OTTUMWA/WAPELLO COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

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September 24, 2026 4:00 p.m.
Ottumwa City Hall City Council Chambers 2nd Floor

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

Staff: Mayor Ben Foote, Director of Human Resources Barb Codjoe, Finance Director Michael Lee, Solid Waste Superintendent Lori Creech, Clerk Amy Johnson

Davis County Supervisor Ron Bride

Absent:
City Administrator Phil Rath
City Council Member Galloway and Hoffman
SCS Tim Buelow

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

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

Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve minutes of August 27, 2026 and September 17, 2026 by Teninty. Seconded by Duprey. 3 council voted aye; 3 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried: 1 City, 1 County.

Update from SCS Engineering
Buelow was unable to attend the meeting. Creech explained the airspace analysis. SCS Engineering provided a proposal to perform an airspace survey to determine how much space is left in the current cell.

Financials from the Landfill and Recycling Center
Creech went over the financials and explained a few line items.

Motion to approve the financials as provided by Ziegler. Seconded by Reid. 3 council voted aye; 3 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried: 1 City, 1 County.

Landfill DNR Inspection
On September 11, 2026 the DNR made a routine compliance visit of the Landfill. Creech said the visit went well. The DNR said more dirt and daily cover is needed in spots. The remainder of the landfill operations were in good order.

Estimates for fence at the Landfill
Creech said two bids were received for a new fence on the south end of the property. Gullett Fence submitted a bid of $62,138.00 and Marco Fence submitted a bid of $110,000.00. Pierce Fence was

contacted but never submitted a bid. Creech recommended approving the Gullett Fence bid of $62,138.00.

Motion to approve the Gullet Fence bid as provided at a cost of $62,138.00 by Ziegler. Seconded by Teninty. 3 council voted aye; 3 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried: 1 City, 1 County.

Beta Test Summary from the Recycling Center

At the request of Blue Castle Waste, a beta test for single stream recycling was held September 14-18, 2026. Creech and the Recycling Center employees gathered data during that week and provided the SWC with the results. Discussion was held with employees on their thoughts. Blue Castle Waste will be doing a presentation at the next meeting.

Closed Session

4:43 p.m.-Motion to enter closed session in accordance with the Iowa Code Section 21.5(l)(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

5:06 p.m.-The Commission returned to open session. No action taken.

Informational Items

The next meeting will be October 22, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Caviness moved to adjourn. Seconded by Duprey. 3 council voted aye; 3 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried: 1 City, 1 County. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Chairman, Ottumwa/Wapello Solid Waste Commission

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Darren Batterson, Wapello County Supervisor

ATTEST:

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Amy Johnson, Clerk