

Full Board Meeting Minutes
1/8/2025

The Full Board of the Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency held a meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Sheldon, Iowa.

Chairman Pedley called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were: 21 Representatives with 69 votes. A quorum is 25 Representatives or 51 votes. Representatives present were: Sioux County, Alton, Granville, Hospers, Hull, Matlock, Orange City, Rock Valley, Sioux Center, O'Brien County, Hartley, Sanborn, Sheldon, Osceola County, Ocheyedan, Sibley, Lyon County, Alvord, George, Inwood, and Akron. Absent were: Boyden, Chatsworth, Hawarden, Ireton, Maurice, Archer, Calumet, Paullina, Primghar, Sutherland, Ashton, Harris, Melvin, Dickens, Everly, Fostoria, Gillett Grove, Greenville, Peterson, Rossie, Royal, Webb, Doon, Larchwood, Lester, Little Rock and Rock Rapids.

Motion was made by Jerry Johnson to approve the Full Board Agenda as listed. Seconded by Les Brommer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jerry Muilenburg, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull to approve the Full Board Minutes of 1-17-2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Manager, Brent Kach, introduced himself to the Full Board, explained some staff changes, and reviewed tonnages – including the flood impact. The volume for solid waste, construction and demolition material in calendar year 2024 was 84,690.58 tons, nearly 10,000 tons more than 2023! We had to hire extra man-power and equipment to assist us during the summer months. Space to place garbage has been greatly reduced. Brent's been working with the IDNR and our Engineers to monitor and manage the situation.

Another large expense was purchasing 70,000 cubic yards of soil from Rural Water System #1. It was used to cover the south and east slopes; that has been seeded for growth in the spring. Additionally, the Landfill purchased a used CAT skid steer, used CAT backhoe and new compactor.

Brent has been working with our recycling vendor for improved service. The Landfill designated a special area for glass recycling. Other recycling items taken-in during 2024: 25 tons of electronics, 145.55 tons of tires and 21.58 tons of appliances.

The Household Hazardous Materials Regional Collection Center completed its 17th year, processing over 35 tons from 826 customers in 2024. Mobile-trailer events in 25 communities collected 75% of the materials processed this year. The summer flood greatly increased all these numbers.

NWIASWA continues to look towards and plan for the future - purchasing land for soil for adequate daily coverage and cell construction, repairing, replacing and adding new litter fencing, upgrading equipment, and making improvements to the property. The agency is funding capital improvement, cell construction and site replacement accounts. We are also modifying how we fund Financial Assurance. As the landfill increases in size, so does the amount of money needed to fund this requirement of the IDNR.

Tim Buelow with SCS Engineers gave an update on how far along numerous required reports are currently. He reiterated that due to flooding, there's minimal airspace left to fill before a new cell is needed. IDNR has become receptive to temporarily stockpiling waste outside the permitted compliant disposal area, subject to preparation and approval of numerous plans.

The bid process for Cell 25 was accelerated last fall to attempt construction in 2024; however, only one bid was received at \$372,000 over estimation, and rejected. Bids are currently open again, due February 5th for work to begin March/April and completion anticipated for May 31st, pending weather.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was explained. Major changes include wage expense going down due to fewer employees, health savings fund going up due to the Executive Board approving an increase to off-set higher deductibles, and the repairs expense was set closer to reality with continued issues with equipment. Motion by Les Brommer, seconded by Cory Altena to approve the proposed budget. All aye. Motion carried.

The 5-year Cell Liner Expenditure Plan was reviewed. Construction costs for Cell 25 were incorporated. Motion by Jerry Johnson, seconded by Dennis Thielvoldt to approve the proposed 5-year Cell Liner Expenditure Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

The 5-year Capital Improvement Plan was distributed. Director Brent Kach reinterpreted what expenses the Alternate/IDNR savings accounts are allowed to cover. Motion by Scott Maggert, seconded by Brad Hindt to approve the proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Full Board present at the meeting, again, decided each county was well-represented by current selected members and to keep previously nominated people in-place for 2025. Remaining elected, and holding Executive Board Member status are:

Sioux County: Jerry Muilenburg, Les Brommer, Scott Maggert
O'Brien County: Dennis Vanden Hull, Brad Hindt, Randy Lyman
Osceola County: Leroy DeBoer, Jerry Johnson, Arlyn Pedley
Lyon County: Cory Altena, Dennis Thielvoldt, Ted Underberg
Clay Co. City: Kristi Fliss
Akron: Dan Rolfes

Motion was made by Brad Hindt to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mike Schulte. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.

Arlyn Pedley, Chairman

Brent Kach, Secretary/Director