NKSWMA

Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area Governing Body

Consisting of Boone, Campbell, & Kenton Counties

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Kenton County Government Center, Second Floor
1840 Simon Kenton Way, Covington, KY 41011

Wednesday, August 12, 2026
10:30 AM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Stork at 10:36 AM.

Members of the board present:

Boone County	Jake Buerger	*Solid Waste Coordinator*	*Boone County Fiscal Court*
Campbell County	Megan Clere Abrams	*Solid Waste Coordinator*	*Campbell County Fiscal Court*
Kenton County	Spencer Stork	*Judge/Executive Designee*	*Kenton County Fiscal Court*
	Melissa Grandstaff	*Solid Waste Coordinator*	*Kenton County Fiscal Court*

Members of the community present:

Greg Fassler	*Campbell County Fiscal Court*
Tom Logan	*Boone County Fiscal Court*
Sheila Fields	*City of Covington*
John Lewis	*Tri State Escrap*
Katrina Harney	*SD1*
Robin Klaber	*Rumpke*

II. Approval of Minutes from the NKSWMA Meeting of June 10, 2026

Motion was made by Jake Buerger and seconded by Melissa Grandstaff for approval of the minutes without amendment. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

III. NKSWMA Board Business Items

A. Recycling Grant Discussion

Boone County ordered the baler and is in the process for ordering the forklift. Kenton County ordered the trailers. No discussion of an amendment.

B. Household Hazardous Waste Grant Discussion

HHW Collection Event preparation is underway. All SWCs have action items to complete. Sponsorship emails for the event have already went out; Ancra Cargo, Rumpke, and SD1 have already confirmed sponsorship.

Megan Clere Abrams presented the NKSWMA account update with a current balance of $3,233.78.

C. Litter Abatement Grant Discussion

The 2027 Litter Abatement Grant applications are due November 2. Each SWC provided an update on their 2026 grant funds. Campbell County increased their rate per mile to $150.

D. Waste Tire Grant Discussion

Campbell County hosted the Waste Tire Collection Event the previous week (August 6-8) with 85 resident loads. Kenton County is hosting their event this week (August 13-15), and Boone County next week (August 20-22). Any Kentucky resident can participate in these events, no matter the county.

E. Annual Report Discussion

None at this time.

F. Solid Waste Coordinator Reports

i. Boone County: Jake Buerger updated the group on paper shredding totals, Trash for Cash cleanups, and recycling totals.

ii. Campbell County: Megan Clere Abrams updated the group on the Voucher Programs, Reboot Partnership, litter abatement, and upcoming events. The MRFshed Meeting with Rumpke and other partners on July 29 provided an update on the Cincinnati Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) closing for upgrades and the Hefty ReNew Program lapse at the end of this year.

iii. Kenton County: Melissa Grandstaff updated the group on the Trash for Cash Program, recycling totals, an open part-time position, upcoming events, and Section 608 certification.

IV. Old Business

A. Bavarian Waste Landfill Expansion Update – Boone County

The group discussed the landfill's current and requested waste capacity. The current waste capacity has the landfill filling up in 2036; the 5-Year Solid Waste Management Plan dictates landfills to have a minimum of 10 years of capacity. Boone County is working with Department of Local Governments and Division of Waste Management on moving forward. An agreement is expected early 2027, before the 5-Year Solid Waste Management Plan is due in October.

B. Cooperative Partnership Agreement

All counties approved at respective fiscal court meetings. Boone County will sign and return to the rest of the group.

V. New Business

A. Advisory Committee Appointments

Megan Clere Abrams motioned to appoint Katrina Harney of Sanitation District, No. 1 to the Advisory Committee. Melissa Grandstaff seconded. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Melissa Grandstaff motioned to appoint Sheila Fields of City of Covington to the Advisory Committee. Megan Clere Abrams seconded. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Jake Buerger motioned to appoint John Lewis of Tri State Escrap to the Advisory Committee. Melissa Grandstaff seconded. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

B. Division of Waste Management Conference Recap

The group discussed the July conference at Kentucky Dam Village with the SWIFR Grant update, Kentucky Sustainability Materials Management draft (due September 2026), and Voluntary Battery Stewardship Program (due March 2027).

C. Kentucky Waterways Report A Tire Program

Megan Clere Abrams announced the KWA's Report A Tire Program, where anyone can report a tire they see in a Kentucky waterway. Campbell County will be posting metal signs at boat ramps and passing out promotion material. KWA is hosting waste tire cleanups throughout Kentucky.

D. ORSANCO's River Sweep – October 24

ORSANCO will be hosting a large one-day River Sweep event on October 24. All SWCs are encouraged to participate.

E. Retirement Update

Robert Franxman retired July 31, 2026. Tom Logan will assume his position at Boone County and become the Boone County's Judge/Executive Designee. Ken Points will become Boone County's Solid Waste Coordinator designee.

VI. Next Meeting will be October 14, 2026, at Kenton County Government Center

VII. Adjourn

Motion was made by Jake Buerger and seconded by Megan Clere Abrams to adjourn. Motion was passed unanimously (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.

Approved at a regular meeting of the Governing Body of the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area on ~~August 12~~, 2026. October 14

Michael Sterk

Presiding Member, Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area

Megan Clere Abrams

Member, Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area

Motion: Melissa Grandstaff **Seconded by:** Jake Buerger