



# SWANN

## Board of Directors Meeting

### January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Chairman J.W. Geiser called the Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board of Director's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Chadron City Hall Council Chambers, 234 Main Street, Chadron, NE. Members present for roll call: Chadron, Shane Shepherd; Clinton, Roy Retzlaff; Crawford, Chris Dean; Dawes Co., Vic Rivera; Gordon, Doug Woodbeck; Harrison, Dashiell Rohan; Hay Springs, proxy Keith Kearns; Hemingford, Richard Wacker; Rushville, Barbara Stava; Sioux County, J.W. Geiser and Whitney, Fred Raben. Quorum was reached with members present. Members absent: Sheridan Co. Dan Kling. Open Meetings Act posted in the rear of the room was pointed out the. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Approval of Agenda

Chairman Geiser presented the Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 agenda. Mr. Stewart noted there were no content changes to the presented agenda. Member Retzlaff from Clinton, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Stava of Rushville seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### Approval of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Minutes

Mr. Geiser presented the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 BOD meeting minutes. With no additions or corrections to the minutes as presented, Member Rohan of Harrison moved to approve the minutes. Member Shepherd of Chadron seconded the motion. Quorum was reached with voting members present. Abstention was made by Hay Spring proxy representative. Motion carried.

### Approval of Claims/Budgets EOM Nov. 2025 and EOM Dec. 2025 Results

With this meeting covering 2 months of claims/budget, Executive Director, Jake Stewart reviewed the claims/budget for both EOM results with the Board. At the end of the EOM Nov. 2025, the Agency's revenue closed slightly ahead of budget projections at 53% with Agency budget completion at 50% for the fiscal year. Expenses closed at 59%, just over expected monthly projections for the 25-26 fiscal year. Stewart pointed out areas of review on the budget sheets e.g. expenses – Tires, Disposal, Drug Testing. Ending the month of November with positive cash for the month as well as year-to-date. For the EOM December 2025, the Agency's revenue was at 60% of projections for the 25-26 fiscal year. Expenses finished at 68%, ahead of expected projections for the fiscal budget, with 58% of projected completion of the fiscal year. Stewart discussed areas on the budget sheets e.g. expenses – fuels, Community sites and wages. Topics were reviewed by Exec. Director and Board members as questions arose. For each respective EOM, Stewart discussed the money markets/reserve accounts showing the deposits in the bonding, disposal and collection equipment accounts. Stewart reviewed the paid bills and tonnage report for each month. With no additional questions and comments, Proxy Member Kearns of Hay Springs moved to approve both EOM Claims and Budgets. Hemingford member Wacker seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### Re-Organization Swann Board of Directors

Board Chairman JW Geiser introduced Item #7 on the agenda, Reorganization of SWANN Board of Directors; Harrison representative Rohan, promptly nominated the three current standing executive board members be retained to respective positions, with Clinton representative Retzlaff seconding the nomination. Proxy Member Kearns of Hay Springs moved that nominations cease, with unanimous concurrence by the rest of the board. Retained Executive Board representatives are Chairman, J.W. Geiser, Sioux Co. Rep, as Chairman; Chadron Representative Shane Shepherd serving in the role of Vice-Chairperson; and retained to the role of Secretary/Treasurer will be Whitney representative Fred Raben. Board members felt this to be the best course of action for the current Board of Directors. After active and informed conversation, with Director Stewart providing support to the positive working process with the current board, it was determined that roll call would be taken based on the nominations made. All members present voted aye, retaining current board for calendar year 2026. Motion carried.



### Authorized Signatories Bank Account/Endorsers Resolution 2026-01

Following the topic of reorganization from agenda item #7, and the unanimous decision to retain currently seated executive board members; Resolution 2026-01 was discussed and by general consensus of all board members present, that Resolution 2026-01 would not need to be reviewed and approved in the fact that all current signatories were in place at all SWANN financial institutions and additional action was not needed. Chairman Geiser proceeded with the meeting agenda.

### Public Comment

Chairman Geiser opened the floor to members of the public who attended. With no comments, the open session was closed, with continuance of BOD Meeting Agenda items.

### Dwelling/Working Properties Solid Waste Policies

General information and discussion was provided by Executive Director Stewart regarding the definition of dwelling vs. that of outlying buildings on a property. Inhabited homes are considered as a dwelling of which each dwelling is responsible of retaining an active SWANN account. Unattached, out-lying buildings are not considered to be a dwelling and are different in costs of disposed refuse. All Directors were asked to support the definition of dwelling and outlying property when discussing SWANN with their respective constituents. This was a no-action topic of discussion, with all members present having general consensus of the topic. Chairman Geiser proceeded with the next agenda item.

### Director's Report

Exec. Dir. Stewart began the report with conversation regarding the following topics.

**Baler Building Updates:** Exec. Dir., Jake Stewart discussed status of the new baler and transfer station/administrative building; a slideshow of the development of the new baler/transfer station was presented. Director Stewart discussed different aspects of the projects that related directly to the paid bills that were reviewed [e.g. rock base, scale placement; concrete, geo-blocks]. General discussion was held and it was noted that the March 2026 meeting would be held at the new administrative offices at 1122 E. Niobrara Ave in Chadron.

**Permit Updates:** Exec. Dir. Stewart provided brief update and status of Landfill and Transfer Station/Baler permits.

**Units/Property Numbers from City Clerks:** Exec. Dir. Stewart discussed that SWANN Administration was preparing materials to gather information from the local/respective city/village clerks for the 2026-2027 budget processes. A new approach to provide a formatted structured file to gather information regarding the different types and quantities of residents in city and villages was discussed. Director Stewart asked that respective board members visit with city officials to let them know we will soon be communicating with them about the budget processes for the Agency.

### Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter with motion from Harrison member Rohan, second by proxy member Kearns of Hay Springs to enter into the executive session, with all member voting aye. General discussion was held regarding a legal matter that Ex. Dir. Stewart wanted Board members to be aware of. General consensus was that Mr. Stewart was proceeding accordingly, with no need for other action to be taken, member Woodbeck of Gordon moved to exit the Ex. Session, member Raben of Whitney seconded, all members voting aye to exit the session with no action taken.

### Board of Directors Comments

Next board meeting will take place March 19<sup>th</sup> as was previously set by the Board, held at the new SWANN Conference Room at 1122 E. Niobrara Ave. in Chadron. With no other Agency business; comments were asked for; Board Representatives did not have many topic comments to discuss; members were thanked for their efforts in educating the public, as phone conversations indicate that residents in the area are taking note of correct disposal efforts.

### Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board at 8:10 p.m., Chairman Geiser declared the meeting adjourned.

  
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Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Chairman