

Full Board Meeting Minutes
1/14/2026

The Full Board of the Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency held a meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Sheldon, Iowa.

At 7:15 p.m. Chairman Corey Altena called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were: 22 representatives with 63 votes. A quorum is 25 representatives or 51 votes. Representatives present were: Jerry Muilenberg - Sioux County, Travis Waterman - Hawarden, Kelly Kooistra - Hospers, Michael Harmen - Hull, Scott Maggert - Matlock, Rod DeKam - Rock Valley, Les Brommer - Sioux Center, Dennis Vanden Hull - O'Brien County, Steven Meyer – Archer, Nick Galm - Hartley, Dan Verrips - Sanborn, Brad Hindt - Sheldon, Michael Wynja - Melvin, Dale Carda - Ocheyedan, Dave Myers - Sibley, Corey Altena - Lyon County, Mark Nagel - Alvord, BJ Gerken - George, Carol Vander Kolk - Inwood, Ted Underberg – Larchwood, Curtis Doornweerd – Lester, and Dan Rolfes - Akron. Counties/Towns with no representatives present: Boyden, Chatsworth, Granville, Ireton, Maurice, Orange City, Calumet, Paullina, Primghar, Sutherland, Osceola County, Ashton, Harris, Dickens, Everly, Fostoria, Gillett Grove, Greenville, Peterson, Rossie, Royal, Webb, Doon, Little Rock and Rock Rapids. Also present: Dennis Thielvoldt, Jim Zentenhorst, Tom Van Maanen, Tyler Sipma, Tim Buelow - SCS Engineers, Landfill Director - Brent Kach.

Motion was made by Steven Myer to approve the Full Board Agenda as listed. Seconded by Jerry Muilenberg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dennis Vanden Hull, seconded by Brad Hindt to approve the Full Board Minutes of 1-8-2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Tim Buelow with SCS Engineers gave the engineering summary for 2025. Tim also gave an update on upcoming items for 2026. No action needed or taken.

Director Brent Kach gave his manager's update. He reviewed a number of the highlights in 2025. No action needed or taken.

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 was reviewed. The tonnage fee for waste going to the landfill is being presented with a proposed increase of \$1.00 a ton. The commercial recycling fee is being presented with a proposed increase of \$2.00 a ton. Motion by Les Brommer to approve the FY 2026-2027 budget as presented, seconded by Travis Waterman. All ayes. Motion carried.

The proposed 5-year Cell Liner Expenditure Plan was reviewed. Motion by Jerry Muilenberg to approve the proposed 5-year Cell Liner Expenditure Plan as presented, seconded by Ted Underberg. All ayes. Motion carried.

The proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed. Motion by Scott Maggert to approve the proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Plan as presented, seconded by Dale Carda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Cory Altena presented the need to fill 4 empty positions on the Executive Board for 2026. The Full Board members present at the meeting broke into groups by County (Sioux, O'Brien, Lyon & Osceola) to decide their representatives for 2026.

Upon reconvening the following Full Board members have been chosen for the 2026 Executive Board:

Sioux County: Jerry Muilenburg, Les Brommer, Scott Maggert

O'Brien County: Dennis Vanden Hull, Brad Hindt, **Steven Meyer - Archer**

Osceola County: Leroy DeBoer, **Dale Carda - Ocheyedan**, **Dave Myers - Sibley**

Lyon County: Cory Altena, **Mark Nagel - Alvord**, Ted Underberg

Clay Co. City: Ryan Kruger (was 2025 representative), no one was present from the towns in Clay County

Akron: Dan Rolfes

Bold letters denote the new Executive Board members for 2026.

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

Corey Altena, Chairman

Brent Kach, Secretary/Director