

WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT COUNTY  
COMMISSION MEETING

Scott Area Recycling Center  
5640 Carey Avenue  
Davenport, IA 52807

August 6, 2026

Members Present: Ken Beck (Scott County) and Jason Gordon (Davenport)  
Zoom: Jade Burkholder (Davenport)

Ken Beck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Jason Gordon moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2026. Jade Burkholder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gordon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Revenue/Expenditure Summary. Bryce Stalcup reported that the Treasurer's Report ended FY26 with \$12.6 million in reserves. Total revenue was at 114% of budget, while expenditures were at 100% of budget. Stalcup highlighted that recycling revenue was at 91% of budget and noted that operations have been impacted by the volatility of the recycling market, with revenue tracking below the 10-year average. Beck asked whether the 91% revenue figure should be viewed favorably given that landfilling the material would result in a higher cost per ton compared to recycling. Stalcup explained that landfilling would result in a higher expense for the hauler and would also require additional use of landfill airspace. Stalcup noted that while the recycling market is currently below the 10-year average, the situation is not alarming, as reserves are in place to help manage market volatility. Burkholder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Gordon moved to approve the invoices. Stalcup reported that he conducted an invoice review with Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Secretary/Treasurer of the Commission, and that the review was completed successfully with no concerns identified. Stalcup highlighted the host fees paid to the City of Buffalo, noting that the fees were established when the Landfill began operations and are paid annually to the City of Buffalo. He also reviewed fees paid to the City of Davenport, including leachate treatment expenses at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and payments made in lieu of taxes. Stalcup opened the discussion for questions. Beck asked whether Everest Lab was a new vendor. Stalcup explained that Everest Lab is the vendor for the robotic arm that was installed at the facility. The robotic arm is provided under a lease model, with Everest Lab responsible for monitoring the equipment, resulting in a monthly expense. Stalcup also highlighted the Iowa DNR solid waste fees and explained that these are fees paid to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources based on the tonnage of material entering the Landfill. Burkholder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Stalcup presented the monthly operations and facility report. Stalcup highlighted the Landfill Constructed Space Available graph, noting that available space is continuing to decline; however, Cell 10 is expected to open within the next three weeks. Stalcup explained that the current fill remains below the final elevation to allow for settling and maximize available airspace. Stalcup reported that monthly landfill yardage remains within the normal range. Stalcup discussed the anticipated reduction in auto shredder residue (ASR), as the amount needed for daily cover has been limited under a contract. Stalcup reported that recyclable market values remain below average but noted that reserves are in place to help manage market volatility. Stalcup reported an increase in the number of customers served at the Household Hazardous Materials Facility. Brian Seals reported that completion of the 8.5-acre Cell 10 project is anticipated within the next three to four weeks following a delay by the contractor. Beck asked whether testing had occurred on the liner. Seals explained that quality assurance measures and testing have been conducted throughout the project. Beck asked about the cause of the project delay. Seals reported that installation of the recompacted clay liner was delayed due to challenges with the soil

conditions. The contractor also underestimated the staff hours and equipment needed to complete the process. Seals noted that communication with the contractor has remained strong throughout the project and that they have maintained a good working relationship. Stalcup reported that the landfill design and restructuring plans have been completed and are expected to extend the landfill's remaining capacity by approximately 15 years, extending its projected operational life through 2080. Stalcup provided an update on the strategic planning process, noting that within the next two weeks, Commissioners, City and County Administrators, and applicable committees will be contacted to complete a survey. Stalcup shared that the Iowa Recycling and Solid Waste Management Conference will be hosted in Davenport October 5–7. Stalcup provided an update on the fiber project, reporting that construction of the fiber connection to the Landfill is underway and is anticipated to be completed by mid-September. Stalcup also provided an update on the balers at the Scott Area Recycling Center. He reported that one baler, which predates 2016, is due for replacement next year. Due to current lead times, research is underway to identify the best replacement option. Stalcup also reported that a second baler is beginning to experience another failure. Stalcup shared that, given the condition of both balers, he noted that replacing both units may be the best option. Stalcup explained that purchasing the same brand and type of baler would provide benefits for parts availability, maintenance, and staff familiarity, while also allowing for process upgrades. Stalcup emphasized that the information regarding potential baler replacement is being shared at this time for awareness and informational purposes only. Additional information will be provided as research progresses and more details become available. Megan Fox, Communications and HR Manager, provided an update on public engagement and outreach activities. Fox reported that the Commission has participated in community events, conducted off-site presentations, and provided facility tours, reaching more than 1,577 individuals through education and outreach efforts. This surpasses the 1,450 individuals reached during the previous year. Fox emphasized the Commission's continued commitment to engaging with the community to increase public awareness and education about the Commission's programs and services.

Gordon moved to the consideration of the resolution adopting revised by-laws of the Waste Commission of Scott County. Stalcup reported the by-laws were distributed to all Commissioners and partner communities. No changes, comments, or concerns were received. Burkholder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Consideration of the Vehicle Policy was discussed and tabled until the October Commission meeting to allow additional time for input and feedback from the remaining Commission Board members.

Gordon moved to consideration of Maintenance Truck Recommendation. Seals reported that bids for a maintenance truck were received and reviewed based upon price, availability, and overall equipment specifications. Seals recommended the purchase of a 2026 maintenance truck with the all-in-one power system from Starr Equipment for \$212,679.39. Beck asked to confirm that the truck was a budgeted item. Seals confirmed it was in the FY27 budget. Burkholder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Stalcup provided an update regarding a cybersecurity incident involving the Commission. He reported that an investigation was conducted and determined that notification outside of Commission staff was not necessary. Stalcup noted that the incident resulted in investigative costs. Stalcup also reported that additional cybersecurity training has been completed for all Commission staff. Stalcup reported on an evaluation of an Energy Demand Response Program to determine whether the Scott Area Recycling Campus would qualify for participation. He explained that the program allows a utility or energy provider to request a temporary reduction or shift in electricity usage during periods of high demand. In return, participating facilities may receive financial incentives or energy credits for reducing their electricity consumption during designated peak-demand periods. Stalcup noted that additional information will be shared as the evaluation progresses and more details become available. Stalcup

provided an update regarding a request for use or a donation of the former landfill property, which is currently used for storage. Stalcup noted there may be potential beneficial uses for the property in the future, but the Commission would need to explore potential partnerships and opportunities to determine the best course of action. Stalcup emphasized that any potential change in use would not be anticipated in the near future, with limited financial investment.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Scott Area Recycling Center. There was no public comment.

Gordon moved to adjourn. Burkholder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.