

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION MARCH 17, 2025**

The Wells County Solid Waste Management District met in regular session at 4PM in the Wells Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, Indiana. Physically present at the meeting were Blake Gerber, Jeff Stringer, John Whicker, Vicki Andrews, District Attorney Ted Storer and District Controller Lisa McCormick. District Vice President Scott Mentzer participated in the meeting by electronic means of communication, Zoom, which allowed Mentzer to simultaneously attend and observe the meeting. All votes taken during the meeting were taken by roll call vote. Members Michael Vanover and Stephanie Tucker were absent.

Minutes-A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by John Whicker to approve the Special Session Solid Waste minutes from February 3, 2025, as presented. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Claims-A motion was made by John Whicker to approve 19 claims totaling \$5,649.11, seconded by Jeff Stringer. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$101,974.97.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling stated that 890 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in February 2025. To date, 550 patrons have utilized the Recycling Center in March. Poling addressed some traction issues with the forklift. The concrete ramp that goes to the loading dock gets wet and the forklift has trouble getting up to the dock. Board member Stringer will assess the situation.

NuGenesis/Proshred Agreements-The 2025 agreement for Tox-A-Way day was presented to the Solid Waste Board for review. The tox away event is scheduled for June 14, 2025, from 8am-1pm. The cost of the event is \$25,250, if paid on that day the rate decreases by \$500 to \$24,750. Also, a Proshred agreement was presented to the Solid Waste Board for review. The shred event is scheduled for May 3, 2025, at the Washington/Main Commons from 9am-11am. The cost of the event is \$700. A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the agreements with NuGenesis for Hazardous Waste Day, and Proshred for a shred event and allow the President to sign both agreements. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Rural Town Cleanup-Rural town cleanup is being held on April 26, 2025, at Petroleum Community Church. Area Plan oversees the event, the Solid Waste District oversees funding of the event. The Solid Waste board will hear an update from an Area Plan representative after the event.

Public Comment-Scott Elzey addressed clean up for tires, mattresses and TVs from the local roadways. Elzey has spoken with Shawn Bonar, Highway Supervisor, and Bonar is open to possibly supplying a dumpster for some collections. Elzey will report further in April.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:11. The motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Jeff Stringer to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____
Lisa McCormick, Controller