

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

Minutes-A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Jeff Stringer to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from November 18, 2024, as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1, Stephanie Tucker abstained.

Claims-A motion was made by Vicki Andrews to approve 11 claims totaling \$3,066.70, seconded by Stephanie Tucker. Motion carried 5-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$117,924.84.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling reported 1165 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in November, and 500 to date in December. To date, Poling estimates that 53 tons of paper, 35 tons of glass, 12 tons of metal, 8 tons of electronics, 5 tons of plastic, and 182 tons of cardboard have been recycled out of the Recycling Center. \$6,300 in revenue and \$16,000 in credits for recyclables have been captured, he estimated.

Transfer of Funds Within Account Sequence-A motion was made by Stephanie Tucker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to allow the Controller to make transfers within account sequence for 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

2025 Solid Waste Salary Contract-The 2025 Solid Waste Salary Contract was presented for review. Included in the contract was an updated pay matrix for the supervisor for 2025. The Controller wage increased to \$6,880 annually. A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the 2025 Wells County Solid Waste Salary Contract to be presented to the Wells County Council and Wells County Commissioners for review and approval. Motion carried 5-0. A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Stephanie Tucker to approve Solid Waste chair approval following approval from the Wells County Council and Wells County Commissioners. Motion carried 5-0. Board member Vicki Andrews thought the contract needed to specify that board members were only paid for meetings attended. A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to amend the prior motion to adjust the 2025 contract in subparagraph 2D to indicate that any payment to board members is for meetings attended. Motion carried 5-0.

Payment in Advance of Claims-A motion was made by Stephanie Tucker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to allow the Controller to reimburse Wells County for Salaries and Wages, 3rd and 4th Quarter of 2024, in advance of January claims. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:10. The motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Scott Mentzer to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

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President,

Vice-President,

ATTEST: _____
Lisa McCormick, Controller