

# Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

Jefferson County Courthouse  
311 S. Center Ave., Room C2003  
Jefferson, WI 53549

## June 3, 2025 Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Callan at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)** – Committee Members: Joan Callan, Dan Herbst and Bob Preuss were present. Matt Tracy and Mark Groose are absent. Staff Present: Matt Zangl and Kim Buchholz.
3. **Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law** – In compliance.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion by Herbst, seconded by Preuss. Approved as printed, 3-0.
5. **Public Comment** - None
6. **Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2025 Solid Waste Committee Meeting** – Motion by Herbst, seconded by Preuss, to approve April 1, 2025 Solid Waste committee meeting minutes as printed. Motion approved, 3-0.
7. **Communications** – None
8. **Departmental Update** – Buchholz stated that the grants for 2026 were submitted for HHW in the amount of \$22,000; Agriculture Hazardous Waste in the amount of \$10,000 and Unused Prescription Drug in the amount of \$5,000. We should be notified of the grant award in early August 2025. April 4 & 5 Clean Sweep and May 10 Electronic & Appliance Recycling Event were held. Phone calls have picked up with spring cleaning questions and how to dispose of various items. Cylinders continue to be a popular question for disposal options and unfortunately there are really no options for disposal. Buchholz is working with Parks, Land Conservation, GIS and Zoning to have a combined information booth at the Jefferson County Fair. Buchholz has also been prepping for Saturday's upcoming event in Lake Mills.
9. **Discussion on Solid Waste Departmental 2025 Financial Report** – A copy of the 2025 to date budget was distributed to the committee. Zangl stated that the budget looks good; he pointed out that the purchase care and services line item show the expenses from the Spring Clean Sweep \$57,876.17, down slightly from 2024. Prices are up though. Based on previous experience with Fall Clean Sweep, we should be able to come in under the budgeted amount.
10. **Update from Waste Collection Partners** – No reports.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Partnering with Dane County and Waukesha County to provide services to Jefferson County residents for disposal of Hazardous Waste items during non-event times** - Buchholz reviewed the options for partnership with both Waukesha County and Dane County for residents to have the option to dispose of household hazardous waste outside our Spring and Fall events. Details were also discussed at the committee's last meeting. Discussion occurred. Motion by Preuss, seconded by Herbst, for Jefferson County to contract with both Dane County Hazardous Waste Department and Waukesha County Hazardous Waste Department for a maximum of 20 residents in 2026 at \$15 each. Motion passed. Buchholz will work with both counties to establish the intergovernmental agreements/contracts.

**12. Discussion and Recap of Events:**

- a. **April 4 & 5 Clean Sweep Event** – Buchholz handed out the summary sheet for the event. She stated that overall, the event went well. Traffic was backed up initially due to the one truck. That specifically was discussed with Veolia and all parties have agreed that if we had understood what the truck brought and what was involved, it would have been handled differently. Increased prices did not seem to be an issue with people.
- b. **May 10 Electronics & Appliance Recycling Event (Fair Park)** – Buchholz handed out the summary sheets for the event. Buchholz stated that the contractor was not prepared for the size of event we had. They have assured her that they will be for this Saturday's event. We were backed up before the event began. All agreed that future events, traffic will be snaked around from the beginning to negate some of the traffic issues. Gate was closed early due to the large turnout.

**13. Discussion on June 7 Electronics & Appliance Recycling Event (Lake Mills)** – This Saturday, June 7 is the Electronic & Appliance Recycling Event at the City of Lake Mills Light & Water Department. Discussion occurred regarding traffic patterns and the best way to line up traffic if there is a large turnout such as the May event had. Buchholz will contact Aztalan Engineering to ask permission to utilize their parking lot if necessary. Buchholz will also contact the Lake Mills Police Department to give them a heads up about possible traffic. Volunteers will meet at 7:30 a.m. to review the traffic pattern and anything else needed prior to the event on Saturday.

**14. Discussion and Possible Action on future Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items** – Review of Lake Mills collection event and normal agenda items.

**15. Next Solid Waste Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Callan asked committee members to make sure to notify either her or the office if they will not be in attendance for the meeting.

**16. Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. Motion by Preuss, seconded by Herbst.