

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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, Michael Vanover, Janella Stroncsek, Stephanie Tucker, District Attorney Ted Storer, and District Controller Lisa McCormick. Jeff Stringer participated in the meeting by electronic means of communication, Zoom, which allowed Stringer to simultaneously attend and observe the meeting. All votes taken during the meeting were taken by roll call vote.

Minutes-A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the regular session Solid Waste minutes from January 20, 2026, as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1 by roll call vote, Stephanie Tucker abstained.

Claims-A motion was made by Scott Mentzer to approve 9 claims totaling \$10,114.07, seconded by Vicki Andrews. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$100,446.78.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling stated that 1160 patrons utilized the Recycling Center in January, 590 to date in February. Metal, paper, and cardboard were sent to recyclers for additional revenue. Poling said there is a leak in the valley of the roof that might need to be repaired. Blake Gerber will look at the roof and discuss it at the next meeting.

Destruction of Records-Controller McCormick emailed a notice of destruction for the review of the board. Three paper boxes of records were listed for destruction based on current retention schedules. A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Stephanie Tucker to allow the destruction of records in accordance with the retention policy. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

2026 Tox Away Agreement-The agreement was tabled, Attorney Storer requested more time to review the document.

Michael Vanover entered the meeting at 4:07pm.

Advertising-News-Banner publications will advertise for the 2026 Shred and Hazardous Waste events for \$428.00 for each event. 6 run dates in the News-Banner, 2 run dates in the Ossian Journal are included in the advertising. RAM advertising quoted a two-week ad run on the electronic billboard for \$300 for each two-week period. Lamar advertising quoted a two-week ad run on their electronic billboard for \$615 for each two-week period. A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Janella Stroncsek to approve the advertising for Shred and Hazardous Waste with RAM advertising and the News-Banner. Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Miscellaneous-President Blake Gerber added that he inquired to IDEM regarding the Solid Waste District application for the Waste Tire Grant. Gerber was informed that there was no information to share.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:13. A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Scott Mentzer to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____
Lisa McCormick, Controller