



Lake Region Solid Waste Authority

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MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday January 30th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

Linn County Courthouse Annex | 603 Main St. | Mound City, KS

The following people were in attendance:

Anderson County: Scott Garrett
Coffey County: Todd Bemis, Ryan Durst
Franklin County: Don Stottlemire
Linn County: Al Doan, Johnny Taylor
Miami County: Eric Sandberg, Darryl White
Osage County: Fred Diver
Shawnee County: Bill Sutton
Staff: Shay Hanyak

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

White made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Stottlemire. The agenda was approved without objection.

III. Approval of Minutes

Sandberg made a motion to approve the minutes from October 26, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Durst. The minutes were approved without objection.

IV. Financial Review

a) 2024 Budget vs Actual

Profit and losses were presented and compared to the 2024 Budget line items. Sandberg made a motion to accept the year-end financials as presented. Seconded by Diver. The motion was approved without objection.

The annual Financial Audit will be completed after this meeting, where Anderson, Coffey and Miami will complete the review.

b) 2025 YTD Financials

Year-to-date profit and loss were reviewed.

V. Coordinator Report

a) Board Appointments and Roles

Shay will reach out to each County Clerk in order to request that the County Commission appoint new people to the vacant seats and document the decision in a resolution or meeting minutes.



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Franklin County – Peg Pearson has replaced Pat Campbell. County Commissioners are still deciding on the new Alternate.

Linn County – Noxious Weed Director, Johnny Taylor, will be the new Alternate to replace Jessica Hightower.

Miami County – Gary Price has submitted his resignation. Eric suggested Griffin Middendorf, the Assistant Road & Bridge Director, as his replacement. However, Darryl White will be retiring in November, where his replacement as Noxious Weed Director can take his seat. We will wait until Darryl's retirement to have the Commissioners review all the names in one meeting.

Osage County – Need a new Alternate to replace Glen Tyson

b) Mesh Bags

Various styles and sizes of mesh bags were purchased to try and find the best fit for the recycling collection containers. The best choice was determined to be a 4-pk of plant covers (3.3x4.9ft with drawstring) for \$16.99.

The original intention was to replace all of the plastic bags that were being used for collection. However, there was some concern about whether the bags will be returned depending on if the collected materials are being processed by the county versus and external recycler.

Shay will check with the various fair boards or groups responsible for collection to verify how they are intending to handle the collected materials. We will provide the mesh bags only to the event where the materials will be brought back to our recycling facilities.

c) County Fairs

Our Sustainability Recognition Awards have been well received in the last few years. The possibility of exchanging the cash award for a prize bag was discussed and it was agreed to keep the current award structure.

February is when the Fair Boards start to plan, so Shay will reach out verify their continued partnership in our Recycling Collection Program and Sustainability Recognition Award.

Sutton will provide Shay with a contact name for the Shawnee County Fair, so that we can expand our programs/efforts.

d) Website & Social Media

In-person presentations are not as popular as they used to be, so Shay will be working to update and expand the content of the Lake Region's website and social media platforms. Efforts will also be spent researching grant opportunities through our Grant Station membership.



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VI. Old Business

a) Expansion Initiative

The final version of the 2024 Solid Waste Management Plan was approved by KDHE. Shay will reach out to each county in August for waste volumes, so that the annual update can be compiled for approval at the quarterly meeting in October. That should provide enough time to have it approved from all seven counties before the end of the year.

b) Licensing of Compactor Sites in Linn County

Doan reported that the County is still negotiating with the various cities regarding accepting liability for the compactor site. Pleasanton and LaCygne still have not signed an agreement. KDHE is also reviewing the requirements/expectations.

c) Earth Day Tours

The recycling books were mailed to schools back in November for National Recycling Day, along with a letter inviting the staff to arrange for a tour of their county recycling center or transfer station. To date an elementary school in Coffey County is the only one to reach out. Shay will send out reminders to schools in March.

VII. New Business / County Updates

Coffey – Durst was looking for the tire cutter that used to be owned and shared by the Lake Region counties. The Lake Region divested all equipment years ago, but the tire cutter currently resides in Linn County. Doan will try and make arrangement to allow Coffey County to borrow it.

Linn – Doan reported that the Commissioners have decided not to pursue building a new transfer station

Franklin – Stottlemire reported that the previous plans for vertical landfill expansion will now be changed to expansion into additional acreage that the county has purchased.

Shawnee – The county is currently in negotiations with Waste Management for a new contract to manage MSW

VIII. 2025 Meeting Dates

April 17th – Anderson (Annual Meeting, most likely held at the Dutch County Café)

July 17th – Miami

October 16th – Coffey

IX. Adjournment

Diver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by White. The motion was approved unanimously and the Board Chair, Todd Bemis, adjourned the meeting at 10:12 AM.

Minutes recorded by: Regional Coordinator, Shay Hanyak