



Dakota County

Physical Development Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

9:00 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Holberg.

Present

- Commissioner Mike Slavik
- Commissioner Joe Atkins
- Commissioner Laurie Halverson
- Commissioner William Droste
- Commissioner Liz Workman
- Chairperson Mary Liz Holberg
- Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; Georg Fischer, Physical Development Assistant County Manager; Liz Hansen, Administrative Coordinator.

The audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

Commissioner Holberg asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Physical Development Committee of the Whole on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda. No one came forward and no comments were submitted to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us.

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

Ayes: 7

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On January 13, 2026

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Halverson, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman, Chairperson Holberg, and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Authorization To Execute First Amendment To Joint Powers Agreement With Scott County For Design And Construction Of Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection And Recycling Facility And Amend Project Budget

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Nikki Stewart, Resources Development Director, and Dave Magnuson, Environmental Resources Supervisor, presented this item and responded to questions.

The committee approved an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with Scott County for the regional household hazardous waste facility, reducing the project cost from \$24 million to \$21.15 million. Scott County will cover 26% of capital and maintenance costs, with operational expenses based on resident participation. The operations agreement estimates 44,000 participants in the first year, including 5,400 from Scott County.

Staff will prepare and submit a mid-year county board request for staffing at the new recycling zone and incorporate the costs into the 2027 household hazardous waste program budget. They will also seek guidance on whether to collect mattresses and appliances for recycling, providing options for the board to consider. Additionally, staff will organize a groundbreaking ceremony, coordinate with the City of Lakeville for approvals, and notify the board when the schedule is finalized.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-456 (September 23, 2025), the Dakota County Solid Waste Master Plan (Plan) was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Plan supports the Dakota County Board of Commissioners' desire to remove household hazardous waste (HHW) from the solid waste stream because of health, safety, and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, Dakota and Scott Counties have partnered to build the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility, known as the Recycling Zone Plus, that will accept HHW and traditional and non-traditional recyclables and therefore increase proper management of solid waste and increase recycling in both counties and prolong the life of the two current facilities by stabilizing growth at those sites with the addition of a second facility; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-055 (January 23, 2024), the Dakota County Board approved the joint powers agreement (JPA) with Scott County for design and construction of the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility,

which Dakota County and Scott County executed on February 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-419 (August 24, 2021), the Dakota County Board authorized submittal of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program Application for a \$2 million 2020 bonding award for Phase I (property acquisition); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-388 (August 26, 2025), the Dakota County Board authorized submittal of the second MPCA Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program Application for another \$6 million 2025 bonding award for Phase II (facility construction); and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota awarded \$2 million in bond funds in 2020 for Phase I and \$6 million in 2025 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS, an amendment (first) to the JPA is needed to account for changes to the estimated project cost, state funding actually awarded, and maximum contributions, address contributions for initial fleet acquisition costs, and extend the initial term of the JPA to December 31, 2036; and

WHEREAS, the first amendment to the JPA shall:

- (A) Amend the initial term of the JPA to expire on December 31, 2036.
- (B) Amend the estimated project total cost to \$21,150,000 based on project bids received.
- (C) Amend the state bonding fund contribution to reflect the \$6 million awarded.
- (D) Amend each county's maximum contribution towards the project costs based on the updated estimated project costs (\$21,150,000) and state funding awards (totaling \$8,000,000):
 - (1) Dakota County's maximum contribution towards the project costs shall be \$9,731,000 (74% of the remaining project costs after application of the state funding), and
 - (2) Scott County's maximum contribution towards the project costs shall be \$3,419,000 (26% of the remaining project costs after application of the state funding).
- (E) Add a provision addressing initial contributions of Dakota County and Scott County towards the initial fleet acquisition cost for large equipment estimated at \$316,000, with Scott County's contribution not exceeding \$82,160 (26% of the estimated cost).
- (F) Amend Scott County's annual contribution (26% of its share) to the capital replacement and maintenance budget, which now also includes fleet and facility equipment replacement costs, to \$97,518.61 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute the first amendment to the joint powers agreement between Dakota County and Scott County for the Dakota-Scott Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection

and Recycling Facility, amending the initial term, estimated project cost, actual state bonding awarded, the counties’ maximum contributions, and Scott County’s annual contribution for capital replacement (including fleet and facility equipment) and maintenance budget and adding a provision addressing initial fleet acquisition as set forth herein, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2026 Facilities Capital Improvement Program is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	
Recycling Zone Plus	<u>(\$3,749,136)</u>
Total Expense	(\$3,749,136)

Revenue	
2025 State Bonding	(\$2,000,000)
Env. Legacy Fund	(\$3,168,136)
Scott County	<u>\$1,419,000</u>
Total Revenue	(\$3,749,136)

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 2/17/2026.

Ayes: 7

Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Halverson, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman, Chairperson Holberg, and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

5.2 Authorization To Execute Operations Agreement With Scott County For Operation Of The Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection And Recycling Facility

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-456 (September 23, 2025), the Dakota County Solid Waste Master Plan (Plan) was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Plan supports the Dakota County Board of Commissioners’ desire to remove household hazardous waste (HHW) from the solid waste stream because of health, safety, and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, Dakota and Scott counties have partnered to build the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility, known as the Recycling Zone Plus, that will accept household hazardous waste and traditional and non-traditional recyclables and therefore increase proper management of solid waste, increase recycling in both counties, and prolong the life of the two current facilities by stabilizing growth at those sites with the addition of a second facility; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-055 (January 23, 2024), the Dakota County Board approved the joint powers agreement with Scott County for design and

construction of the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility, which Dakota County executed with Scott County on February 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners wishes to execute an operations agreement with Scott County to fund Scott County's share of the operational costs not offset by revenue from fees charged to participants for the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility; and

WHEREAS, Scott County will pay Dakota County for each Scott County resident to use the RZP based on the average net cost per participant, with the cost adjusted annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute an operations agreement with Scott County for the operation of the Dakota-Scott Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Recycling Facility, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 2/17/2026.

Ayes: 7

Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Halverson, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman, Chairperson Holberg, and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

6. Physical Development Director's Report

Georg Fischer, the Physical Development Assistant County Manager, also gave a detailed update on the Dakota County emerging contaminants work group, highlighting additional PFAS sampling in Inver Grove Heights. He also specified the unique chemical fingerprint of the Cottage Grove 3M plant, which could potentially increase Hastings' eligibility for funding.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair, Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, asked the Committee if anyone had a topic they would like to hear more about at an upcoming Physical Development Committee of the Whole. No Commissioners requested topics for future meetings at this time.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Mike Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Hansen
Administrative Coordinator