



## **Waste Reduction & Recycling Board**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Anoka City Hall | 5:00 p.m. | Worksession Room

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Oath of Office
4. Election of Officers
5. Review of Mission Statement, Policies, Etc.
6. Approval of November 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes
7. Old Business
  - a. Establish 2026 Subcommittees
  - b. Subcommittees Reports
  - c. Review 2025 Accomplishments & 2026 Goals
  - d. General Updates
8. New Business
  - a. RAW Spring Newsletter
  - b. 2026 Recycling Events
  - c. July-December 2025 SCORE Report
9. Communications
  - a. 2024 Anoka County Solid Waste Master Plan
  - b. Organized Solid Waste Collection
  - c. 2026 Recycling Calendar from ACE Solid Waste
  - d. Environmental Specialist Position
  - e. 2026 Meetings & Activities Schedule
  - f. General Recycling Questions
10. Adjournment



## Memo

To: Waste Reduction & Recycling Board Members  
From: Pam Bowman, Communications & Recycling Manager  
Date: January 9, 2026  
Re: Wednesday, January 14, 2026, Agenda

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***A GROUP PHOTO WILL BE TAKEN IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JUST PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.***

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting will be called to order at 5 p.m. in the Committee Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall.
2. **Roll Call.** Roll call will be taken.
3. **Oath of Office.** Congratulations to newly appointed member Shawn Weddel and to reappointed members Brenda Belland, Marijo Hain, and Cheryl Knapek. Each of you will take the Oath of Office and sign your individual official form at the meeting.
4. **Election of Officers.** At this meeting, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected. The protocol is that the current Chair calls for nominations; a second to each nomination is okay, but not required; Chair asks for any further nominations; hearing none a vote may be taken. If more than one person is nominated for either position, then each nominee should be considered in order of nomination until a nominee obtains a majority vote for the full board. Following the election, the newly elected Chair will assume leadership at the meeting.
5. **Review of Mission Statement, Policies, Etc.** In your packet the following resources are provided to you for your information: WRRB's Mission Statement, Establishing WRRB, Open Meeting Law, Conflict of Interest, and Code of Ethics Policy and Roberts Rules. Please review beforehand and if you have any questions, we will discuss as needed. **(Attachment 1)**
6. **Approval of November 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes.** I recommend approval of the November 12th meeting minutes with any necessary corrections. **Action: Approval of minutes. (Attachment 2)**
7. **Old Business**
  - a. **Establish 2026 Subcommittees.** We will discuss keeping or switching subcommittee members.

b. **Subcommittee Reports.**

- **Alley & Ave Retail Boutique Follow Up.** We will discuss next steps.
- **Multi-Unit Program.** Nothing new to report.
- **Organics Program.** Chair Jones & Vice Chair Dergantz will provide a report.
- **Little Free Library.** Member Belland will provide a report.
- **Citywide Garage Sale.** Discuss initial steps and deadlines.
- **Soles4Souls Program.** Peterson Shoes began the Sneakers4Good program. This program only accepts tennis shoes. To continue Soles4Souls the WRRB would have to approve reimbursement of shipping fees to Peterson Shoes. They indicated it's about \$30-\$50/box and they typically mail 1 box a week, but following spring and fall events, they ship about 10 boxes. I will check with Anoka County to see if this fee is approved with SCORE funds. If not, we cannot do it.
- **Swap/Reuse Committee.** Vice Chair Dergantz and Member Knapek will provide an update. In addition, Chair Jones would like to discuss self-reporting for reuse tonnage.
- **ReCork Program.** Member Belland will provide an update.
- **Closing the Loop on Zero Waste Follow Up.** Vice Chair Dergantz will provide an update.

c. **Review 2025 Accomplishments & 2026 Goals.** Attached are the accomplishments and goals that were determined at your December meeting. You will review and change as needed. Reminder, you still have time to make changes after learning of the City Council's goals in late February. A vote is not required at this meeting, I suggest at your March meeting. **(Attachment 3)**

d. **General Updates:**

- **Holiday Lights Collection Update.** Thank you to Chair Jones and Member Belland for sorting and packing up the first round of holiday lights. The total weight collected so far is 374 pounds. We plan to pack the final collection during the first week of February.
- **Aluminum Can Recycling Trailer Update.** Both trailers continue to be utilized. Public Services continues to monitor and transport as needed.
- **Solid Waste Ordinance Update.** The Anoka County Solid Waste Master Plan is included in the next item. We will review that plan to see if any information may apply to the solid waste ordinance. I suggest we review the plan over the next month and come back in February with any suggested additional changes to the ordinance. **(Attachment 4)**

- **Electronics and Battery Product Stewardship Bill.** Nothing new to report. This item remains on the agenda as a reminder to follow updates.

8. **New Business.**

- a. **RAW Newsletter.** I don't have the deadline yet for the spring edition of the newsletter. We will review the topics suggested at the December meeting and adjust as needed. Please reference the November meeting minutes.
- b. **2026 Recycling Events.** I will have a list available at the meeting for review. Some are noted on the 2026 meeting and activities schedule later in the packet.
- c. **July-December 2025 SCORE Report.** I submitted the year-end SCORE expense report to Anoka County by December 30<sup>th</sup> as required. I am working on the tonnage report which is due at the end of January. I will provide the full report at the February meeting.

9. **Communications.**

- a. **2024 Anoka County Solid Waste Master Plan.** The 2024 Anoka County Solid Waste Master Plan was recently approved. It is a large document, so I am just including the link. [Here is a link to the report.](#)
- b. **Organized Solid Waste Collection.** An update will be provided.
- c. **2026 Recycling Calendar from ACE Solid Waste.** Mailed to residents in mid-December.
- d. **Environmental Specialist Position.** This new job position should be posted soon. Once the position is filled and the new employee begins, a transfer of duties will occur.
- e. **2026 Meetings & Activities Schedule.** Attached is the draft 2026 schedule. We will review this and adjust as needed throughout the year. **(Attachment 6)**
- f. **General Recycling Questions.** Oftentimes questions come up during the meetings unrelated to the agenda item being discussed. To keep the meeting on track, this item will now be included on each agenda so each of you has an opportunity to ask general recycling questions.

If you have a topic you wish to discuss at a future meeting, please let me know in advance.

**REMINDER:** A topic may not be discussed if it is not on the agenda and the topic should relate to our mission/goals.

10. **Adjournment.** Let's plan to adjourn by 6:45 p.m.