Jones County Solid Waste Management Commission

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Scotch Grove, Iowa

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November 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes*

The regular meeting of the Jones County Solid Waste Management Commission was held Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at the Jones County Transfer Station. Commission members present in-person include Russ Benke, Onslow; John Schlarmann, Jones County; Jeff Swisher, Jones County; and Dave Goedken, Monticello. Commission members present virtually include Mike Reddington, Martelle. Members were not present from Anamosa, Olin, Oxford Junction, Morley, and Wyoming. Others present in-person include Tami Michaud, operation manager; Ray Hendley, operator; and Alicia Presto, ECICOG. Todd Whipple with HLW Engineering attended virtually.

The meeting was called to order at 5 PM by Benke.

Motion was made by Goedken to approve the minutes from previous meetings. Motion was seconded by Swisher. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion was made by Swisher to approve expenditures and the financial report. Motion was seconded by Goedken. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Presto provided information about the Iowa Derelict Building Program eligibility and guidelines.

Michaud provided an update on scale repair, scale house addition, and the transition to Trash Flow software.

Whipple provided information about the closed landfill leachate system and options for long-term management. Options include continuing to collect, haul, and treat; or, if conditions allow, request a leachate system shutdown demonstration period. Motion was made by Swisher to move forward with the testing and reporting needed to request a demonstration period for the Iowa DNR to consider shutting down the leachate management system. Motion was seconded by Schlarmann. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion was made by Swisher to get bids for a railing and walkway along the scale to consider at the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Schlarmann. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion was made by Swisher to purchase a decal and rack for truck. Motion was seconded by Goedken. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion was made by Goedken to update locks and access to the transfer station building. Motion was seconded by Schlarmann. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion was made by Schlarmann to calculate commission employee's hourly pay by rounding up or down to the nearest quarter hour like Jones County. Motion was seconded by Goedken. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion was made by Schlarmann to authorize a 90-day pay increase for Garet McAtee from $18 per hour to $19 per hour. Motion was seconded by Swisher. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Motion was made by Swisher to publish meeting minutes in the Anamosa Journal-Eureka and Monticello Express. Motion was seconded by Schlarmann. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Hendley updated the commission on site improvements including fan repair in the transfer station and reorganization of the recycling area.

Motion was made by Swisher to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Schlarmann. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

*Minutes to be officially approved at the next regular meeting.