

WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION January 18, 2022

The Wells County Solid Waste Management District met in regular session at 9AM in the Wells Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, Indiana. In attendance were Blake Gerber, Michael Vanover, Jeff Stringer, Chuck King, Roger Thornton, John Whicker, Cory Elzey, District Attorney, Colin Andrews and District Controller, Lisa McCormick.

Re-Organization of the Board-Controller Lisa McCormick requested a motion for Solid Waste Board President. Motion was made by Roger Thornton to retain Blake Gerber as President of the Solid Waste Board and Michael Vanover as Vice President of the Solid Waste Board for 2022, seconded by John Whicker. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes and Claims-Chuck King motioned to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from December 20, 2022, as presented, and 15 claims totaling \$64,863.13, John Whicker seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$268,638.08.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Supervisor Kevin Poling thanked the board for hiring him as the Recycling Center Supervisor. He is getting settled and stated that the center is running efficiently. He is getting to know the setup and the employees; things are going well.

Medical Waste Disposal-Concerns were brought to the board over medical waste disposal. Currently the board President is transporting the medical waste from the Ossian Police Department or the Bluffton Police Department, when their receptacles are full, to the Sheriff's department to be held until Hazardous Waste day. They can then be disposed of. The concerns are over legal protection and personal safety concerns. Fentanyl can be absorbed into the body via skin contact as well as through inhalation. District Attorney Colin Andrews classified Fentanyl as a major safety concern. Both legal concerns and training options were discussed. Board members will continue this discussion at the February 22nd meeting. Mayor Whicker will contact Chief Kyle Randall and Blake Gerber will contact Chief David Rigney to inquire if their medical waste could be transported to the Sheriff's department by one of their Officers.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 9:16. Motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Chuck King. Motion carried 7-0.

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Blake Gerber, President

Michael K Vanover, Vice-President

ATTEST: _____
Lisa McCormick, Controller