

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 20, 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, Jeff Stringer, Michael Vanover, Janella Stronczek, District Attorney Ted Storer and District Controller Lisa McCormick. Board members Stephanie Tucker and Vicki Andrews were absent.

**Minutes**-A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Michael Vanover to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from September 2, 2025, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Claims**-A motion was made by Michael Vanover to approve 17 claims totaling \$5,110.73, seconded by Jeff Stringer. Motion carried 5-0.

**Cash on Hand**-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$102,497.00.

**Supervisor Report**-Kevn Poling reported that 1110 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in September, and 800 to date in October. A student volunteer assists at the Recycling Center one day a week for one hour, accompanied by a supervisor. All volunteer waiver forms have been signed and returned.

**Investment**-A \$100,000 CD matures on October 29, 2025. Area banking institutions were contacted for current interest rates. 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank had the highest interest rate at 3.9%. A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Michael Vanover, to reinvest \$100,000 for 6 months with 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank at an interest rate of 3.9%. Motion carried 5-0.

**2026 Meeting Dates**-2026 Solid Waste meeting dates were presented to the board. Vice President Scott Mentzer suggested moving the September 2026 meeting date to September 14<sup>th</sup>. Annually the September meeting date is cancelled due to Street Fair and parking issues. A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Scott Mentzer to approve the 2026 Solid Waste meeting dates as presented aside from the September meeting, making September 14<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in September, a meeting date. Motion carried 5-0.

**The Wright Insurance Company**-Wells County has changed insurance brokers from Walker Hughes to The Wright Insurance Company. The board was asked if the Solid Waste District would like to also change brokers. A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Michael Vanover, to approve using the Wright Insurance Company as the broker for the Solid Waste District. Motion carried 5-0.

**Adjourn**-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:08. The motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Jeff Stringer to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

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**President, Blake Gerber**

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**Vice-President, Scott Mentzer**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa McCormick, Controller