



Lake Region Solid Waste Authority

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MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday October 16th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

Coffey County District Court | 110 S 6th Steet | Burlington, KS

The following people were in attendance:

Anderson County:
Coffey County: Todd Bemis, Ryan Durst
Franklin County: Don Stottlemire, Peg Pearson
Linn County: Johnny Taylor
Miami County: Eric Sandberg, Darryl White
Osage County: Ryan Fine, Tricia Webb
Shawnee County: Bill Sutton
Staff: Shay Hanyak
Guest: Mrs. Stottlemire

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Board Chair, Todd Bemis, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum was achieved.

II. Approval of Agenda

Eric made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Don. The agenda was approved without objection.

III. Approval of Minutes

Darryl made a motion to approve the minutes from July 17, 2025, as presented. Seconded by Eric. The minutes were approved without objection.

IV. Financial Review

a) 2025 YTD Financials

Profit and losses were presented and compared to the 2025 Budget line items. Ryan D made a motion to accept the year-to-date financials as presented. Seconded by Johnny. The motion was approved without objection.

b) Renewal of CD

Shay reported that one of the CDs was renewed on 08/04/2025 and will mature on 04/04/2025. The other CD was just renewed on 10/10/25 for 7 months at 3.7%.

c) Review of Funds / Reserves

The group discussed the total value of our 2 CDs and checking account balance.



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V. Coordinator Report

a) Report on Sustainability Recognition Awards at County Fairs

Shay reported that she attended 9 Fairs and recognized 33 entries this year. Photos of the winners were uploaded to the website. Thank You cards were passed around for review.

b) 2025 KDHE Solid Waste Grant Winners

13 applications were received this year, where 2 were awarded within the Lake Region for a total of \$86,154

- Baumans Cedar Valley Farms (Anderson Co) was awarded \$75,000 for slaughter waste processing and composing upgrades.
- Lakemary (Miami Co) was awarded \$11,154 for a carboard baler and vinyl basket trucks to improve recycling efficiency.

c) Report on 2025 SWANA Conference

Bill, Ryan, Scott and Shay attended the conference. A brief overview of the different sessions and presentation was shared with the group.

d) Report on 2025 National Recycling Coalition/Congress

Shay attended this conference virtually. There were some interesting topics to choose from, but overall, their motivations and initiative do not match up well with our operations or focus.

e) Status of 2026 KOR Waste Diversion Conference

Discussions with KDHE about falling attendance. Still intending to keep HHW training on the first day so that those people can still attend. Will be pursuing vendors / sponsors

f) Mailing Books for National Recycling Day (Nov 15th)

Shay will send the books to the elementary school in the region, along with a letter to invite them to schedule a tour of the local recycling facility or in-class presentation. Shay will coordinate with Bill to determine which schools to focus on in Shawnee County. Tours invites will be limited to Coffey, Franklin, Osage, and Shawnee counties.

VI. Old Business

a) Recycling Containers Storage Carts

Peg brought supplies to the meeting for distribution. Osage County took theirs after the meeting. Anderson county was not present, so they will have to get their cart next meeting.

b) E-Waste Collection Days

Shay has received limited responses from Gary Price since he changed jobs. She was invited to attend a special Business Solutions meeting for Lakemary on August 28th and met other people who are involved in their recycling program and community outreach. She will reach out to them to try and determine the feasibility with their existing operations.



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VII. New Business / County Updates

a) Annual Update & Approval of Solid Waste Management Plan

The group reviewed the list of sections in the SWMP that had been updated and added a few other minor adjustments. Data is still needed from a few counties to update the Solid Waste Reporting Table in Section 3.2. Shay will follow up with those counties.

Once the table is updated, Shay will send the plan revisions to each County Commission for their approval before submitting the updated SWMP to KDHE in January.

b) Funding Sustainability Recognition Awards in Shawnee County

Bill is investigating the idea of sponsoring special prizes at the Shawnee County Fair. We do not advertise the specific prize values anyway, so the group agreed that it was acceptable that those prizes might be larger than at the other fairs.

c) Project Ideas

Peg presented Franklin County's need to upgrade a box truck that they use to collect recycling from businesses around the county. The group discussed using some reserve funds in support of specific county initiatives like the truck upgrade.

Ryan F made a motion to allow the distribution of up to \$5,000 to each county in support of solid waste projects or initiatives. The requests for the funds must be made to the Regional Coordinator within the next 12 months. Seconded by Peg. Don Stottlemire abstained from voting. The motion passed.

d) Membership Updates

Don Stottlemire reported that he will be stepping down from his Board position. Franklin County will select another representative.

Darryl will retire at the end of this year. We will wait to have Miami County update their appointments and possibly include the change for Lakemary at the same time.

VIII. 2025 Meeting Dates

Dates selected for 2026:

January 15th in Franklin Co

April 16th – Shay to investigate scheduling a tour of Ripple Glass & lunch in the City

July 16th in Osage county

October 15th in Shawnee County

Shay will send out calendar invites. We can adjust the dates should other county meetings come up and cause a schedule conflict.

IX. Adjournment

The Board Chair, Todd Bemis, adjourned the meeting at 10:36 AM.

Minutes recorded by: Regional Coordinator, Shay Hanyak