Commissioner Aaron M. Harrison called the special meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Colleen M. Swedyk and Stephen D. Hambley present. The meeting was held in the commissioners' conference room. The special meeting was held for the Board of Commissioners of Medina County, acting as the Board of the Medina County Solid Waste District, to discuss a request from the City of Brunswick to waive flow control of solid waste as applied to the City. Public hearings were held on this matter on September 16, 2025 and October 14, 2025

Discussion
Commissioner Hambley stated that the Solid Waste District did a good job providing background on flow control and designation, as well as the impact of granting the waiver. He noted that the Technical Advisory Committee ("TAC") had voted to recommend creating additional conditions for waivers in the new plan that is currently under development. He stated that Brunswick's request was premature since the consultant is still working on the plan language and details. The current plan does not allow for such a waiver, and it would not make sense to grant one at this time. He also noted that Brunswick has its own flow control for waste, while the county has the ability to control waste generated within the district. Commissioner Swedyk agreed noting that the current plan does not allow for a waiver, making the request premature. She suggested they should go through the process next year.

Commissioner Harrison expressed his concerns about the economics of operating the facility and ongoing costs. He mentioned that while a possible sale of the facility was not thoroughly considered by the TAC, he was concerned that the current market mechanisms might be making operations less efficient than they should be. He was wary about potential increased costs and financial burdens for residents in the future. He added that he liked the direction the new plan was taking regarding waivers, as it could help relieve some financial pressures, but acknowledged that for the current situation, denying the request was the appropriate decision. He referenced a draft resolution that would be finalized for the Wednesday meeting, as they would not be meeting on Tuesday in observance of Veterans Day.

Commissioner Hambley mentioned that the county has a current contract with Rumpke that must be considered in any changes to the current or future plans.

Curtis Perkins commented that if flow control is eliminated or waivers are granted, the county should consider selling the facility as there wouldn't be enough revenue generated from haulers. He stated that if the cities wanting to pull out were allowed to do so, the facility would become financially unsustainable. He added that flow control has helped smaller haulers compete in the county, and without the facility, smaller haulers would be lost as larger companies would control prices.

Commissioner Harrison mentioned that any future waiver would likely include some kind of fee associated with not using the facility, and that there could be scenarios where the facility would accept waste from out of county.

Commissioner Hambley emphasized that there are county programs that still need funding, as well as debt on the facility from the recycling facility upgrade completed around 2020-2021. He highlighted that the facility offers services for public drop-off of household trash, household hazardous waste, and recycling.

Mike Lyons from the prosecutor's office noted that the City of Brunswick's waiver request did not provide substantive evidence that it would be consistent with the plan's projections. He pointed out that Brunswick's logic was difficult to follow, as they suggested that granting a waiver now would somehow inform the development of the new plan. Mr. Lyons also indicated that the district had provided clear evidence that a waiver would adversely affect finances.

After discussion, the commissioners agreed to take formal action on the request at Wednesday's meeting.

Adjournment
Mrs. Swedyk moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hambley seconded the motion. Roll call showed all commissioners voting AYE; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:17

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting on this tenth day of November, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk to the Commissioners

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