

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION JULY 15, 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, John Whicker, Stephanie Tucker, Jeff Stringer, District Attorney Ted Storer and District Controller Lisa McCormick. Michael Vanover attended at 4:12 to vote on remaining agenda items.

Minutes-A motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from June 17, 2024, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Claims-A motion was made by Stephanie Tucker to approve 9 claims totaling \$66,462.91, seconded by John Whicker. Motion carried 6-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$99,982.19.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling reported 1134 patrons have utilized the Recycling Center in June, 528 to date in July.

Investment-Controller McCormick requested CD rates from 5 area banking institutions. Three came back with proposals. A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Scott Mentzer to invest \$100,000 with 1st Source Bank for 6 months for a rate of 5.25%. Motion carried 6-0. A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Stephanie Tucker to have Controller Lisa McCormick and Solid Waste Board President Blake Gerber as signers for the CD with 1st Source Bank. Motion carried 6-0.

2024 Solid Waste Budget-A 2025 Solid Waste budget was presented to the Solid Waste board for review. The proposed budget for 2025 totaled \$264,280.00. A motion was made by Michael Vanover, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the 2025 budget as presented. Motion carried 7-0. A new line was added into the Solid Waste Budget for Rural Town Cleanup. Currently those funds are paid out through the Wells County Area Plan budget. The Area Plan office will continue to organize the event, the expenses will be funded by the Solid Waste District. It was suggested that after each event, Area Plan report to the Solid Waste District Board on the event. In a prior meeting, Cardboard was discussed regarding the Recycling Center charging fees for businesses who bring in large quantities into the Recycling Center. At that time the Solid Waste District was incurring charges for recyclables. Currently, the District is receiving revenue for cardboard, Scott Mentzer suggested public outreach to encourage increased cardboard collections.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:27. The motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Stephanie Tucker to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____

Lisa McCormick, Controller