

**MINUTES OF THE DECATUR COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025, at 5:00 pm

The meeting of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Kenny Hooten on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025, at 5:09pm at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: County Councilman Kenny Hooten, Commissioner Jeremy Pasel, Commissioner Gabriel Nobbe, Mayor Josh Marsh

MEMBERS ABSENT: Westport Town Council Jennifer Hryb. Commissioner Brian Wenning, and City Council Vietta McKenzie.

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Stephanie Westbrook, Rumpke Representative Dean Ferrier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Josh to approve the June 2025 meeting minutes. Kenny seconded and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion was made by Josh to approve claims for May & June 2025. Vietta seconded, and motion carried. Josh signed bank statements.

BUDGET APPROVAL & SALARY ORDINANCE 2026: Budget Estimate for 2026 is \$774,150. Salary will increase to \$60k, plus a bonus of \$5,000 when the facility opens and 2 events hosted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Recap of past events:

Resource Recess Day Camp June 10th was a success had 70 kids did a recycling relay.

June 11th & 17th a composting workshop for community garden. A total of 20 compost pails were given out, residents were educated on what food scraps to compost & bring back to the community garden.

June 21st electronic & paper event was kind of slow collected 3,989lbs electronics total \$791

July 10th Fair Raffle Vinyl Solutions planter box, \$200 will pick/announce winner tomorrow on WTRE

July 19th Back 2 School Bash: 600 people, 300 backpacks, 70 haircuts, 50 physicals, I raffled off a compost pail & promoted the food waste & gardening, also gave out reusable zip lock bags, rulers, & pencils

Upcoming events:

August 9th Electronic event donations to the Animal Shelter

Aug 14th Kova Clean Sweep pesticides collection

Aug 13th 9am public clean up garden day

Aug. 15th Community Garden Ribbon cutting ceremony with the Chamber at 11am

Aug 29th Deadline to submit Recycled art pieces to Arts on the Square

Yard waste Contract agreement agreed to stay the same for next year.

Discussed the Rumpke bid, contract is over Feb. 28th, 2026. Look into renewing or extending the contract.

Tox-A-Way Plan: Caldwell will meet with Kenny & Stephanie in August before the event to review set up.

Event is Sept. 6th 8am-1pm. We need volunteers for this event. Liberty Tires confirmed will also touch base with them in Aug.

Next Year 2026 events with Fairgrounds we will still reserve the dates for beginning of year, with new facility will not need entire year, pay upfront then get reimbursed

Our next Board meeting is Tuesday Sept. 23rd, 2025, at 5pm.

FUTURE PLANNING:

Reviewed preliminary blueprints, still in progress of review. Looking into doing a BOT which allows us to select specific contractors & won't have to bid everything individually out. Green Signs presented some artwork for signage. Dean recommended a muralist from Cincinnati.

No other public comment.

Motion was made by Josh to adjourn the July meeting. Gabe seconded. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm

Kenny Hooten, Chairman

Stephanie Westbrook, Attest