

Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

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

June 2, 2026, Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Matt Zangl at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)** – Committee Members present: Joan Callan, Kerry Kneser, and Bob Preuss. Amanda Kaiser was online. Matt Tracy was absent. Staff Present: Matt Zangl, Kim Buchholz. Waste Collection Partners Present: Kyle Badtke, Waste Management (Deer Track Landfill). Colin Barrington, Veolia, was present online.
3. **Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law** – In compliance.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Approved
5. **Public Comment** – None
6. **Election of Officers** – Zangl opened nominations for Chair. Preuss nominated Callan. Callan accepted nomination. No other nominations. Nominations closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Callan to be Chair. Motion approved, 4-0. Callan opened nominations for Vice Chair. Callan nominated Preuss for Vice Chair. Preuss accepted nomination. No other nominations. Nominations are closed. Unanimous ballot cast for Preuss to be Vice Chair. Motion approved, 4-0.
7. **Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2026, Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee Meeting** – Motion by Preuss, seconded by Kneser, to approve April 7, 2026, Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee meeting minutes. Motion approved, 4-0.
8. **Communications** – Buchholz read the below update from Elizabeth McGeary, Director/Health Officer on the purple air monitors within the County. Buchholz stated that committee members should reach out to Elizabeth with any questions.

As part of a new air quality initiative, the Health Department is installing purple air monitors in locations throughout the county. PurpleAir monitors use sensors to measure fine particulate matter in the air, commonly referred to as PM2.5. PM2.5 includes very small particles that can be breathed deep into the lungs and may affect health, particularly for individuals who are more sensitive to air pollution.

Current locations include Fort Atkinson, Palmyra, Watertown, and Johnson Creek. These monitors provide real-time, publicly viewable data via the www.purpleair.com/map website, helping residents better understand current air conditions in their community. With increased access to local air-quality information, residents can be more aware and make informed decisions to protect their health. We are grateful for the participation of Fort HealthCare, the Rock River Community Clinic, and the Town of Palmyra for hosting the Purple Air Monitors.

In addition, the Health Department is currently partnering with the Parks Department to place signage throughout the parks with QR codes residents to scan to obtain current air quality data. We are hoping to place at least one additional monitor and if there are ideas on placement, please contact the Health Department Director.

9. **Departmental Update** – Buchholz explained the voucher system to the committee and let them know that 2 vouchers have been issued and 1 is currently being worked on. The 2027 grants for Household Hazardous Waste (\$22,000), Agriculture Hazardous Waste (\$10,000) and Unused Prescription Drug (\$5,000) grant applications were submitted, and award amounts will be issued in August. Buchholz updated the committee that the program has received \$6,025 in donations to date for 2026. This is slightly above 2025. Buchholz also shared that the program would be participating with Land Conservation and Parks to have a joint booth at the upcoming Jefferson County Fair.
10. **Discussion on Solid Waste Departmental 2026 Financial Report** – Zangl highlighted the categories of Public Solid Waste Charges, Municipal Other Charges, Purchase Care & Services, Educational Initiative, and Reserved Applied Capital and provided an explanation of the income and expenses to the committee. Budget is on track for 2026. No questions.
11. **Update from Waste Collection Partners** – Kyle Badtke, Deer Track Park Landfill Operations Manager, reported that things are going well. Tonnage is down slightly. He was asked what the life of the landfill was. He stated that they are estimated eight or nine years.
- Colin Barington, Veolia, stated that the spring clean sweep event went well and that Buchholz had been sent the paperwork.
12. **Discussion and Possible Action on 2026 Events** – The following events from the Spring were reviewed by the committee.
- **Recap/Review of April 10 & 11 Clean Sweep Event (Parks Shop)** – Buchholz distributed a copy of the survey summary and reviewed it with the committee. See attached. The event collected 23,570 lbs. of household hazardous waste for a cost of \$38,270.61; 2,704 lbs. of agricultural waste for a cost of \$3,651.74; and 158 lbs. of waste from very small quantity generators (small businesses). Small businesses pay Veolia directly for their waste disposal.
 - **Recap/Review of Drug Take Back Events** – Buchholz shared that the:
 - i. The Jefferson County Employee was held on Thursday, April 23 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and brought in 29.3 lbs.
 - ii. The Watertown event was held at Watertown Walmart on Saturday, April 25 from 9-Noon and brought in 59 lbs.
 - iii. The Lake Mills event was held at the Rock Lake Activity Center on Wednesday, April 22 from 11-1 pm. They didn't have an exact amount but estimated they brought in 20-25 lbs. in 2 hours.
 - iv. The Johnson Creek event was held at Johnson Creek Police Department on Saturday, April 25 from 10-2 pm. Buchholz did not receive a report back.
 - **Recap/Review of May 13 Electronic & Appliance Recycling Event (Fair Park)** – Buchholz shared the survey summary with the committee and reviewed it. See attached. There were 331 people that attended; probably more like 350 with those that we know didn't stay in line. Of those that attended, 187 were new attendees. Social media was the leading way people found out about the event. Callan pointed out that mailer/flyer and tax insert were probably the same. Buchholz also shared that we collected 30,573 lbs. of electronics and 3,777 lbs. of appliances. Both are down slightly from the 2025 Spring event. Zangl reminded the committee that this event was held on a weekday rather than the weekend and had a great turnout. The committee may want to keep this in mind as 2027 event dates are scheduled.

- Buchholz also reminded the committee that the next event will be on Saturday, June 13. She will need volunteers to work on the event. Let her know if you are available.

13. **Discussion and Possible Action on future Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items** – Callan asked the committee if the current dates and times work for the members. This committee is currently meeting on the first Tuesday of the even months at 8:30 a.m. All committee members stated that this works for them.

14. **Next Solid Waste Committee Meeting** – The upcoming event and meeting dates for the committee are: Saturday, June 13 (event); Tuesday, August 4, Friday; September 18 (event); Saturday, September 19 (event); Tuesday, October 6; Saturday, October 17 (event); Tuesday, December 1.

15. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

2026 Clean Sweep Survey - April 10 &11 (Combined)

WHAT TOWN/CITY/VILLAGE DO YOU LIVE IN?

TOWN		CITY	
AZTALAN	8	FORT ATKINSON	34
COLD SPRING	1	JEFFERSON	23
CONCORD	4	LAKE MILLS	24
FARMINGTON	9	WATERLOO	8
HEBRON	3	WATERTOWN	28
IXONIA	7	WHITEWATER	1
JEFFERSON	12	CITY TOTAL	118
KOSHKONONG	13	VILLAGE	
LAKE MILLS	10	HELENVILLE	2
MILFORD	4	JOHNSON CREEK	4
OAKLAND	19	PALMYRA	0
PALMYRA	2	CAMBRIDGE	5
SULLIVAN	1	SULLIVAN	0
SUMNER	5	VILLAGE TOTAL	11
WATERLOO	3	Unknown	2
WATERTOWN	1	DODGE CO.	1
		ROCK CO.	2
TOWN TOTAL	102	COUNTY TOTAL	236

HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS ARE YOU BRINGING WASTE FROM TODAY?

ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR+
230	6		

ARE YOU A FIRST TIME PARTICIPANT IN A JEFFERSON COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP EVENT?

YES	120	NO	112
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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT TODAY'S EVENT? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

COUNTY WEBSITE	53	TOWN WEBSITE	16
SOCIAL MEDIA	29	NEWSPAPER	27
FRIEND/RELATIVE	12	YARD SIGNS	10
MAILER/FLYER	17	OTHER	3
KNOW ABOUT IT	48	BROCHURE	7
RECEIVED EMAIL	10	LIBRARY	1
TAX INSERT	11		
WORK FOR COUNTY	2		

DO YOU HAVE ANY HAZWASTE FROM A VSQG BUSINESS TODAY? (VSQG = 220 LBS. OR LESS PER MONTH)

YES	4	NO	232
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DO YOU HAVE ANY AGRICULTURAL WASTE TO DISPOSE OF TODAY? (NO CHARGE FOR UP TO 200 LBS.)

YES	19	NO	217
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DO YOU HAVE ANY TIRES TO DISPOSE OF TODAY?

YES	22	NO	214
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Friday, April 10, 2026 - 139 participants (3 VSQGs; 10 Farms; 131 pre-registered; 8 no appts; 10 no shows/6 cancelled)

Saturday, April 11, 2026 - 89 participants (0 VSQGs, 9 farms, 96 pre-registered; 6 no appts; 11 no shows; 2 cancelled)

Total Participants: 228 participants

5/13/2026 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SURVEY

WHAT TOWN/CITY/VILLAGE DO YOU LIVE IN?

TOWN		CITY	
Aztalan	10	Fort Atkinson	32
Cold spring	5	Jefferson	74
Concord	4	Lake Mills	49
Farmington	8	Waterloo	4
Hebron	3	Watertown	14
Ixonia	10	Whitewater	0
Jefferson	22	CITY TOTAL	173
Koshkonong	3	VILLAGE	
Lake Mills	13	Cambridge	8
Milford	5	Johnson Creek	23
Oakland	19	Lac La Belle	0
Palmyra	8	Palmyra	0
Sullivan		Sullivan	1
Sumner	1	VILLAGE TOTAL	32
Waterloo	5	COUNTY TOTAL	
Watertown	9	DODGE CO.	
TOWN TOTAL	126	WALWORTH CO.	
		DANE CO.	
		WAUKESHA CO.	
	GRAND TOTAL		331

HAVE YOU BEEN TO A JEFFERSON COUNTY ELECTRONICS & APPLIANCE RECYCLING EVENT PREVIOUSLY?

YES	143	NO	187
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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT TODAY'S EVENT? (Check all that apply)

County Website	Newspaper	Mailer/Flyer	Friend/Relative	Fair Park Sign
17	30	44	39	23
Social Media	Called In	Town Website/Mtg	Yard Sign	Other
80	3	1	25	11
Website/Internet	Tax Insert	Email		
35	10	4		