The Buena Vista County Solid Waste Commission met in regular session on October 15, 2026, at the Storm Lake City Hall council chambers with the following members present: Jeff Westcott, Jason Hoffman, Bill Henrich, Bruce McGowan, Barry Meyer, Jim Wise, Dan Hartman, and Larry Robinson. Also in attendance were Manager Lori Dicks, Insurance Agent Clark Fort and Jason Raveling, Hunzelman Putzier. Absent were Erik Mosbo, Tom Grafft, and Linn Grove.

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, Treasurer Hartman called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Wise motioned to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Meyer, motion carried with all voting aye. Wise motioned to approve the minutes of the 9/10/2026 meeting with a second by Henrich, motion carried with all voting aye. The Secretary position will be filled at a future meeting.

Raveling presented the financial report noting expenses were the usual monthly bills. Robinson motioned to pay the bills totaling $173,3795.10 and McGowan seconded, motion carried with all voting aye. The budget projection was reviewed and Raveling noted projections currently are looking on track for the year.

Dicks reported the grant application approved last month was submitted on time and no response has been received as of this meeting. Wood grinding is still going on at the site, and the contractor has a lot of material to remove. A letter was sent to a hauler working in the planning area on waste flow. A letter was received from Van's noting the CPI Index in the contract favored raising rates for recycling processing from $45 per ton to $48.02 per ton and the transportation costs will rise $25.13 per load effective immediately. A BVU student is working on the education project for recycling and there is a survey on the Facebook page, Dicks encouraged everyone to complete and share it to get good direction on the project. The HHW building will be cleaned out for the season at the end of October.

Dicks reported that SCS had prepared and filed the work plans for the leachate system and passive gas vents at the closed landfill site. DNR has approved the work plan. A proposal from SCS to do the excavation and capping of the leachate lines is anticipated for the next meeting. Well drillers will also be sought and provided the plans for the gas vents. DNR also approved omitting the Q3 methane and leachate sampling because the work plans have been approved and implementation is moving forward.

Clark Fort presented the Environmental Coverage renewal, noting that the self-insured retention would increase from $10,000 to $25,000 with the renewing coverage. The cost of the policy is $13,505.78, up $1.70 from 2026. McGowan motioned to approve the renewal with a second from Henrich, motion carried with all voting aye.

There being no further business, the next meeting will be on November 12 at 5:00 pm at Storm Lake City Hall. A motion to adjourn was made by Wise with a second by Westcott. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm with all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Dicks