

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION DECEMBER 18, 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, and District Controller Lisa McCormick. Commissioner Michael Vanover and Attorney Ted Storer were absent.

Minutes-A motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Scott Mentzer to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from November 20, 2023, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Claims-A motion was made by Vicki Andrews to approve 14 claims totaling \$2,957.30, seconded by Stephanie Tucker. Motion carried 6-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$154,559.96.

2024 Solid Waste Salary Contract-The 2024 Solid Waste Salary Contract was presented for review. Included in the contract was an updated pay matrix for the supervisor. The Controller wage increased to \$6,680 annually. A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by John Whicker to approve the 2024 Wells County Solid Waste Salary Contract as presented. Motion carried 6-0. The Solid Waste Salary Contract will also go to the Commissioners and County Council for approval.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling reported 1175 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in November, and 550 to date in December. To date in 2023, approximately 12,400 patrons have utilized the Recycling Center. Poling estimated \$9,400 in revenue for recyclables has been captured year to date. The Sheriff's Department returned containers that were used for meds and sharps for Hazardous Waste day. The Sheriff now disposes of the materials in another way and does not need the containers for storage. One possibility mentioned was gifting them to the highway. More discussions will follow in January.

Cardboard- Discussion on cardboard was tabled until the January 16th meeting.

Car Damage-As a patron was entering the Recycling Center, the garage door came down on her vehicle top, in the middle of her car. She did not know what to do so she backed out. She didn't think there was much damage until she washed her car and saw the scratches on the roof. The patron got an estimate for the cost of repairs with Above and Beyond Vehicle Reconditioning of \$350. The Solid Waste District does not have a deductible for general liability claims. A motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Scott Mentzer to allow payment for the repair, when complete, to Above and Beyond Vehicle Reconditioning for \$350. Motion carried 6-0. The board would like Kevin to reach out for a remote safety device for the door, or pricing for a new overhead door to rectify the possibility of recurrence and update the board in January.

Payment in Advance of Claims-A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Stephanie Tucker to allow the Controller to reimburse Wells County for Salaries and Wages, 3rd and 4th Quarter of 2023, in advance of January claims. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfer of Funds Within Account Sequence-A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by John Whicker to allow the Controller to make transfers within account sequence for 2024. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:17. The motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Scott Mentzer to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____
Lisa McCormick, Controller