

SEVEN MILE CREEK LANDFILL STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2026

Members Present: John Ailie, Kathy Campbell, Lane Berg, Matt Steinbach, Joe Knight and Brian Spilde.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Vinall, Landfill General Manager and Ty Fadness, City of Eau Claire Deputy Director of Community Services

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for January 29, 2026: Motion to approve by Lane and seconded by Matt. Approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comments: None

Introductions: Welcome to Eau Claire County Highway Commissioner, Brian Spilde, and Ty Fadness, Deputy Director of Community Services. Ty will be the Director of Community Services when Lane retires and will also be appointed as a representative to this Committee.

Landfill Data Presentation and Summary Presentation by GFL: Mark Vinall

- John will send the steps on how to access the Google Drive to review quarterly reports to Ty and Brian.
- DNR Permission for a Soil Borrow has been requested in the 80 acres by the closed sector of the Landfill. This soil will be used for cover and capping closed cells.
- 7 Mile Landfill was purchased by GFL October 20, 2020. GFL has acquired two disposal companies this year, Modern Disposal in Black River Falls and a Transfer Station in Mauston. Although the tonnage was down due to seasonality, Quarter 4 tonnage of 101,540 is higher when compared with Quarter 4 in 2025 of 90,588.
- Host Fee payments are being received on a timely basis.
- Leachate has been lower in both Sector 1 and 2 when compared to 2025. Chippewa Falls is no longer accepting leachate due to PFAFs, so Medford is the only place accepting it at this time. Regulations on PFAFs and PFOFs are getting more stringent as thousands of these “forever chemicals” are being produced and identified as harmful microplastics. New technology is being developed to incinerate, bury or inject the “media” that collects the PFAFs from treatment systems.
- GFL is installing a temporary treatment system using Reverse Osmosis to process 18,000 gallons of leachate a day. They plan to increase up to 50,000 gallons a day by 2027-28. This pilot is due to begin functioning in June or July. GFL also has treatment facilities operating in Michigan and S. Carolina. Once the PFAFs are removed, water treatment plants will accept it.
- The City of Eau Claire has installed an ion-exchange resin system to remove the PFAFs from drinking water coming from exposed wells. The City will be updating the County Board before the system goes on line. The City could accept leachate at its treatment facility after GFL has removed the PFAFs.
- GFL picked up litter 17 times in Quarter 1 and swept the road 31 times.
- There were no shutdowns in Q1. However, high winds and stormy weather in April caused the shutdown of a tipper.

- There were no recorded odor or dust complaints.
- The following reports were submitted to WDNR in Quarter 1:
Semi-Annual Monitoring Reports for July-December, 2025
October, 2025 GEMS Letter
No biopile activity occurred this Quarter, but the permit to treat contaminated soil has been maintained and the 2025 Annual Report to WDNR completed.
Final AEI Summary and Annual Liquids Addition Report
- Construction on cell 14B will take place in late May.
- Technology to develop a Waste to Energy program is still being considered.
- No one from the City of Eau Claire has discussed the possible increase in food waste collection to be processed at the landfill with Mark.

Discussion and Action Items:

- A. Committee Member Replacement: Applicants are being considered for a replacement for Richard Arnold, former citizen representative for the City of Eau Claire.
- B. Sociological Payments/Process: Revisions were made to update the list of recipients and eligible property owners received the annual payment.
- C. Sociological Payment Report and Clarification of 1099 Issuance: According to tax law, the year the payment is made by the payor is also the year that the recipient must claim the payment on their tax statement. The year in which the payment is received is not the determining factor.
- D. Clarification and Legal Opinion on Deceased Property Owner's right to Sociological Payment: John A. will contact Atty. Anders Helquist to clarify legal interpretation.
- E. Notice of Next Meeting Date: Matt will send out a notice of the next meeting date to the members of this committee of the next meeting date.
- F. It would be helpful for the Town Office and Kathy to have a large-sized map of the Landfill and property within a 1 mile radius, listing the property owners and identifying their location for reference. The map contained in the 2022 Agreement is 8 ½ x 11" and is too small to be useful. If Mark would provide the map, Lane could make large copies.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Access to GFL Quarterly Report: John A.
- Provide 2 copies of a large-sized map of the Landfill and property within one mile radius: Mark and Lane
- Progress on development of Leachate Treatment Facility: Mark
- Bi-Annual Landfill Inspection: Phil Schmacher, City-County Health Department
- Clarification and Legal Opinion on Deceased Property Owner's right to Sociological Payment: John A.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026, 1:00 p.m. at the Town of Seymour Hall
Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 2:16 p.m. by Lane and seconded by Joe Knight. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Campbell, Secretary 7 Mile Creek Standing Committee

