

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**  
286 Welchville Road, Alloway, NJ 08001  
Thursday, April 9, 2026 - 4:30 pm

Chairperson Bestwick called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and read the Open Public Meetings Act statement. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**ROLL CALL**

Bestwick, Susan – present  
Crane, Laura – present  
Davis, Barry – arrived 4:33 pm  
Schneider, Lewis – present  
Warner, Richard – absent

Michael Aimino, Esquire; Julie Acton, Executive Director (via FaceTime); Parker Smith, Landfill Manager; Sandra Kearney, Recording Secretary; Edward Ramsay, Commissioner Liaison; were also in attendance.

**MINUTES**

The meeting minutes of March 12, 2026, were distributed to all members prior to the meeting for their review. Chairperson Bestwick recommended and asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

**(M) Schneider (S) Crane**  
Motion carried by voice vote of 3-0 (before Mr. Davis's arrival).

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Fulton Bank newsletter which includes global economic updates.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

- Attended the following meetings:
  - Executive Committee Meeting: March 31
  - Solid Waste Committee Meeting: April 2
  - Personnel Committee Meeting: March 31
  - Ad Hoc Committee Meeting: April 1
  - NJAC County Improvement Authority Meeting: March 24
  - NJ Counties Excess JIF – Landfill Roundtable: March 25
- Reviewed/contacted customers with aging past due accounts:
  - Bellco Demolition \$1,224.15
  - Eagle Environmental & Waste \$864.61
  - ENR Environmental Services \$39,601.62
  - LST Construction LLC \$129.67
  - T & H Construction \$77.95

- Other items will be discussed during New Business/Resolutions or Standing Committee Reports.

## **SOLID WASTE REPORTS:**

### Statistical / Landfill Manager's Report

- Tonnage = Overall Up (Other tonnage was down in March)
- Convenience Center Revenue = Down
- Avg Price/Ton = Up
- Rainfall = Down
- Leachate Gallons, Hauling and Treatment Costs = Up
- OT = Up (snow removal)
- Cover Use = Down
- Cover Revenue = Up
- Density – Up (excellent – because of recent the excavation of cell 4)

Leachate hauling and costs were higher. This is due to warmer conditions and thawing from previous winter weather.

Delcora, the leachate treatment/processor experienced an unexpected shut down in mid-March. Because our leachate tank level is monitored continuously, and leachate trucks are scheduled frequently, our tank levels were low when the call was received from Delcora. Landfill Manager Smith immediately sought other options for contingency planning. There are very few logistically practical options. As a result, Landfill Manager Smith is investigating and will develop a contingency plan in the event of any future disruptions. Additional NJDEP permitting may be required (SIU) depending on the facility (such as another municipal/county utility or authority). Indications from the NJDEP indicate this is a lengthy permitting process and encourage that SIU permit applications be submitted well before being needed.

Chairperson Bestwick asked if we have had any update from NJDEP concerning the EGC. Landfill Manager Smith has received a phone call from NJDEP who indicated a response to our inquiry is being prepared. Mr. Davis noted that SCIA is still performing the required testing of the EGC. Executive Director Acton added that per the expired (4/30/24) groundwater discharge permit, a meeting is scheduled with NJDEP on April 20 for discussion/updates.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Executive Committee** (Lewis Schneider) – Items were covered under the Executive Directors and Landfill Manager's report.
- **Personnel Committee** (Laura Crane) – updated on Seasonal Laborers, Landfill Manager Smith noted that it was excellent to have the first seasonal laborer already working, as we recently had another employee retire. Gas monitor training has been completed. Yearly employee compensation/benefit letters are being processed now.
- **Ad Hoc Committee** (Richard Warner) – Not present. Executive Director Acton noted that Pump failure expenses are a Capital expenditure, has been removed from Finlaw requisition.

Director Acton also noted that Alaimo entered into H2Loans Landfill Cell 12 updated design and plans.

- **Solid Waste Committee** (Barry Davis) – Will be covered under Executive Session.

Chairperson Bestwick Schneider, without objection, ordered the Executive Director, Statistical, Landfill Manager, Engineers, and Committee Reports to be approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Finlaw Building – reported above, see Ad Hoc Committee notes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **RESOLUTION 2026 37 - RESOLUTION OF THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

(M) Crane (S) Schneider  
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

- **RESOLUTON 2026-38 - RESOLUTION OF THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (“SCIA”) AND WIND RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL DBA FRANC ENVIRONMENTAL OF NJ**

(M) Schneider (S) Crane  
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

- **RESOLUTON 2026-39 - RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TO/FROM 2026 SOLID WASTE DIVISION APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS**

(M) Crane (S) Schneider  
Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Bestwick			X			
Crane	X		X			
Davis			X			
Schneider		X	X			
Warner					X	

- **RESOLUTON 2026-40 - RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TO/FROM 2025 SOLID WASTE DIVISION APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS**

(M) Crane (S) Schneider

Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Bestwick			X			
Crane	X		X			
Davis			X			
Schneider		X	X			
Warner					X	

- **RESOLUTON 2026-41 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK**

Discussion – this is a very old truck, has not been used in Landfill Manager Smith’s tenure. A reasonable offer was made, not subject to govdeals regulations as it does not meet value threshold.

(M) Crane (S) Schneider

Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

- **RESOLUTON 2026-42 - RESOLUTION OF THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 1989 MACK ROLL-OFF TRUCK**

Discussion – our existing roll off truck recently broke down on a busy Saturday (convenience center day) and a contractor was hired to move our cans that day. Very soon after, Landfill Manager Smith received a call from Pennsville Township looking to sell theirs. Landfill Manager Smith inspected and tested the vehicle, deeming it as a justifiable back up truck for SCIA.

(M) Schneider (S) Crane

Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

- **RESOLUTON 2026-43 - RESOLUTION OF THE SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE AWARDING OF LABOR COUNSEL CONTRACT**

Discussion – timing will depend on the responses/opening of RFP’s. Must be posted for 10 days. Upon receipt of RFP’s and openings, the Board may consider a special meeting to present and approve a Resolution, if they deem it necessary/appropriate before the May 14 Board meeting.

(M) Schneider (S) Crane

Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

- **MOTION – DEMAIO’s INC. REFUND REQUEST**

(M) Crane (S) Schneider

Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Chairperson Bestwick opened the meeting for public comment at 4:58 pm. Hearing no one, Chairperson Bestwick questioned whether the Board had a need for Executive Session this evening. The Board confirmed the need for an Executive Session. Executive Session is required for discussions involving contract negotiations, potential or existing litigation, and attorney/client privilege.

- **RESOLUTON 2026-44 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(M) Crane (S) Schneider

Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session began at 4:59 pm.

- **MOTION – TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION (6:05 PM)**

(M) Crane (S) Schneider

Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Bestwick requested a motion to adjourn.

- **MOTION – TO ADJOURN MEETING (6:06 pm)**

(M) Davis (S) Crane

Motion carried by voice vote of 4-0.



*The next meeting will be held on  
May 14, 2026, 4:30 pm*

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandra S. Kearney*

Recording Secretary