

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 17, 2023**

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, Vicki Andrews, Scott Mentzer, Stephanie Tucker, District Attorney, Ted Storer and District Controller, Lisa McCormick. Michael Vanover, Jeff Stringer, and John Whicker were absent.

Re-Organization of the Board-Controller Lisa McCormick asked for a motion for President of the Solid Waste District board. Motion was made by Stephanie Tucker to appoint Blake Gerber as President of the Solid Waste board for 2023, seconded by Scott Mentzer. Motion carried 4-0. Controller Lisa McCormick asked for a motion for Vice President of the Solid Waste District board. Motion was made by Scott Mentzer to appoint Michael Vanover as Vice-President of the Solid Waste board, there was not a second. Vicki Andrews motioned to appoint Scott Mentzer as Vice-President of the Solid Waste board for 2023, seconded by Stephanie Tucker. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes-Scott Mentzer motioned to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from December 19, 2022, as presented, Vicki Andrews seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims-Vicki Andrews motioned to approve 13 claims totaling \$70,361.81, seconded by Stephanie Tucker. Motion carried 4-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$272,406.61.

2023 Solid Waste Salary Contract-The 2023 Solid Waste Salary Contract was presented to the Solid Waste board for the President's signature. The contract has had prior approval from the Wells County Commissioners and Wells County Council. Motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to allow President Blake Gerber to sign the 2023 Solid Waste Salary Contract (Misc. 2023-01). Motion carried 4-0.

Hazardous Waste Date-Motion was made by Stephanie Tucker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to set Hazardous Waste day as June 10, 2023, from 8AM-1PM. Motion carried 4-0. Cost for the event for 2023 is \$24,975 with 3 lines, \$500 less on the total amount if paid on June 10th. McCormick will get pricing for advertising.

Shred Date-Motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Stephanie Tucker to set the Shred date of May 6, 2023, from 9AM-Noon. Motion carried 4-0. Cost for the event is \$300 per hour, three-hour minimum, with a 9% fuel surcharge. McCormick will get pricing for advertising.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling presented the 2022-year end report. 13,844 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in 2022. An estimated 33.34 tons of glass, 330 tons of cardboard, paper, plastic, 19,270 pounds of metal and aluminum cans, and 1860 pounds of electronic equipment, copper wiring were recycled. Estimated total savings in 2022 with the new recycled items and in house repairs calculates to \$2,715.00, Poling reported.

Energy Control-Supervisor Poling presented an agreement with Energy Control proposing the purchasing of the Recycling Center's newsprint overruns, recycled newspapers, and other high-fiber

materials. Option 2 in the agreement states that Energy Control would spot a semi-trailer at the Recycling Center. The paper can be stored on this trailer in gaylord boxes or dumped onto the trailer for loose transport. The Recycling Center will be responsible for padlocking the trailer daily. Energy Control will remove the trailer when it is full and return an empty trailer with the gaylords if gaylords are used. Energy control will weigh the full trailer at Energy control, off-load the paper, place the gaylords back in the trailer and then reweigh to provide an "empty" weight. A copy of the weigh ticket will be provided to the Recycling Center, who will give a copy to the Controller for record keeping. Energy Control will pay \$60 per ton for acceptable paper. There is no trailer or pick up charges. The guaranteed rate of \$60 per ton is the floor price for 2023 but will increase if the market dictates. Motion was made by Stephanie Tucker, seconded by Scott Mentzer to approve, and allow the President to sign the agreement with Energy Control. Motion carried 4-0.

Other Business-Stephanie Tucker suggested partnering with Ossian businesses and/or various clubs to sponsor an additional Shred event at the Ossian City building. Tucker will research and bring options for board consideration to the February meeting. Also discussed was a shoe drive by the Rotary Club. The drive is through the end of February. Collected are pairs of shoes as wells as single shoes, single shoes get ground down for playground material. Wells County might be able to put information on the website if given that information.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:24. Motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Stephanie Tucker. Motion carried 4-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____

Lisa McCormick, Controller