

**Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting
Agenda for April 30, 2026; 9:00 A.M.**

Regulatory Updates

- Quarterly landfill gas monitoring for the Central Landfill Facility was completed in February. 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 2/19/26 and monthly monitoring at Berlin on 4/8/26. 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 3/9/26. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring report will be submitted on 6/30/25.
- The groundwater sampling was completed for the Pocomoke, Snow Hill, and Berlin closed landfill was completed during the week of 3/16/26. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring report will be submitted on 6/30/25.

Central Site

- 2025 Annual Tonnage Report was submitted to MDE on 2/27/26.
- Cell 5 Capacity evaluation determined an approximate lifespan of August 2028 to January 2029.
- Cell 6 Preparation and Design –
 - MDE approved a reduction in the total amount of groundwater monitoring wells to those required to substantiate Cell 6 construction and use.
 - JPA permit for wetland impacts for well installs was submitted in March 2026 and comments received from MDE on 4/22/26.
 - Groundwater well installation and geotechnical soil borings tentatively scheduled for late May 2026.

- Timber clearing is on pause until the spring while lumber yards catch up. Stumping will occur as a part of the Cell 6 Construction Contract.
- Credit card kiosk is live and being used for approximately 90% of daily household transactions. Working through issues with reading damaged cards.
- Cell 5 Wetland Mitigation Site: Annual Monitoring Report was submitted to MDE/USACE in December 2025. MDE/USACE had no comments on Report.
- The State mandated landfill gas collection system design was submitted to MDE on 12/11/24. MDE provided comments on 9/26/25. Comments primarily focused on requesting supporting calculations for the landfill gas collection system. No Update as there is no stated due date by MDE.

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 – The project is currently on the Bid Board with a Bid Due Date of 5/1/26 at 2:00pm.

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 – six bids were received and are currently being evaluated for Contract Award.

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...