

The Buena Vista County Solid Waste Commission met in regular session on May 15, 2025, at Storm Lake City Hall with the following members present- Erik Mosbo, Larry Robinson, Jeff Westcott, Bill Henrich, Bruce McGowan, Barry Meyer, Dana Larson, and Dan Hartman. Also present were Manger Lori Dicks, Clark Fort, Gary Armstrong, Jason Raveling and James Johnson. Absent were Linn Grove, Sioux Rapids, and Lakeside representatives.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mosbo at 6:00 pm. Meyer motioned, and Robinson seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried with all voting aye. The minutes from the April 10th meeting and the Executive Meeting on 4/30/2025 were reviewed and Meyer motioned, and McGowan seconded to approve, motion carried with all voting aye.

Raveling of Hunzelman, Putzier and co. presented the financial report, which showed revenue and expenses above projections due to the insurance claim. The surplus is misleading due to expenses forthcoming from the claim. The bills for April totaled \$230,022.39, which included the purchase of the new skid loader and cleaning and repairs from the insurance claim. Meyer motioned and Westcott seconded to approve the bills; motion carried with all voting aye.

Dicks reported the Case skid loader that was approved for purchase by the Executive Committee had sold prior to approval so a new bid was sought from the 2 original bidders. Robinson motioned to purchase the Case from Vetter, but the motion failed with lack of a second. Further discussion took place, and McGowan motioned, and Robinson seconded to accept the bid from Vetter's, motion carried with 7 ayes and 1 nay.

The office addition was discussed after sending bids back to 2 contractors to make changes to materials. A motion was made to accept the low bid but was rescinded after further discussion. An electrical bid is needed to move forward, and the agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Attorney Armstrong prepared a draft hauling contract, with minor changes to the original contract. The main change would be removing the minimum load requirement. McGowan moved and Henrich seconded to approve the contract. Motion carried with all voting aye. Koster has a draft copy for review.

Dicks reported on operations, storm cleanup and the Storm Lake city wide cleanup event. The cleanup event went well overall, but it is suggested that a pre-event meeting with volunteers occur if we do it again in the future so there is a clear understanding of our operations. The tree grinding contractor is on site today and should be completed tomorrow and the chips will be given away or composted. The Comprehensive Plan update is due to DNR by May 1, 2026. Plan updates are a requirement and occur every 5 years. A series of public input meetings will be scheduled throughout the plan development.

Clark Fort presented the Worker's Compensation renewal. Good claims history and experience levels resulted in a premium reduction from \$8,692 to \$7,764 for FY26. Employees and management were thanked for their careful work resulting in savings. Henrich motioned to approve the renewal and Westcott seconded, motion carried with all voting aye.

Meeting times were discussed, and a request was made to move the meeting back to 6 pm for the summer months. The next meeting will be at Storm Lake City Hall at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Westcott and seconded by McGowan, with all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Dicks