

Chautauqua County Landfill Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2026

Members Present:

D. Pavlock, J. Penhollow, C. Storer, R. Williams, G. Gormley, A. Gustafson, A. Ricotta

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting June, 2026 were not available.

A. Gustafson presented his report to the Commission on the current status and activities of the Landfill and Transfer Stations. See attached copy and additional information below.

-Old Business: Reviewed County job descriptions and salary tiers. Committee approves to request review of tiered system, specifically with respect to the position Deputy Director of Public Facilities (Environmental), by County HR.

-Financial

—Reviewed 2027 budget proposal. Same FTE as 2026.

—Considering raising only Commercial rates at transfer stations. Justified to cover proportional expense of wear & tear on equipment and trailers.

-Regulatory Compliance

—Leachate diverted to Westfield WWTP while BPU troubleshoots and puts trickling filter back in service. Risk to timing of the lagoon project. With pond use, leachate management is ok through end of September.

—in discussion with NYSDEC on a plan to move one monitoring well

Transfer Station Operations

—Low bidder on provision of cameras has had slow response rate. Slowing the project.

-Other

—Scrap metal contract with Weitsman terminated. Will put out for bids soon (steel, tin, CBC)

—Staffing is down 2 positions. Cross functional coverage is keeping up with the workload so far. Engineer position is posted with no applications, and the belief is that the wages are not competitive.

The next meeting is [October 7](#), 2026, 6 p.m. at the Chautauqua County Landfill Office Building

Adjourned 7:35p.m.

Submitted by A. Ricotta

Date: August 5, 2026
To: Landfill Commission
From: Aaron Gustafson, Landfill Manager
Re: Division of Solid Waste Report-August Commission Meeting



Daniel Pavlock, John Penhollow, Christine Storer, Angela Ricotta, Rob Williams, Greg Gormley

Financial Posture

- As of the end of June we show a profit of \$661,840.68. 47% of budgeted expenses and 57% of budgeted revenues.
- Waste tonnage for June averaged 1141 tons per day. Last year we averaged 921 tons per day. A 220 tons per day difference. July's average is 1136 tons per day. 209 tons per day more than July of 2025
- Budget tentative for 2027

Regulatory Compliance

- We signed our 2024 HHW grant reimbursement contract (not sure when the State will cut the check)
- 2025 Q1 & Q2 SEM scans have been performed
- Our draft LSWMP was reviewed and sent back to us with comments. We have answered the comments and have sent it to B&L to review and submit.
- Our first semi annual storm water sample has been performed
- Our first semi annual title V (air emissions) report has been sent in
- We had a Title V inspection on the 3rd.
- The proposed leachate treatment regulations are out for review and comment (I have comments ready to go)
- Current Leachate Treatment is becoming a tight issue (Could affect our lagoon project)

Resolutions

- Nothing this month

Capital Projects Status

- ETS retaining wall - Waiting on the building manufacturer for a schedule once the structure components are complete. As well as some small modification approvals from B&L
Cost \$561,670.00
- Phase IV - on going (\$200,000)
ALR investigation in Phase II stage 3 has been 50% completed. We will finish this summer because it appears there may be more holes to find.(our numbers are still up a bit).
- Equipment account- (\$1,170,400)
 - 2026
 - Our Aljon compactor Re-man is back and running
 - We have purchased a new leachate tanker
 - We are purchasing two new Semi tractors instead of an off-road truck (2027emissions)
 - 2027
 - Purchas a new Bulldozer

- Re-man a Bulldozer
- Purchas one new semi-trailer
- Gas well Maintenance account-on going- we used this account to remedy a couple SEM Exceedances and completely remove our old leachate recirculation structures.
- Shop Upgrade (\$6,567,099)
 - o B&L is a the bid development phase of the Garage and compactor storage project
- Leachate lagoon liner replacement – This Started on the 27th (Delayed by the leachate pumping issue) (we are working with them on underestimated volume of materials) We have set the schedule as follows:
 - July 27, 2026 to start the cleaning of the primary layer (3 weeks)
 - Removal of the primary layer can start August 17th -21st
 - Cleaning of GDC Drainage layer August 24th– September 4th
 - Replace the primary liner September 7th - 11th

Maintenance Operations

- Recycling markets – maintaining a profit on them (having Weitsmans fix some incorrect invoices)
- credit/debit card service implementation- we hit a wall with Forte. I spoke to Waste works about another option and, we found two. One of which looks to be very promising already after Kristen's upfront review. We are working on an RFP for this.
- CGE
 - We are giving them more than enough gas
 - We have set up a weekly zoom meeting(which has helped work through a lot of small issues)
 - CGE was officially sold on Friday 7-31-2026 (Nick Stork – Conifer Infrastructure Partners)(Noble Environmental, Archaea Energy 4.1B)

Transfer Station Operations

- NCTS** -Status quo -(Short handed with a medical absence)
- SCTS** -status quo (getting busier on Fridays)
- WCTS** - status quo
- ETS** -Status quo (Canopy project to be done this year)

Staffing

- Backfilled Curtis Rowan's job (Principal Engineering Aid) MacDonald "Mac" Servis_ - Mac Quit today to go back to IT.
- Need to backfill Caleb's old position as well. (Down grading to Principal Engineering Aid)
- Have three total operators off on medical absence currently. (one is retiring)

Miscellaneous Items

- Potential leachate treatment on the horizon – State Regulations are out for comment
- BPU leachate line agreement (negotiating payment terms again)
- Greg Gormley- is the new representative for the landfill commission (Replacing Jim V.)