

CUSTER FALL RIVER

REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026, Meeting – 6:30 pm MST Mueller Center

The Custer-Fall River Regional Waste Management District Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the Mueller Center, Hot Springs, SD by Chairman Mike Linde.

Members Present: Mike Linde, Chairman, Custer County; Les Cope, Vice Chairman, Fall River County; Peg Ryan, Secretary/Treasurer, Custer; Rheta Reagan, Edgemont; Dean Weekley, Fairburn; Craig Romey, Hot Springs; and Vince Logue, Oelrichs. Members Absent: Dee Anderson, Pringle; and Ray Hussey, Buffalo Gap. Others Present: Kerry Barker, Barker Concrete and Construction; Jason Hinds, FMG Engineering, and Starla Russell, Deputy Secretary/Treasurer.

All motions approved unanimously unless otherwise noted.

No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Romey, second by Ryan to approve the January 8, 2026, agenda.

Motion by Cope, second by Reagan to approve the November 20, 2025, meeting minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. The Liberty National CD that matured on December 23, 2025, will be reinvested in a 23-month CD with Liberty National, as approved at the last meeting, once the bank's staff has returned from an extended leave. Motion by Romey, second by Logue to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Kerry Barker of Barker Concrete and Construction reported there is significant damage to the half mile of fencing/netting due to recent high winds and may cost up to \$100,000 for replacement. The fencing/netting is up, however, there are some significant holes/gaps that need repaired. Currently, staff are picking up stray debris each morning. He will contact Dar Coy with Fall River Emergency Management about submitting a FEMA claim. Starla Russell, Deputy Secretary/Treasurer, will also contact the insurance company regarding coverage. Discussion on the bidding process for this item included the possibility of purchasing the materials and submitting a bid/quote for the labor. Jason Hinds with FMG will prepare cost estimates and develop the specs for discussion at the next meeting. The overhead doors also need repaired, which may cost up to \$10K.

Barker reported he attempted to contact Langer Industrial, as suggested by Steven Kropp with DANR, for appliance removal from the Landfill, however, they did not return his call. Pacific Steel has hauled a load of appliances from the Landfill today. Currently, they are charging \$10/appliance to dispose of them, which includes Barker loading the appliances on Pacific Steel's trucks, which will be charged back to the Landfill. In the future, it may cost up to \$30/appliance to dispose. For comparison purposes, it was reported the Belle Fourche Landfill charges \$16 for freon-free appliances and \$50 for appliances with freon. After discussion about the current appliance disposal plan, the Board agreed to lift the temporary restriction on the disposal of appliances containing freon at the Landfill, effective January 9, 2026.

Hinds reported that Wagner Reclamation Services indicated there is too much metal and dirt in the rubble pile, making it difficult to crush the concrete. Russell reported she attempted to contact Simon about possible rubble crushing, however, they did not return her call. Hinds plans to work with Barker to assess the rubble pile and determine if the concrete can be separated for crushing. Weekley stated the crushed product would make a good road base for the site. A brief discussion regarding tire accumulation at the Landfill revealed there is currently not a need for tire disposal.

Barker reported the cost to repair the transmission in the four-wheeler is estimated at \$10K and recommends the District purchase the 2021 vehicle currently being used at the site, which would cost \$7K.

Hinds reported the wells have been drilled and work continues on the cell III closure and new cell opening and water sampling. A more detailed plan will be submitted later this year. Hinds has also been discussing with DANR staff the availability of state grant funding opportunities for this project. He reported the upcoming legislative session may address additional grant funding, but currently there are no funds available. Russell reported she has not received the results from DANR's review of the 2024 Annual Water Testing Report. Hinds reported it was approved, and he will forward a copy of the letter to the Board. FMG is currently working on the 2025 Annual Water Testing Report which will be submitted by the end of March 2026. FMG is also working on the fill progression calculation for the 2025 Financial Assurance Fund Balance and will have it ready for the next meeting.

The final report of fees associated with providing credit card payment services was reviewed, with final FY25 costs to the District totaling \$2,806. The machine has been returned to First Data Hardware Services.

Per SDCL 5-18C-6, fuel quotes were solicited from Stern and Nelson's Oil on December 31, 2025. One quote was received for direct delivery from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, as follows:

- Stern 1/7/2026: Firm bid at \$2.95/gallon for #2 dyed diesel and \$3.49/gallon for #2 clear diesel, with no subject to change with market fluctuation.
- Nelson's Oil & Gas: no quote received.

It was reported the site uses approximately 500 gallons/month. Discussion regarding no consideration for market fluctuation from Stern in their proposal prompted concerns about their firm bid. Cope and Weekly recommended Tubb contact both local suppliers (Stern and Nelson's Oil and Gas) before fuel delivery is needed to obtain the price and utilize the lowest cost quoted. Before delivery, Tubb will email the cost quotes to Russell for documentation. The Board agreed.

Resolution 2026-001 outlining the landfill rates charged was discussed. Motion to increase the white goods (freon free) from \$15 to \$25 and the white goods (with freon) from \$22.50 to \$50 by Reagan, second by Ryan. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-001 with the change by Romey, second by Reagan.

The 2026 Budget was discussed. Barker reported the reimbursement for scale fees currently set at \$1/ton is not keeping up expenses. Motion to increase the sale fee to \$1.75/ton by Reagan, second by Romey. Motion to purchase the 2021 four-wheeler for \$7K by Romey, second by Reagan. Since the Concrete Crushing Project was not started or completed in 2025, and the Concover Machine was not replaced, and ground cover (con soil) material was not ordered in 2025, those budget items will be moved to the 2026 Budget. Additional expenses for fencing/netting repair, overhead doors, chain link fence and the four-wheeler were added. A revenue line item for any funds received for salvage appliance disposal with Pacific Steel was noted. Final 2026 budget figures include projected revenue of \$620,000 and projected expenses of \$650,734. Motion by Reagan, second by Logue, to approve the 2026 Budget.

Motion to move the Landfill District meetings from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm by Romey, second by Logue.

Motion to move the next Landfill District meeting from the regularly scheduled date of March 12, 2026, to March 5, 2026, by Ryan, second by Romey.

Motion by Reagan, second by Romey to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Submitted by


Starla Russell, Deputy Secretary/Treasurer