



MINUTES OF THE JOINT-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, SOLID AND LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, PUBLIC WELFARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

JULY 8, 2026

Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources:

CHAIRPERSON: Hon. Glennon I. Pegollo

Committee on Solid and Liquid Waste Management

CHAIRPERSON: Hon. Rodrigo A. Castillo

Committee on Health, Public Welfare and Social Services:

CHAIRPERSON Hon. Amel G. Milay

GUEST:

Mr. Oliver Begaso

Operations and Administrative Officer
Jerm Waste Transport Services

Mr. Aries I. Madlangbayan
Representative
RHU Naic

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SUBJECT:

ENDORSEMENT LETTER FROM HON. ROMMEL ANTHONY V. MAGBITANG FOR THE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A TRIPARTITE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF INFECTIOUS WASTE

The Joint Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:09 PM by **Hon. Glennon I. Pegollo**, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, Solid and Liquid Waste Management and Committee on Health, Public Welfare and Social Services, regarding the proposed resolution **"A Resolution Authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter into and sign a Tripartite Memorandum of Agreement for the Collection, Treatment, and Disposal of Infectious Waste."**

Present during the meeting were SB Member Arnel Milay, SB Member Rodrigo, SB Member Cesar Ryan Nazareno, SB Member Raymond B. Senia A. Castillo, SK Federation President Darlaine M. Benesen, Mr. Oliver Begaso - Operations and Administrative Officer, Jerm Waste Transport Services and Mr. Aries Madlangbayan - Representative, Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Naic.

The representative of the Rural Health Unit informed the Committee that their attendance at the meeting was authorized by the Office of the Municipal Mayor.

The RHU explained the proposed Tripartite Memorandum of Agreement involving the Municipality of Naic as the Generator, Jerm Waste Transport Services as the Transporter, and Maya Waste Corporation as the Treater. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure the proper collection, transportation, treatment, and disposal of infectious healthcare waste in compliance with environmental, public health, and waste management laws. The proposed agreement covers the period from May 20, 2026 to December 30, 2027.

Mr. Oliver Begaso explained that Jerm Waste Transport Services has been the accredited transporter of infectious healthcare waste for the RHU since 2019. The first contract was valid for



one year and was renewed annually until it became a two-year contract in 2023, which expired in 2025.

He stated that the renewal of the MOA was delayed because the accreditation of their former partner treater had expired. Because of this, the required documents for the renewal could not immediately be completed. When asked where the infectious waste was brought during this period, he answered that Jerm coordinated with another accredited treater while processing the new agreement.

The RHU representative informed the Committee that the remaining infectious waste is temporarily stored in a secured storage room inside the RHU. He clarified that only a small amount remains because Jerm Waste Transport Services continued collecting the waste even after the expiration of the previous contract. The remaining waste accumulated only during the period when the previous treater's accreditation had expired.

The RHU further explained that the volume of infectious waste varies from day to day. Collection is based on the required minimum or critical volume and is not done daily. Waste is usually collected when it reaches approximately 500 kilograms. At present, about 800 to 900 kilograms of infectious waste remain in temporary storage.

The RHU also assured the Committee that all stored infectious waste, including used syringes, laboratory waste, and small quantities of expired medicines, are properly sealed and safely stored in accordance with existing health and environmental standards and do not pose any risk to public health.

The Committee discussed the procedure for renewing the MOA. It was explained that after the expiration of a contract, a new application must be submitted to the Local Government Unit and undergo the procurement process through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC). After the procurement process, the new MOA must be approved through a Resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan before it becomes effective.

The RHU also informed the Committee that lying-in clinics and laboratories in the Municipality of Naic are regularly monitored regarding the proper handling of their infectious and hazardous healthcare waste. These facilities maintain their own agreements with accredited transporters.

The Committee was informed that the proposed agreement with Integrated Waste Management Inc. (IWMI) did not proceed because its accreditation had expired. Likewise, Earth Clean was unable to continue for the same reason. As a result, Maya Waste Corporation was selected as the new partner treater.

The Committee asked why Maya Waste Corporation was included in the proposed MOA without first informing the Local Government Unit about the expiration of the previous treater's accreditation. Mr. Aries Madlangbayan explained that Maya Waste Corporation was recommended by Jerm Waste Transport Services as its new partner treater.

The Committee also asked whether Maya Waste Corporation had already submitted all the required documents. It was confirmed that the company had not yet submitted all the necessary documents during the meeting. The Committee requested that Maya Waste Corporation submit all legal documents, including valid accreditation from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned government agencies, before the proposed MOA is approved.

The Committee likewise discussed the bidders who participated in the procurement process, namely Integrated Waste Management Inc. (IWMI), South Chem, Jerm Waste Transport Services, Earth Clean, and Maya Waste Corporation. The Committee emphasized that the legal documents and accreditation of the treater must first be verified before approving the proposed agreement.



The Committee further explained that the agreement between the transporter and the treater is separate from the obligation of the Local Government Unit. If the treater loses its accreditation, the responsibility remains with the transporter to secure another accredited treater. The Local Government Unit should not be held liable for such circumstances.

The Committee also asked whether the accumulated infectious waste could already be collected since the proposed MOA states that it is effective on May 20, 2026. The transporter explained that the agreement cannot yet be implemented because it still requires approval through a Resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan. The Committee therefore recommended that the effectivity date of the MOA should be based on the date the Resolution is approved.

It was also confirmed that only RHU Main and RHU Halang are presently covered by the infectious waste collection service.

Before the close of the discussion, the Committee emphasized that the transporter remains responsible for collecting and transporting infectious healthcare waste under its agreement with the Local Government Unit regardless of the accreditation status of its partner treater. If the treater loses its accreditation, it is the responsibility of the transporter to secure another accredited treater to avoid interruption of the service and prevent the accumulation of infectious waste.

Committee Recommendations

After the discussion, the Joint Committee agreed to recommend the following:

1. That the accumulated infectious healthcare waste at the RHU be collected immediately to reduce the existing backlog, considering that the delay was caused by the accreditation issue of the transporter's partner treater and not by the Local Government Unit.
2. That Jerm Waste Transport Services and Maya Waste Corporation submit all required legal documents, including valid DENR accreditation and other necessary permits, before the proposed Memorandum of Agreement is approved.
3. That the effectivity of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement shall commence only upon the approval of the corresponding Resolution by the Sangguniang Bayan to ensure its legal implementation.

There being no other matters to discuss, the Joint Committee Meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.