

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 16, 2024**

The Wells County Solid Waste Management District met in regular session at 4PM in the Wells Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, Indiana. In attendance were Blake Gerber, Scott Mentzer, Vicki Andrews, Jeff Stringer, Stephanie Tucker, District Attorney Ted Storer and District Controller Lisa McCormick. Michael Vanover and John Whicker were absent.

Re-Organization of the Board-Controller Lisa McCormick asked for a nomination for President of the Solid Waste District board. A motion was made by Vicki Andrews to keep the current makeup of the Solid Waste board with Blake Gerber as President and Scott Mentzer as Vice-President of the Solid Waste District board for 2024, seconded by Stephanie Tucker. Motion carried 5-0

Minutes-A motion was made by Jeff Stringer to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from December 18, 2023, as presented, Scott Mentzer seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Claims-Stephanie Tucker motioned to approve 13 claims totaling \$68,317.94, seconded by Jeff Stringer. Motion carried 5-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$87,043.12.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling presented the 2023-year end report. 13,990 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in 2023, 1,233 in December and 550 in January to date. Poling brought pricing to add safeguards to the entry garage door. The estimate to update safety equipment to the current door was \$700, the estimate to replace the entry garage door was \$1,700, both estimates were with Carl Fisher Garage door. A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to replace the entry garage door for \$1,700. Motion carried 5-0.

Cardboard-Jeff Stringer has been researching cardboard and what other municipalities charge business owners to bring cardboard to their recycling centers. Stringer stated that most entities charge per ton or by the truckload. Stringer suggested setting a rate, such as \$35 per ton or charging a monthly rate. Scott Mentzer suggested a one-time fee annually for qualifying businesses. Blake Gerber suggested Kevin Poling compile a list of businesses that bring cardboard on a regular basis to the February meeting for more discussion.

Rubbermaid Containers-The Solid Waste District has Rubbermaid containers that were used to store medications and sharps at the Sheriff's department annually for Hazardous Waste Day. The Sheriff's department can now dispose of medication and sharps on a regular basis, so the containers are no longer needed. A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to transfer ownership of a portion of the Rubbermaid containers to the Highway Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Investments-Controller McCormick requested CD rates from 5 area banking institutions. Four came back with proposals. The CD will mature on January 25, 2024. A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Jeff Stringer to invest \$100,000 with Flagstar Bank for 6 months for a rate of 5.30%. Motion carried 5-0.

Hazardous Waste Date-A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Stephanie Tucker to set Hazardous Waste day as June 15, 2024, from 8AM-1PM and allow McCormick to update the contract. Motion carried 5-0. Cost for the event for 2024 is \$25,250 with 3 lines, \$500 less on the total amount if paid on June 15th. McCormick will get pricing for advertising.

Shred Date-A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to set the Shred date of May 4, 2024, from 9AM-11AM, Attorney Storer will prepare the agreement to be signed at the February meeting. Motion carried 5-0. The cost for the event is \$350 per hour, two-hour minimum. The new shredding vendor is Proshred. Proshred requires 50% down when booking and the remainder within 30 days of the event. McCormick will get pricing for advertising.

SB131-Controller McCormick shared the annual SB131 report that has been submitted into Gateway for 2023 reporting.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:24. The motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Vicki Andrews. Motion carried 5-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____
Lisa McCormick, Controller