

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 6:30PM – via ZOOM and  
NEKWMD District Office, 224 Church Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851**

The Board meeting was called to order @ 6:35 p.m. by Nicholas Rivers, Board Chair

**Present:** Nicholas Rivers (Albany & Irasburg); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Bruce Rumball (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Bob Sandberg (Corinth); Walter McNeil (Danville); Fran Bachelder (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Theresa Perron (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Michael Nahmias (Groton); Darrell Martin (Holland); Gaston Bathalon (Jay); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Jan Clausing (Newark); John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Amber Lowell (Peacham); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock); Adam Bruggeman (Sutton); Barb Nolan (UTG); Richard Stodola (Waterford); Jacques Couture (Westfield); Miriam Simonds (Westmore).

**Absent:** Barnet, Cabot, Charleston, Concord, Granby, Groton, Guildhall, Kirby, Lunenburg, Marshfield, Morgan, Norton, Peacham, Stannard, Topsham, Troy, Waterford, Victory.

**Staff present-** Christian Thompson, Executive Director

**Visitors** – none

**Updates to Agenda** – none

**Approval of Minutes** – Vote to approve minutes from January 13, 2026, as submitted. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

**Tire Price Discussion** – NEKWMD has the lowest cost for tire disposal of any Vermont Solid Waste District or municipality. In 2025, the District had an operating loss of approximately \$5,700 on tires. Prices were last adjusted in January 2022, four years ago. Current cost is \$3 for tires 18 inches and smaller, \$9 for tires 19-25 inches, and \$20 for tires over 25 inches. Bulk tire prices are \$180/ton. Most tires brought in are smaller than 20 inches. At the January BOS meeting, Chris suggested that an upward adjustment is warranted to reflect the current cost to manage the District's waste tire program.

Based on input from the Supervisors at the January meeting, Chris presented a proposal for a new tire disposal fee structure. After discussion, the group settled on the following fees: 20" or less = \$5 each; 20.5" – 24.5" = \$15 each; above 24.5" price will depend on the weight of the tires. It was decided that large agricultural and truck tires should be priced by weight to ensure the District charges the appropriate fee to cover its disposal cost. Bulk tire disposal cost will increase to \$200/ton. Tires on rims will double the price of disposal. New tire disposal fees will take effect immediately. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

**Outreach Coordinator Update** – The current Outreach Coordinator, Corey Raynor, will be leaving her position in February. Marcus Berry, a former District Outreach Coordinator, is interested in the position and will meet with Chris and Corey to discuss the details and the

changes that have occurred since he left District employment in 2018. It is hoped that a hiring decision will be made in February.

**Minutes Clerk Update** - Shannon's last meeting was in January, and the District is still looking to hire a new Minutes Clerk. The position pays \$50 per meeting. Chris will do the meeting minutes until a new Minutes Clerk can be found.

**Financial** – The financial review detailed revenues exceeding expenses in January by \$23,875 with revenues at 5% and expenses at 7.3% of annual budget. Chris explained that the winter months are typically the slowest period of materials processed/sold and lowest surcharge revenue due to reduced construction activity and harsh weather affecting recycling volumes.

**Operations** – Processing of agricultural film is still on hold as the program coordinator searches for an adequate storage location in the NEK for film to be stockpiled prior to processing.

Black Dirt Farm has stopped serving some of their Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury customers. Keep it Green Compost and Cloud's Path Farm have stepped up and added those customers so that they have continue to have a way to divert their food waste from the landfill. Chris has coordinated an order for more compost totes for both businesses, with delivery expected in late February.

Chris updated the group on H.204, a bill under consideration in the Vermont House Environment Committee that proposes pricing tires to cover end-of-life disposal costs, similar to existing environmental fees for other products such as paint and electronic waste. The bill faces opposition from tire manufacturers and retailers, and is unlikely to pass this year, despite support from DEC. Also discussed was a potential expansion of the bottle bill and funding to support the increase of additional bottle redemption facilities across the state in an effort to increase redemption rates, which are currently around 72%.

Chris provided updates on various facility maintenance projects, including the installation of a winch to assist with lifting heavy plastic bags and new procedures for shipping batteries safely. Staff training included SWIP requirements, Hazardous Waste, and battery shipping certification.

Motion made to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed at 7:42pm.

Minutes submitted by Chris Thompson, NEKWMD.