

**MINUTES OF THE DECATUR COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**
Tuesday, November 25th, 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, November 25th, 2025, at 5:01pm at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: County Councilman Kenny Hooten, Commissioner Jeremy Pasel, Commissioner Brian Wenning, Commissioner Gabriel Nobbe, Mayor Josh Marsh, City Council Vietta McKenzie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Westport Town Council Jennifer Hryb

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Stephanie Westbrook, Caldwell Representative Kennedy Lawson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Vietta to approve the September 2025 meeting minutes. Brian seconded motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion was made by Jeremy to approve claims for September & October 2025. Gabe seconded, motion carried. Josh signed bank statements.

BID REQUEST FOR RECYCLING: Opened only bid received for curbside recycling from Rumpke. Reviewed the contract motion was made by Josh to accept the 3yr contract from Rumpke, Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

LEASE FOR NEW FACILITY: Board reviewed the contract to lease the property from the city starting Jan. 2026. Gabe made a motion to sign and approve the lease, Brian seconded, motion was carried. Josh abstained from voting. Josh & Kenny signed the lease. Josh will present lease to Board of Works at their next meeting.

WEBSITE UPDATES: Received 3 different proposals to update & rebuild our website. Motion was made by Josh to use MLT Technologies, Jeremy seconded and motion carried.

YARD WASTE PROPOSAL: Caldwell presented a service proposal to work with street department and keep dumpsters at our sites then serviced once full. We decided to table the discussion. Josh will speak more with the street department and Caldwell to get some numbers.

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP: Stephanie met with Dawn Lowe, the Director of the Chamber of Commerce. It will be beneficial if we join the Chamber to help with upcoming ribbon cutting and advertise all our changes. Jeremy made a motion to join as a general member, Vietta seconded, motion carried.

COUNTY POOL SUPPORT DONATION: Gabe presented to the board an ask to donate to the pool project for \$1million dollars. The pool will include recycling concepts. The board agreed it is already county wide collected tax that needs to be used, especially now that we know what our financials are expected for the remodel. Josh made a motion to make a \$1million dollar donation to the county pool project, Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Recap of past events:

Oct. 18th electronic event collected 5,235 lbs. Oct. 7th & 8th was the AISWMD retreat lots of training and information. The recycling trailer is no longer for sale.

Upcoming events:

Stephanie will get 2026 board meeting dates to the board. Will work on finalizing end of year reports & financials. Updating website.

Our next Board meeting is Tuesday Jan. 27th, 2026, at 5pm.

FUTURE PLANNING:

Blueprints and quotes will be finished by end of December and being sent to the State for approval. Still need to work on the back side of the building with excavating options. Greg will work on having a BOT contract

Stephanie & Kenny will meet with Jason & Kennedy from Caldwell to get a list of items and prices for new facility.

No other public comment.

Motion was made by Brian to adjourn the November meeting. Jeremy seconded. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm

Kenny Hooten, Chairman

Stephanie Westbrook, Attest