

**Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting
Agenda for January 14, 2026; 9:00 A.M.**

Regulatory Updates

- Quarterly landfill gas monitoring for the Central Landfill Facility was completed in November. Five landfill gas monitoring probes had methane exceedances but the associated replacement probes (located away from the landfill but on County property) had no detection of methane. MDE continues to be ok with the replacement probe readings.
- Quarterly landfill gas monitoring for the Snow Hill, Pocomoke, and Berlin closed landfills was completed on 11/10 and monthly monitoring at Berlin on 12/8. Pocomoke showed no methane concentration exceedances. Berlin continued to show methane exceedances in two landfill gas probes but the recently installed associated temporary landfill gas probes associated with each of these probes showed no methane detections. Snow Hill showed methane exceedances but at landfill gas probes not adjacent to the property line and not of concern to MDE.
- The semi-annual landfill gas monitoring report for the Central Landfill and Pocomoke Closed Landfill was submitted to MDE on 12/31/25.
- The groundwater sampling was completed for the Central Landfill Facility was completed during the week of 9/8. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring report was submitted on 12/31/25.
- In November 2025 MDE provided three minor comments on the spring 2025 semi-annual report. EA provided responses to MDE via email.
- The groundwater sampling was completed for the Pocomoke, Snow Hill, and Berlin closed landfill was completed during the week of 9/15. In accordance with the Worcester County Berlin Closed Landfill's EMP and your email dated December 5, 2025, EA provided MDE notification of the results from the resampling. Lead was not detected in the B-MW-07S resample. The resampling result and lab report was included in the Fall 2025 Environmental Monitoring Report. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring report was submitted on 12/31/25.

Central Site

- Cell 6 Preparation and Design – The Commissioners approved the proposal for the Cell 6 design, permitting, construction administration, and inspection on 10/21/25 in the amount of \$899,404. Timber clearing is on pause until the spring while lumber yards catch up. A stump clearing plan and permit are being prepared, as is a possible stump burning disposal plan.

- Credit card kiosk is live and being used for approximately 90% of daily household transactions. Working through issues with reading damaged cards.
- Annual tonnage survey was completed in December 2025. Report is due to MDE in March 2026.

Closed Landfills

- Berlin –Three new temporary probes still show no methane migration offsite. We will continue to monitor and report results to MDE.

Central Site Inactive Cells

- Cell 1 Pump Station Upgrades - EA submitted the bid plans and specs to the County for review on 12/16/25. We are aiming to have the project out to bid this month.

Recycling

- Commissioners approved the Whaleyville concrete pad award to AJT Homes in the amount of \$38,900. The contractor has indicated a mid-February start date. Once work is complete, fencing and lighting will be installed.
- Recycling baler broke down from November 21st to December 18th. We are still catching up on a backlog of cardboard and paper from the holidays.
- The fence at Bishopville has been repaired.

HOCC

- Berlin site rehab – EA submitted the bid plans and specs to the County for review on 12/28/25. We are aiming to have the project out to bid this month.

FY 27 Budget

SOLID WASTE

- Road cleaning broom for skid steer - \$12,000.00
- Replacement gator - \$32,000.00
- Vehicle lift for the shop - \$95,000.00
- Truck diagnostic computer for the shop - \$14,000.00
- Lease a small excavator for working on steep slopes and separating material on the hill - \$5,000.00 / month for five years.

RECYCLE

- Wire tie machine for the baler - \$52,425.00

HOCC

- Two 40-yard bins and two 20-yard bins - \$ 55,000.00

FUTURE PLANNING

- Staff are considering a recommendation to increase tipping fees by \$5 per ton. There are several large projects on the horizon and there is a concern about the adequacy of the Solid Waste reserve account to cover the upcoming projects. A rate study may be needed to determine if \$5 is enough. Currently, the reserve balance is approximately \$12.9 Million. Future projects include:

- Cell 1 lift station - \$1 Million
- Cell 6 Design - \$900,000
- Cell 6 Construction - \$15 Million
- Landfill Gas Collection System - \$4.5 Million
- Cell 1 Cap & Closure (tentative) - \$8.2 Million

Total: \$29,600,000

Comments from the Board...