible during the RNG testing phase, along with a ribbon cutting being scheduled for September 2025. Stalcup highlighted an expansion of the battery drop-off boxes now located at West Lake Park and the Scott County Park recycling drop-off. Stalcup reported that the Battery Bill is actively being worked on with industry groups that may come up next year and will provide updates. Stalcup reported that Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) tonnage is up year-to-date, while Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste and Special Waste

volumes have declined. He also noted an increase in the number of residents and customers served at the Electronics Recovery Center. During the operations update, Stalcup reviewed performance graphs and highlighted that the current recycling market value per ton is above the ten-year average. Additionally, electronic reuse sales have seen a significant increase, attributed to higher intake volumes driven by a new business partnership. Heddlesten requested clarification on whether the constructed space currently available at the landfill will be sufficient to meet capacity needs until the planned construction of Cell 10 begins. Stalcup reported that the landfill currently has a couple of years' worth of constructed space available and is in a strong operational position operationally. He also reviewed monthly commodity pricing, noting that HDPE-Natural (e.g., milk jugs) is currently exhibiting an unusual trend of being more valuable than aluminum, though this market dynamic is subject to change at any time.

Matson moved for consideration of the Litter Vac recommendation. Seals provided an overview of the ongoing litter challenges at the Scott Area Landfill and presented a recommendation to purchase a single-operator litter vacuum, with a bid submitted by Rexco Equipment. Seals noted that this type of litter vacuum is currently in use at multiple landfills across Iowa and is effective in daily operations under all weather conditions. Seals explained that only one bid was received due to the limited availability of this type of equipment in the market. The proposed vacuum has a cost of \$132,960, an expected life cycle of eight (8) years, and includes a two-year/2,000-hour warranty. Seals noted an estimated lead time of four months for delivery. Gallagher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Matson moved for Consideration of the Fork Truck Recommendation. Seals reported that four (4) bids were received for a new electric fork truck to replace the existing unit at the Electronics Recovery Center through a trade-in. Seals stated that the bids were evaluated based on total price, warranty coverage, delivery timeline, parts and service availability, trade-in value, and overall equipment specifications. Seals shared current operations staff were able to test the units. Seals recommended the purchase of the Caterpillar forklift through Altorfer, which includes a 60-month/10,000-hour full warranty, at a total cost of \$30,047.00. Seals also noted that the equipment is currently in stock, with no lead time required for delivery. Rodriguez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gallagher moved for consideration of the speed door recommendation. Seals reported that one bid was received for an aluminum spiral speed door for the Electronics Recovery Center. Seals explained that only one bid was submitted because only one manufacturer is capable of supplying the lightweight aluminum door required. Seals recommended purchasing the Rytec spiral speed door from Barron Equipment at a total cost of \$45,629. Seals also reported that a grant has been verbally awarded through the EMS program by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for greenhouse gas reduction, which would cover \$32,572.73 of the project cost. Gallagher inquired about whether the grant has been awarded. Seals clarified that the grant is pending final approval by the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission, scheduled for June 17 and expected to be awarded after that meeting. Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Matson moved for consideration of the FY26 Budget. Stalcup reported that the proposed budget was initially presented at the April meeting and has since been reviewed by both the Finance and Executive Committees, with no concerns raised. Stalcup noted that only minimal changes have been made since the initial presentation, including the addition of a GPS unit, concrete work, and a mini shredder for use at the Electronics Recovery Center. Stalcup confirmed that these additions are fully supported by the current cash flow. Gallagher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Stalcup provided an update under other business regarding an ongoing issue with the vendor Altorfer related to the rebuild of a bulldozer. He reported that an additional cost of \$75,000 for the rebuild was previously approved following a staff visit to the vendor's facility to review the scope of work. Stalcup

shared that following the return of the rebuilt bulldozer, Altorfer submitted an unexpected additional invoice in the amount of \$60,000. Altorfer claimed the additional cost had been verbally approved; however, no written documentation or formal agreement exists. Stalcup emphasized that the total cost is approaching the equivalent of purchasing a new bulldozer, raising concerns about the value and justification for the charges. A meeting was held with Altorfer to address the issue and discuss the invoice, but no resolution or agreement was reached. Stalcup also noted that concerns about communication and service were raised with Altorfer representatives over two years ago, but there has been only minimal improvement since then.

Gallagher moved to decline payment of the current invoice and to continue negotiations with Altorfer, with a maximum allowable payment not to exceed \$25,000 as a result of those negotiations. Additionally, Gallagher recommended the consideration to refrain from engaging in future business with this specific Altorfer division or representative if it made the most sense and in the best interest of the Waste Commission's operational and long-term interests. Matson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the Scott Area Recycling Center. There was no public comment.

Gallagher moved to adjourn. Matson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.