

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION MAY 19, 2025**

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, Vicki Andrews, Jeff Stringer, Stephanie Tucker, District Attorney Ted Storer and District Controller Lisa McCormick. Michael Vanover and John Whicker were absent.

Minutes-A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from April 21, 2025, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Claims-A motion was made by Vicki Andrews to approve 14 claims totaling \$12,479.94, seconded by Scott Mentzer. Motion carried 4-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$90,560.99.

Rural Town Clean-Up-Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. updated the Solid Waste board on Rural Town Clean-up. The event was held on April 26th from 9am-2pm at Petroleum Community Church, residents were lined up by 8am. Tires, trash and scrap metal were collected. 12,980 pounds of scrap metal were collected, a 53-foot trailer was filled with tires to be recycled, and 10 40-yard dumpsters were filled. 36 TV's and 70 tires were among the contents of the dumpsters. Lautzenheiser was pleased with the outcome. He estimated that they could have filled 2/3rds of another 53-foot trailer with tires. Tires were turned away toward the end of the event due to lack of space in the trailer and dumpster. Lautzenheiser stated that rural town clean-up was started because of junk violations in the outlying areas, with tires being the top junk violation citation issued. The total cost for the event was \$10,181.47. Locations are being sought for the fall clean up.

Board member Stephanie Tucker entered the meeting at 4:13.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling stated that 1260 patrons have utilized the Recycling Center through April. To date, 740 patrons have utilized the Recycling Center in May.

Shred Date-The shred event totaled 3.58 tons of shredded paper.

Board member Vicki Andrews exited the meeting at 4:30.

Hazardous Waste Day- The hazardous waste event will be prior to the June meeting. Controller McCormick distributed waiver of liability forms for anyone interested in helping at hazardous waste day. A discount of \$500.00 will be given to the District if paid on June 14th, the day of the event. A motion was made by Stephanie Tucker, seconded by Scott Mentzer to approve the payment in advance of claims for \$24,750.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Student Volunteer-Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District had made an inquiry in regard to placing a student volunteer at the Recycling Center to acquire job skills. The volunteer will be a senior during the 2025-2026 school year. Transportation and a job coach will be provided by BHMSD, the job coach will be with the student at all times. BHMSD Superintendent Dr. Brad Yates supplied a letter

confirming the intent to place a BHMSD student at the Recycling Center for the 2025-2026 school year for one hour per week. The letter states that the student will be covered under BHMSD's general liability insurance policy during their placement. The coverage includes bodily injury and property damage liability, as well as coverage for student accident and medical expenses in accordance with the terms and limits of their policy. Walker Hughes also requested the parent or guardian sign a waiver and release agreement for the Solid Waste District. A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Scott Mentzer to approve and allow a BHMSD student volunteer at the recycling center during the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Tires and TV's-The Solid Waste board tabled a discussion on tires and TV coupons until the June meeting.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:44. The motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Jeff Stringer to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____
Lisa McCormick, Controller