OTTUMWA/WAPELLO COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

REGULAR MEETING 10
October 22, 2026 4:00 p.m.
Ottumwa City Hall City Council Chambers 2nd Floor

Attendance
City Council Members – Caviness, Duprey, Reid, Gallaway
Wapello County Supervisors – Teninty, Ziegler
Wapello County Board Asst. – Karen Wilcoxson
Staff – Mayor Ben Foote, Finance Director Michael Lee, SCS Tim Buelow,
Solid Waste Superintendent - Lori Creech
Davis County Supervisor - Ron Bride
Blue Castle Waste - Jason Blunt, Brian Miller, Doug Asay
Joe Young, Tiffany Young, Travis Courtney, Dennis Willhoit, Ian Celenia

Absent:
Wapello County Supervisor Batterson
City Administrator Phil Rath
City Council Hoffman

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

Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda by Caviness. Seconded by Teninty. 4 council voted aye; 2 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve minutes of September 24, 2026 by Teninty. Seconded by Duprey. 4 council voted aye; 2 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Financials from the Landfill and Recycling Center
Landfill $1,609,283.00
Recycling $595,823.00
Motion to approve the financials as provided by Caviness. Seconded by Teninty. 4 council voted aye; 2 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.
*Crop Ground needs reviewed on the next agenda.

Update and Approval for SCS Engineering
Reviewed groundwater monitoring well abandonment, delayed greenhouse-gas reporting and the proposed airspace analysis. Discussed soil availability, stormwater management, landfill grading, and the potential costs and benefits for closing an area with the cell 4 project. Explained the process of closing the cell.

Airspace Analysis
Motion to approve the Airspace Analysis by Caviness. Seconded by Galloway. 4 council voted aye; 2 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Blue Castle Waste

Blue Castle presented a single-stream beta test and recommended bailing residential materials for shipment to Des Moines, while continuing to bail commercial cardboard locally. Discussed collection containers and trucks, transportation and processing costs, public education on recycling, contamination monitoring, staffing and conditions for possible future local processing. No proposal decision was made; members discussed holding a work session to review the financial model.
*Set work session date – December 3,2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Temporary Operator
Motion for approval of a temporary extension for a retired operator by Caviness. Seconded by Teninty. 4 council voted aye; 2 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Solid Waste Superintendent Job Description
Motion to table by Galloway. Seconded by Caviness. 4 council voted aye; 2 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Final Lift Training From SCS Engineers
Lift training and cell 4 design and bid work. The design scope includes a proposed underdrain change and addressing an overfilled waste boundary.

New Operator Training For Landfill
*Table this item until December 10, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Concrete Crushing
Motion for approval by Duprey of Bushman Excavating to crush concrete: $7.25 / ton. Seconded by Caviness. 4 council voted aye; 2 supervisors voted aye. Motion carried.

Fiber internet From CMTEL for Landfill
*Tabled this item until December 10, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Discussion of 3rd Operator at the Landfill
*Tabled this item until December 10, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Informational Items
There will be no November meeting due to the holiday. Work session date – December 3, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meeting - December 10, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment
Galloway moved to adjourn. Seconded by Teninty 4 council voted aye; 2 supervisors voted aye. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Chairman, Ottumwa/Wapello Solid Waste Commission

Bryan Ziegler

Bryan Ziegler, Wapello County Supervisor

ATTEST:
Karen Wilcoxson
Karen Wilcoxson, Administrative Asst.