

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION NOVEMBER 20, 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, Stephanie Tucker, John Whicker, District Attorney Ted Storer and District Controller Lisa McCormick. Michael Vanover was absent.

Minutes-A motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from October 16, 2023, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Claims-A motion was made by Vicki Andrews to approve 10 claims totaling \$2,762.79, seconded by Stephanie Tucker. Motion carried 6-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$76,437.28.

IMPACT: IMPACT is a placement and training program to help people on public assistance achieve self-sufficiency. The program places IMPACT clients into unpaid job positions to gain work experience and employment skills. Maximus was the previous contractor for the Division of Family Resources' Impact program. The state awarded Equus the contract, and any employer participants were asked to submit updated paperwork. The IMPACT representative stated that no participants, to their knowledge, had ever been placed at the Recycling Center. No vote was taken, the Solid Waste Board opted to pass on the request for updated paperwork.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling reported 1134 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in October, and 700 to date in November. Poling estimated \$8,300 in revenue for recyclables has been captured year to date. Some lighting repairs were needed, the electrician suggested updating to LED when other repairs were needed. The estimated cost for each unit is \$300, we have 10 units.

Cardboard: Jeff Stringer contacted other recycling centers in the surrounding area and discussed business cardboard recycling. He contacted 10 recycling centers and 5 responded, Jay, Adams, Blackford, Huntington, and Noble. All 5 districts charge a fee for a commercial business to drop off cardboard to the center. Those districts are sending a fee schedule to Stringer that will be available for the December meeting. Scott Mentzer stated that the City has just implemented a fee structure for the compost drop off beginning in 2024. An annual permit fee is charged as well as a per dump fee, all of which is voluntary, the compost site is equipped with camera surveillance. Board members suggested further discussion on cardboard in December.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:15. The motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by John Whicker to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____

Lisa McCormick, Controller