

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 16, 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, Scott Mentzer, Jeff Stringer, Vicki Andrews, Michael Vanover, John Whicker, District Attorney Ted Storer and District Controller Lisa McCormick. Stephanie Tucker was absent.

Minutes-A motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from August 21, 2023, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Claims-A motion was made by Michael Vanover to approve 20 claims totaling \$4,404.93, seconded by Scott Mentzer. Motion carried 6-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$76,249.21.

Grapple Bucket Resolution-A Paladin Grapple bucket was at the Recycling Center and Supervisor Poling did not see a need for it. The Town of Albion had shown interest in purchasing the equipment from the Solid Waste District. The purchase price is \$1,250. Per IC 5-22-22-10 a purchasing agency may exchange personal property with another governmental body upon mutually agreeable terms and conditions, as evidenced by adoption of a substantially identical resolution by each entity. The Town of Albion submitted, to the Solid Waste District, an approved Resolution No 2023-11, and a signed bill of sale and assignment of tangible personal property for the Paladin grapple bucket. A motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Michael Vanover to approve Resolution 2023-01, authorizing the exchange of personal property with another governmental body for a purchase price of \$1,250. Motion carried 6-0. A motion was made by Michael Vanover, seconded by Vicki Andrews to allow Controller Lisa McCormick to sign the bill of sale and assignment of tangible personal property for the Solid Waste District. Motion carried 6-0.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling reported 1252 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in August, 1026 in September, and 520 to date in October. Poling estimated \$1,700 in revenue for recyclables has been captured. Jeff Stringer discussed area businesses bringing cardboard into the recycling center and tax dollars being spent to transport that cardboard to a recycler. Scott Mentzer added that the City of Bluffton is in the process of implementing an annual permit for businesses to take product to the compost site. Upon dumping, the business is expected to also estimate the amount of product dumped and pay accordingly for each dump. The discussion concluded with; more research would need to be done before a resolution to the situation could be made. Jeff Stringer volunteered to contact other recycling centers in the surrounding area and find out how they deal with a similar situation.

2024 Meeting Dates-A motion was made by Michael Vanover, seconded by Scott Mentzer to approve the 2024 Solid Waste meeting dates as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Investment-The Solid Waste CD will come due on October 25, 2023. Area banking institutions were contacted for current interest rates. 1st Source Bank had the highest interest rate of 5.55%. A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Michael Vanover to reinvest \$100,000 for 6 months with 1st Source Bank at a 5.55% interest rate. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:18. The motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____
Lisa McCormick, Controller