

Custer County Commissioners
Special Meeting – Solid Waste Plan
April 9, 2026

The Custer County Commissioners Special meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the commissioner's meeting room. Attending were Commissioners Randy Corgatelli, Will Naillon and Gordon Vaden, Wendel Gohn/Solid Waste, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia, Great West Engineering's Travis Pyle, Andrew Bertrau and Jeremy Welch, and Secretary Tina Hawkins.

The meeting was opened with discussion of the recent tour of solid waste sites within Idaho made by Commissioner Will Naillon and Wendel Gohn. They looked at the structures and equipment being used and three separate sites. The pros and cons of shredders and compactors were discussed along with the costs involved. To get a full load of solid waste in the walking floor trailer, some type of compaction is necessary. Wendell has researched different components on the Internet, trying to learn about what is available. Discussion then turned to the pros and cons of a backhoe or a mini-excavator. This equipment will be needed to enable proper loading of the transport trailers.

Commissioner Naillon stressed the budget constraints of Custer County. The recent increase in our solid waste fees does provide some funding for improvements, but the costs exceed the funds by a long way. The residents want to see some progress and a plan before we can even consider any further increases in the fees.

Travis Pyle informed the group about the Preliminary Engineering Report that will open the door for eligibility to the USDA low interest loan program. He also encouraged the Board to plan now for future needs and plan for 20 to 30-year useful life of improvements. The estimated costs for good functional building system was around \$3 million. The repayment of any loan was then discussed and how much funding is available in the budget to make payments. These USDA loans can be made for long periods of time.

During the tour Commissioner Naillon learned that spontaneous fires happen frequently in solid waste systems. The increased use of lithium batteries is a major cause. Work needed in Mackay to get the solid waste site set up on County property was also discussed. An access road is needed, fencing of the site, a water well, electrical service, move the scale system from the old site, a Z-wall structure for loading, a building, and a backhoe or excavator.

Travis will schedule the surveyors to come to Custer County next week to survey the site selected. He will also have the geo-tech team come and do the borings that are needed for foundation stability. Photos of different solid waste systems were provided via e-mail, for the Board to review. Great West has built systems that are modular and can be built in sections as finances allow. The meeting was recessed for a tour of the Challis solid waste site.

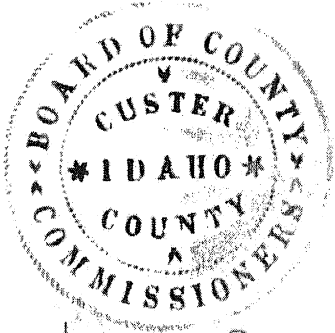
The Z-wall loading dock was toured. Possible plans to direct future public loading of the roll-off units at this dock were made. The final location of the scale was then discussed. A water well is needed for fire protection and basic clean up work. Possible sites for the main solid waste building were toured. The slope of the hill side will be beneficial for the two-level trailer loading methods. The routing of road access for the general public and solid waste workers, to facilitate work flow and safety was held.

Great West Engineering will provide the County with a site summary, and further meetings will only be scheduled as needed. The Board was encouraged to call if they thought of any other items that need to be included in the plan. The meeting was recessed at the Challis waste site and the Board returned to the meeting room.

Commissioner Vaden reported that he was finally able to get a new dead pit dug at the Mackay site. It was very hard digging and took him a good long while to get the pit dug. Commissioner Naillon commented on the help that he has received from Southern Idaho Solid Waste. They have offered experience and advice whenever questioned. Discussion was held on how to best proceed with priorities and funding.

The Mackay site was brought up and all agreed that needed work there needs to be included in this USDA Loan application.

With no further business before them the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.



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