

ACCOMACK COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 13, 2025

The Accomack County Solid Waste Committee met in the Public Works & Facilities Office on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: **Committee Chairman Ron Wolff – Eastern Shore Rail Trail Foundation**
Honorable Jeff Parks – Accomack County Board of Supervisors
Honorable Robert Crockett – Accomack County Board of Supervisors
Heather Jorgensen
Michael Smith

Members Absent: **Terre Hendricks – Waste Watchers**
Marilyn Ailes – Waste Watchers

Others Present: **Stewart Hall -Deputy County Administrator- Public Works & Facilities**
Dawn McGuire – Departmental Administrative Coordinator
Trystan Wagner- Solid Waste Facilities Manager I
Sue Mastyl- Waste Watchers

Others Absent: **Greg Duncan - Deputy Director of Solid Waste**

Call to Order

Chairman Ron Wolff called the meeting to order.

Consideration of Minutes –May 14, 2025

The Honorable Robert Crockett made a motion to accept the May 14, 2025 minutes. Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried with two members absent.

The vote on the motion: ALL Ayes

Old Business & Updates

Trystan stated that 13 tons were collected by the litter crew over 60 miles of roadway. Stewart stated he noticed the cleanup on Seaside Road and it is noticeable to the public. Chairman Wolff asked about the crew size. Trystan stated that as of the last meeting they were fully staffed. However, they have lost one member since then but are still doing well. The Honorable Jeff Parks asked Trystan about the bags that he sees certain places along the highway. He was wondering if they were put there by the County crew. Trystan stated no but he would ask his guys if they know anything about this. Chairman Wolf stated that the bags were left by the company that cuts the grass along the roadways. A discussion ensued.

Sue stated that there is not much to report. The last litter pick-up sponsored by Waste Watchers was on June 14, 2025 and they are intentionally not scheduling any in the summer. Chairman Wolff

stated that there was a question about the trailer parks and whether the property owner of the trailer park is responsible for providing trash receptacles. Stewart stated that he asked Lee Pambid about that item. He hasn't heard back from Lee on it as Lee has been out of town. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Chairman Wolff stated that VDOT had a quarterly meeting and \$58 million has been obligated for the trail. That is more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the funding now in place. The only funding that is still needed is for constructing the segments from Onley to Parksley and Parksley to Hallwood. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Introductions

Chairman Wolff introduced the newest member of the committee, Heather Jorgensen, and welcomed her to the group. Chairman Wolff stated that he was a member of the Board of Supervisors that initially started the Solid Waste Committee twenty years ago when the idea came up for convenience centers rather than green boxes. The committee members introduced themselves. A discussion ensued.

New Business & Other

Mike stated that Heather and he had been working on an idea to get a pilot program implemented at the Chincoteague schools (Elementary, Middle and High School) to teach kids about the importance of recycling and related issues. He stated that they went to the internet and, as they suspected, there are already prepared curriculum that they can use as a starting point. Sue asked if they knew which schools are already involved in recycling. Heather stated that she only knows about Chincoteague but was given them name of a teacher at Nandua Middle who has been doing a great job. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Sue asked Trystan if citizens can take expired fire extinguishers to local fire stations for disposal. Trystan stated that this was brought up to him and the information he received was that the volunteer fire departments are not taking them. He stated there was some program that the Coast Guard was doing and he left voice mails and emails but has not received a response. A discussion ensued. Stewart noted that if the contents can be safely expelled and the valve removed, the empty metal cylinder can be placed in the metal recycling container.

Sue stated that Northampton has been placing ads in the Eastern Shore Post and one of them recently stated that they can now accept paper cups/coffee cups with plastic linings. She stated that she did not know if they are using TFC or Eagle. Before viewing the ad, she did not think those items were recyclable. Trystan stated that Northampton may be using TFC. Stewart stated that he did not think Northampton was using Eagle. A discussion ensued.

Mike stated he would like to suggest that the County establish a council on the environment, adjunct to the existing County government, which would recommend approaches to preserving the environment.

Stewart stated that the annual drone fly-over at the Northern Landfill was performed last week. The purpose of the flyover is to assess the remaining capacity. In other words, to determine how much useful life is remaining. He stated that the engineers are now crunching numbers and within the next couple of weeks we should have their report. As it stands now, we think we have about 3-

1/2 years remaining in Cell 7. That being the case, we should start requesting the funding for the design and permitting of Cell 8. A discussion ensued.

Chairman Wolff stated that the recycling PSA (Public Service Announcement) received a surprising number of comments. Jeff wrote it up and was planning to deliver the radio announcement. However, Ron happened to be at WESR on other business and took care of it. Will Russell from the radio station told Ron that the Committee can provide PSA's anytime. Chairman Wolff stated that we might want to think about doing this on a regular basis and that it might be great to do one for the recycling program at the schools. The Honorable Jeff Parks stated that he has started writing another one for glass. A discussion ensued.

Member Comment Period (roundtable)

Chairman Wolff stated that he would like to welcome Heather on board and that he looks forward to all the good things she has to offer.

Adjournment

The Honorable Robert Crockett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried with two members absent.

The vote on the motion: ALL Ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Chairman Ron Wolff

Date