

WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION DECEMBER 15, 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, Vicki Andrews, Stephanie Tucker, Janella Stronczek, District Controller Lisa McCormick and District Attorney Ted Storer.

Minutes-A motion was made by Michael Vanover, seconded by Scott Mentzer to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from November 17, 2025, as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Claims-A motion was made by Michael Vanover to approve 9 claims totaling \$2,519.85, seconded by Vicki Andrews. Motion carried 7-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$182,294.96.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling reported 1120 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in November, and 485 to date in December. Poling reported that there is a small leak in the valley of the roof, a minor repair might be needed.

Waste Tire Grant-Board President Gerber spoke to the board regarding applications through IDEM for a tire waste cleanup grant. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has \$300,000 in available funding to help Solid Waste Management Districts implement waste tire cleanup projects. The funding is available on a first come first serve basis, applications are accepted from December 15, 2025, through January 16, 2026. A motion was made by Stephanie Tucker, seconded by Jeff Stringer to allow President Blake Gerber to apply for the waste tire cleanup grant. Motion carried 7-0.

Payment in Advance of Claims-A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Stephanie Tucker to allow the Controller to reimburse Wells County for Salaries and Wages, 3rd and 4th Quarter of 2025, in advance of January claims. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer of Funds Within Account Sequence-A motion was made by Jeff Stringer, seconded by Michael Vanover to allow the Controller to make transfers within account sequence for 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Shred and Hazardous Waste Dates 2026-The Solid Waste District annually holds a Shred and Hazardous Waste Day. Past dates have been the first Saturday in May for Shred and the first or second Saturday of June for Hazardous Waste day. Booking begins for each event at the beginning of January, the board instructed Controller McCormick to check dates with the vendors for 2026.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:18. The motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Jeff Stringer to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____

Lisa McCormick, Controller