

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT

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Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting August 18, 2025

Attendance: Directors: Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Carey Donovan (Tremont), Martha B. Higgins (Trenton), info@jimvallette.com (Southwest Harbor), Jim Fortune -via Zoom, (Cranberry Isles)

Public: Damaris Smith (EMR), Kip Wing (Islander), Craig Kesselheim (via Zoom), Lincoln Millstein (via Zoom)

1. Call to Order by Smith @ 9:30 a.m.
2. Consider public hearing and regular meeting Minutes of June 25, 2025.
Motion to Approve Draft Minutes.
Motion: Smith; Second, Higgins. Minutes approved 5-0.
No July meeting was held.
3. Financial Report.
 - A. Treasurer Mahar's financial report.
Motion to approve Treasurer Mahar's Financial Report.
Motion, Higgins; Second, Smith. Approved 5-0.
 - B. Consideration of invoices if any. There were none.
4. Regular Business.
 - A. HHW AND UW Schedule: September 20, 2025 has been confirmed by both contractors. The collection will be held in the back parking lot at MDI High School, same as last year. Information sheets will be sent out in the next few days. 9-10 a.m. will be for the out-island trucks. 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. will be for cars delivering HHW and UW from the MDI towns and other adjacent towns.
 - B. Municipal Waste Hub in Hampden update. Municipal Waste Hub has and purchased tractor trailers for "Hub and Spokes" pick-up. This will allow pick-up of products (metal, for example) with one large truck picking up at a variety of sites rather than multiple towns driving to Municipal Waste Solutions.
 - C. Website update, if any. The ADD website has not promoted the Sept. 20 date for HHW and UW. That will be corrected soon!
 - D. Congressionally directed spending update. Tony Smith has been working with Acadia National Park and our Congressional Offices to change our original goal for Congressionally Directed Spending. The original goal was to build a shed on EMR property so that locals could more conveniently deposit HHW and UW that would be sent to Environmental Products, Inc. and

Instead we are now working with a variety of stakeholders to see if together we can cap the former landfill at EMR so that it is no longer leaching unwanted chemicals into Marshall Brook which travels through Acadia National Park land and empties into the Bass Harbor Marsh and then to Bass Harbor itself. Jim Vallette has researched the long history of the abandoned landfill. We hope to find a solution that will be to everyone's benefit.

E. Director Comments. None.

5. **Input from the attending public.** Craig Kesselheim stated that he believes that cleaning up the long-abandoned landfill would be very much worth the effort..
6. **Assignments per Director.**
 - Smith to communicate with ANP regarding Congressionally Directed Funding
 - Donovan to update for HHW and UW on the Acadia Disposal Website.
7. **Any other business as may be legally conducted.** None.
8. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Monday, September 22, 9:30 a.m. at Southwest Harbor Town Office.
9. **Executive session:** None Scheduled.
10. **Adjournment.** 10:47 a.m.