



# MAHASKA COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Ronda Almond, Chair

Joe Farris, Landfill Manager

The Mahaska County Solid Waste Management Commission will meet in regular session after the Commission and the public is notified.

**WHERE:** Mahaska County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 12, 2025

**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

Deletions and re-ordering of the agenda

Public Comment

Roll Call

Approval of the minutes for the May 8, 2025 regular meeting

Bills

Financials (Profit and Loss – Balance Sheet)

New Business

- Heartland Insurance Risk Pool Renewal FY25/26
- Landfill Gas Migration Action Plan Proposal (SCS Engineers)

Old Business

Committee Reports

- Executive
- Finance
- Personnel
- Equipment/Landfill
- Recycle

Landfill Managers Report



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## Meeting Minutes of the Mahaska County Solid Waste Management Commission

**Date:** May 8, 2025 **Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Mahaska County Courthouse 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Groenendyk, seconded by German. The motion passed unanimously.

### Public Comment

None

### Roll Call

- Present: Ronda Almond, Alan DeBruin, Eric Dursky, Tom German, Mark Groenendyk, Dave Krutzfeldt, Steve Phillips, Ron Terpstra, Jeff Innis, Janet VanderBeek, Henry VanRoekel.
- Absent: Jake Dannels, Barb DeGeest, Doug Greenlee, Russ Hammes, Richard Thomas, George Toubekis, Randy Veldhuizen.
- Others Present: Deb Danley, Joe Farris (Landfill).

### Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025, meeting was made by Groenendyk, seconded by DeBruin. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills was made by VanderBeek and seconded by German. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Financial Reports

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

### New Business

- Employee Evaluations- The Personnel Committee recommends that a 3% ceiling be considered when giving performance reviews. Phillips made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Krutzfeldt. The motion passed unanimously.
- IDNR Administrative Consent Order- A motion to sign the Consent Order was made by VanderBeek, seconded by DeBruin. The motion passed, with German and Phillips voting in opposition. Joe will manage the next procedural steps and review available terms based on the commission's recommendation.



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- Landfill Land- Terpstra asks the commission to consider a potential spending cap for land acquisition as plans are being examined and to also consider any possibility of unforeseen circumstances.

## Old Business

None.

## Committee Reports

- **Executive:** None
- **Finance:** None.
- **Personnel:** Met about employee evaluations.
- **Equipment/Landfill:** included in Landfill manager report.
- **Recycle:** None.

## Landfill Manager's Report

- Equipment - We received our 30-ton haul truck a few weeks ago. Keeping it in the shed until needed. Some warranty work was performed before it arrived. John Deere could not locate parts, so they installed three brand new axles under the machine.
- Annual Water Quality Report- In April 2024, the annual water quality report was submitted to the IDNR. One area we are going to have to address is gas migration on the north side and west sides of the landfill. About 4 years ago we added some passive vents to see what gas could be released and stop migration. The IDNR gave us some time to see what the results were. We have not seen many results. We are going to be producing an action plan with SCS to see what our options are. We will have options at our next meeting to discuss.
- Annual Ag Day- April 17<sup>th</sup> was a success meeting the third-grade students of the county.
- MCG E-Cycle Event- This event was hugely successful. From 7:30 to 11:00 cars and trucks were lined up two wide the entire time. We filled three van trailers.
- ISOSWO Spring Conference- Deb and I attended the ISOSWO spring conference, and one big topic was the Emergency Management of waste from the county level. Our talks with Josh Stevens of Mahaska County EMS will continue. I was also elected to the Vice President role within ISOSWO at this event as well. I have served as a board member for the past 2 years.
- Wood Chip Mulch-We have started to offer free ground pallet mulch. We have excess amounts of chipped pallet mulch and are using the amounts taken away and onsite as part of our Organics objective for EMS.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM was made by Groenendyk and seconded by German. The motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Deb Danley.*