

Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes for June 10th, 2026, 10am-11am AKST

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call and Introductions: Member Communities

X City of Coffman Cove; ☐ City of Craig; ☐ City of Hydaburg; ☐ City of Kasaan;
☐ City of Klawock; X Petersburg Borough; ☐ City of Thorne Bay; X Wrangell Borough;
☐ City Tenakee Springs

Introductions: Non – Member Communities

AML- Dan Kelly
SEC- Jon and Collette, Kaitlyn
CBJ- Paul Kelly
Respec- Patrick and Megan
Zender- Paul Berry
Haines recycling- Melissa
Haines manager- Alekka
Republic- David

3. Amend and / or Approve Agenda

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 2026

5. New Business

A. **SEASWA officers transition.** The Secretary / Treasurer position is still vacant. The SEASWA Board of Directors will need to select a Secretary / Treasurer at the next meeting there is a quorum.

- Still seeking interested parties in the secretary/treasurer position.

6. Old Business

A. Update on Regional Municipal Solid Waste Planning.

- RESPEC Regional Study Update- Regional Strategy outline
 - o Community policies memo will be coming up next- don't plan to individualize for each community but somewhat a broad best practices approach where other communities can get an idea of what other places are doing.
 - o Economic sub consultant is currently crunching the numbers on shipping and recycling etc.

RESPEC

- Project website is updated and has a lot of documents.
- Pulling together all the previous work. Going to have it ready for SEC meeting end of September.
- Working on cost analysis currently, shipping and fuel costs are driving factors.
- Spoke to Anchorage contractors for waste to energy facility. They were interested in having waste shipped. Maybe a 10 year plan. Don't need our trash but it could be a possibility. Respec will comment on this potential opportunity down the road. Not likely to be a solid recommendation as it is still in a planning phase.
- Several other memos ready to go to the group for comments.

GROUP INPUT

- Diversion vs WTE. Smaller communities likely better off with the former before getting too caught up in the pie in the sky latter.
- How were you able to pull off community wide composting? Carrots, not ordinances. Source separation is key as well as self haul. Most of the town participates. Some compost at home and some is done at the transfer facility. Trying to replace composting facility currently after the previous collapsed. 50,000-70,000lbs annually.
- Petersburg has a small yard waste initiative. Juneau working on a composting facility.
- Haines has their new facilities opening- Melissa.

B. Tire Shear – update.

- Still in Hoonah.

7. ADEC Update – Olivia Lihou

8. MSW Updates from Member Communities

Petersburg-

- hhw last weekend with US ecology. Seemed successful.
- Just received a quote for a new garbage truck. 2 old trucks in rough shape, lots of mechanical problems- electrical.
- Building new cells in landfill. Bringing in material now. Should be open next month.
- Challenges disposing sludge from water treatment.
- C/D cell will be fairly limited to creosote, drywall, shingles.

Coffman

- Business as usual

Wrangell

- Cruise season in full swing.
- Had an operator go to streets, may have found my applicant to hire.
- Busy doing of WWT disinfection alternatives analysis.
- May have had a hybrid car start on fire on the scrap metal barge.
- Garbage truck.
- AC pipe disposal.

9. Non-member Community Comment / Input – Non-member community representatives recognized during the roll call and under this agenda item may ask questions, provide information, or seek assistance from SEASWA.

Republic- David- glad to be back. Some disposal contract in Canada. Washington may require organics be removed from MSW. Shouldn't have to change how they accept the waste streams from communities outside of Washington. They will let us know if this turns into a bigger issue, going to be phased in over the next 4 years. Particularly food waste. Goal is to reduce methane creation at landfills. They currently capture the methane from their landfill, 95% success rate.

SEC- working on comments for Respec. Kodiak also working on an MSW study and waiting to get a copy of that. Annual meeting date has changed, September 29-Oct 1st in Ketchikan. Looking in to Food waste grant.

AML- barge operations normal. Still working on EV shipping. Some tariff relief happening, are there containers with fire suppression built in.

Haines Recycling- Melissa- new center, working on inside to get set up. Goal is to do plastic recycling.

Paul Berry- Zender- healthy community grant program through Denali commission to support small rural communities. No match requirement. Up to 120K, oriented to small landfills and recycling.

Haines Borough- hhw contract approved last night. Working with the local tribe to help provide staff. Brought price down significantly. Annual.

10. Public / Board Comments

11. Next Meeting – Suggested meeting date of Wednesday, July 8th, or August 5th 2026 at 10am akst.

12. Adjourn

Zoom Chat notes

Megan Flory 10:22 AM

Gustavus FY24 annual report: <https://www.gustavus-ak.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1207/2024-Fiscal-Year-Report>

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<https://www.kodiakak.us/DocumentCenter/View/13137/Regional-Solid-Waste-Management-Plan-2026>

Paul Berry - Zender Group 10:51 AM

 Paper Application (Word document):

<https://zendergroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/YR25-26-Zender-Healthy-Environment-Healthy-Community-Application-Guidelines-FINAL-5.29.2026.docx>

 Scoring/Ranking Matrix (Word document):

<https://zendergroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/YR25-26-Zender-HEHC-Application-Ranking-Matrix.docx>

 Digital Online Application:

<https://form.jotform.com/261137543642051>

For full program details and eligibility information, visit:

<https://zendergroup.org/healthy-environment-healthy-community-grants/>