



MAHASKA COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Ronda Almond, Chair

Joe Farris, Landfill Manager

Meeting Minutes of the Mahaska County Solid Waste Management Commission

Date: March 12, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Mahaska County Courthouse 3rd floor

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM after due notice had been given to all members of the Commission and the public.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Krutzfeldt and seconded by German. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment- None

Roll Call:

- Present: Ronda Almond, Alan DeBruin, Eric Dursky, Tom German, Doug Greenlee, Mark Groenendyk, Jeff Innis, Dave Krutzfeldt, Mark Miller, Steve Phillips, Ron Terpstra, Henry VanRoekel, Richard Thomas, George Toubekis, Javin Sword, Janet VanderBeek.
- Absent: Jake Dannels, Russ Hammes, Randy Veldhuizen.

Others Present: Deb Danley, Joe Farris (Landfill), Christine (SCS), Adam Eischen (LDI), Orville (LDI) Bryan Vander Meiden (Midwest Sanitation), Robert Veldhuizen (Landfill), Patty Herr (neighbor).

Approval of Minutes

Toubekis noted that corrections are necessary to the February 12, 2026, minutes. The correction under the *New Business – Budget* item should read:

“Toubekis points out errors in the draft budget. Dursky moved to table approval of the budget until corrections are made. Terpstra seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.”

Following this clarification, Greenlee moved to approve February 12, 2026, minutes with corrections. Toubekis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.



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Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills was made by DeBruin and seconded by Greenlee. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Financial Reports

Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Krutzfeldt and seconded by German. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Long Range Landfill Discussion

Discussed adjacent property to the south and west that could be an option for long range landfilling. This was presented with several aerial maps and a verbal discussion with commission members as well as a local land owner.

IDNR Financial Assurance- A motion to approve the \$155,367 trust fund for post closure financial assurance was made by VanderBeek and seconded by DeBruin. The motion passed unanimously.

Cargill Liquid Waste Update- No liquid waste loads have been received since mid-December 2025. A call was received on Friday, March 6, 2026, informing staff of the closure of the plant and the Vitamin E facility. Joe also noted the depreciation of the haul truck and stated that those details still need to be resolved.

Committee Reports

- **Executive:** None
- **Finance:** None.
- **Personnel:** Due to the discontinuation of liquid waste, a necessary staff layoff occurred.
- **Equipment/Landfill:** New dozer has been received.
- **Recycle:** Ronda, Joe, and Deb will represent the Commission in educating Mahaska County students about recycling at *Ag Day in the Classroom*, sponsored by the Mahaska County Farm Bureau on April 17 in honor of Earth Day.



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Landfill Managers Report

February 19: A DNR Field Office representative performed a site inspection; no issues were found.

March 31: IDALS mine reclamation meeting.

MCG E-Cycle Event: Scheduled for April 25, 2026. Joe and Ronda will volunteer.

A work session to review the budget will be held at City Hall at 6:00pm on March 26, 2026.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm was made by Krutzfeldt and seconded by German. The motion passed unanimously.