OTTUMWA/WAPELLO COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMISSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

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September 17, 2026 4:30 p.m.
Ottumwa City Hall City Council Chambers 2nd Floor

Attendance
Commission Chairman Wapello County Supervisor Batterson
City Council Member Caviness, Duprey, Galloway, Hoffman, Reid
Wapello County Supervisor Teninty, Ziegler

Staff: Mayor Ben Foote, City Administrator Phil Rath, Director of Human Resources Barb Codjoe, Solid Waste Superintendent Lori Creech, Clerk Amy Johnson

Wapello County Supervisor Batterson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda by Teninty. Seconded by Galloway. 5 council voted aye; 3 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried: 1 City, 1 County.

Discussion of shortage of Operators at the Landfill
Creech said the Landfill has been short on Operators for several months, and the time for closing a cell is approaching. The DNR inspected the Landfill on September 11, 2026 and said that the pile is not being covered properly at the end of the day. Creech explained that the Landfill was down to only the mechanic acting as an operator and they haven't been able to haul dirt. Currently there is one Operator, a retired Operator temporarily starting on September 21, 2026, and a new Operator starting October 5, 2026. SCS Engineering will be sending someone to help and train staff with the closing of the cell. Creech presented the cost of adding a 3rd Operator to the Landfill. SWC discussed the possibility of a 3rd Operator but would like Finance to look at the cost and budget, and bring that back to a future meeting. Discussion was also held on sub-contracting hauling dirt at the Landfill.

Closed Session
5:06 p.m.-Motion to enter closed session in accordance with the Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (i). "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session."

Return to Open Session and Take Action if Required
5:48 p.m.-The Commission returned to open session. No action taken.

Informational Items
The next regular meeting will be September 24, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Reid. Seconded by Teninty. 4 council voted aye; 2 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried: 1 City, 1 County. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Chairman, Ottumwa/Wapello Solid Waste Commission

Darren Batterson, Wapello County Supervisor

ATTEST:

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Amy Johnson, Clerk