

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION DECEMBER 19, 2022**

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, Michael Vanover, Jeff Stringer, John Whicker, Chuck King, District Attorney, Colin Andrews and District Controller, Lisa McCormick.

Minutes-John Whicker motioned to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from November 21, 2022, as presented, Chuck King seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims-Michael Vanover motioned to approve 11 claims totaling \$5,246.96, seconded by John Whicker. Motion carried 4-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$342,430.43.

2023 Solid Waste Salary Contract-The 2023 Solid Waste Salary Contract was presented to the Solid Waste board for consideration. The contract will go to the Commissioners and County Council for approval prior to approval by the Solid Waste Board. Mayor John Whicker stated that he will abstain from board compensation.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling reported 1150 car count for November and 700 to date in December. A request from the board regarding pricing for a freight scale was to be presented at this meeting. Poling stated that after the News-Banner stated in the paper that the Recycling Center needed a scale, the City of Bluffton Water Department called Poling and offered a scale that they were not using. Poling will take possession of the scale when transportation can be arranged.

Jeff Stringer joined the meeting.

Pay Scale-The lead laborer at the Recycling Center has retired. Poling suggested that each employee move up to the next pay level. Motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Chuck King to move all positions to the pay level above their current pay level. Motion carried 5-0.

Transfers-Transfers within a major classification within a department may be made without board action by the Controller if that action is approved by the Solid Waste board. Motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Jeff Stringer to authorize the Controller to transfer funds within the same major classification. Motion carried 5-0.

Advance Payment-Motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by John Whicker to allow the 2022 3rd and 4th Quarter reimbursement for salaries and benefits to Wells County be made by the Controller in advance payment of January 2023 claims. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Appreciation-Chuck King was attending his last meeting as a board member. All board members expressed their appreciation to King. His commitment was a huge asset and will be greatly missed.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:10. Motion was made by John Whicker, seconded by Chuck King. Motion carried 5-0.

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President

Vice-President

ATTEST: _____
Lisa McCormick, Controller