

**Buena Vista County Solid Waste Commission
Regular Meeting - March 12, 2026
Storm Lake City Hall Council Chambers - 5:00 PM**

Members Present: Erik Mosbo, Dana Larson (proxy for Kim Bolster (Woltman)), Barry Meyer, Bruce McGowan, Jeff Westcott, Bill Henrich, Dan Hartman, Larry Robinson. Also Present: Jason Raveling (Accountant), Garry Armstrong (Attorney), Lori Dicks (Manager), Clark Fort (Insurance Agent), Sean Marczewski and Chris Calhoun (SCS Engineers). Absent-Linn Grove, Tom Grafft.

Chairman Mosbo called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Wise moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Meyer. Motion carried unanimously. Wise moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026, meeting. Second by Meyer. Motion carried unanimously. Raveling reviewed the monthly financial report and February bill listing totaling \$125,062.21. Westcott moved to approve the bills. Second by Henrich. Motion carried unanimously.

Sean Marczewski of SCS Engineers provided an update on the leachate control system at the closed landfill: Investigation shows groundwater infiltration into the leachate system both before and after capping. Groundwater was encountered during construction of the North cell and continues to trickle into the area, saturating surrounding soils. A perforated pipe between leachate well manholes is also drawing groundwater into the pond. Lab results indicate the leachate is benign. Quarterly groundwater sampling continues to show no exceedances and remains well below regulatory standards. Next steps include submitting findings to the Iowa DNR, pursuing excavation and permanent removal of the perforated pipe, and capping lines permanently underground. These actions are expected to support completion of post-closure care and issuance of an Environmental Covenant, after which groundwater sampling would be reduced to every two years.

Manager Lori Dicks reported: New skid steer delivered. Yard waste evening and Saturday hours begin April 1. Transmission issue with the 2014 forklift; item will likely appear on the next agenda. Recycling operations steady, markets stable, tonnage typical for this time of year. Staff is doing well and no changes have occurred.

Chairman Mosbo opened the 2026 Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan Update Public hearing: no public comments received. Roll-call vote taken to approve the 2026 Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan Update and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution on behalf of the Buena Vista County Solid Waste Commission. Ayes: Robinson (Marathon), Westcott (Albert City), Henrich (Newell), Larson (Storm Lake), McGowan (Alta), Meyer (Truesdale), Wise (Sioux Rapids), Hartman (Buena Vista County), Mosbo (Rembrandt). Approval submitted in absentia: Grafft (Lakeside). Nays: none. The Comprehensive Plan Update was approved and will be submitted to the Iowa DNR.

Wise motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 pm. Second by Henrich. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be April 9th at Storm Lake City Hall Chambers at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Dicks, Manager

Buena Vista County Solid Waste Commission		
February 28, 2026 Bill Listing		
Auditor-State of Iowa	Audit filing	\$ 350.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ 74.22
Buena Vista County SWCD	Trees/Bushes	\$ 329.00
Carroll County Solid Waste	Landfill Fees	\$ 33,011.89
Community First Broadcastin	Advertising	\$ 369.60
Hunzelman Putzier & Co.	Professional Fees	\$ 1,500.00
Koster Grain	Hauling Fees	\$ 31,227.56
Larson Oil	Propane	\$ 2,119.28
Lift Solutions	Repairs	\$ 95.25
Marcus Lumber	Repairs	\$ 640.41
Mark's Welding	Repairs	\$ 1,683.93
Quincy Recycling	Recycling processing	\$ 1,391.95
Rudd Equipment Company	Repairs	\$ 3,595.61
Samson Development	Appliance Recycling	\$ 100.00
Sanitary Services	Garbage Hauling	\$ 78.00
Stanton Electric	Repairs	\$ 760.50
Storm Lake Hydraulics	Repairs	\$ 55.42
Storm Lake Times Pilot	Advertising	\$ 107.42
Summitt Fire Protection	Inspection	\$ 252.50
US Post Office	PO Box Fee	\$ 106.00
Van's	Recycling processing	\$ 4,128.10
ACH Payments		
Aflac	Insurance	\$ 1,002.44
Boji Portable Toilets Inc.	Portable Toilet Rental	\$ 150.00
City of Storm Lake	Utilities	\$ 72.62
Culligan	Utilities	\$ 55.50
Mastercard Statement	Supplies/Adv/Repairs	\$ 457.63
Mid American Energy	Utilities	\$ 451.20
NW Communications-Interne	Phone/Internet	\$ 131.46
New Century FS	Diesel/Gas	\$ 2,184.17
Phelps	Employee Uniforms	\$ 171.60
Principal Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$ 71.12
Wellmark	Employee Health Insurance	\$ 7,625.39
Payroll	February	\$ 30,712.44
Total Bills Approved		\$ 125,062.21