

Miami County Solid Waste District
Minutes for the May 17, 2010 Meeting

Attendance: Tom Gustin, Greg Deeds, Jon Faust, Craig Boyer, Don Morris, Shirley Mull, Pat Roberts, Samantha Ward, and Brenda Weaver (recording meeting minutes in place of Carla Smith). Absent: Jim Walker and Carla Smith.

At 8:02 A.M. the meeting was called to order by Tom Gustin.

The minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting were presented. Don Morris motioned to accept the minutes as is, Craig Boyer seconded, motion passed.

The May 2010 financial statement was presented by Samantha Ward. The office has received over \$70,000 in payments for the 2010 billing so far. The Peru Tribune bill was for an ad for Earth Day. The Tribune worked with us by publishing two stories about beautification day, while we ran the advertisement for Earth Day. The PCI bill was for the first HHW day of 2010. R&B Contractor's bill was high due to paying the disposal cost of the TV picture tubes. The bill for Roberts' Law firm was for half of his yearly retainer fee. The bill to the Post Office was for mailing the yearly billing. Greg Deeds motioned to accept financial report, Don Morris seconded, motion passed.

The preliminary budget for 2010 was presented. The amount is higher than last year's budget due to some items being overlooked and not included on the previous budgets. Electronic recycling was increased significantly due to the increased number of TVs turned in for recycling and for the disposal of the picture tubes. Tom Gustin asked about the membership fees, and if enough was budgeted. The estimate for R&B Contractor was higher due to trying to factor in money for cleanup of illegal dumping. Employee pay was discussed, and it was noted that the office did not increase their salary since everyone else in the county had their salaries frozen. Postage for the billing was discussed along with handling incorrect addresses. Shirley Mull motioned to approve the budget as presented, Don Morris seconded. Motion passed 4-2 with Craig Boyer and Jon Faust casting the opposing votes.

Pat Roberts discussed the progress on an ordinance for illegal dumping and the progress of collecting the late fees from 2008 and 2009. Enforcement of the ordinance is the biggest problem for illegal dumping. There has to be a way to prove who dumped the items or trash of people are not seen in the act. He is still working on finding out how the proof can be made. Mr. Roberts stated there were 700 claims for unpaid user fees from 2008 and 2009. There are two court days set at this time. Some of the people are saying they never received their bill. He is willing to work out payment plans for homes in foreclosure, and outlined the responsibilities. Property owners who have their homes in foreclosure are still responsible for the bill as long as the property is in their name. Whoever has the name on the property is who has to pay the bill, until the time it is transferred to a new owner. There have also been people who just didn't pay the bill.

Earl & Diana Akard spoke to the board about their bill. They own a mobile home park in Oakdale. There are several lots that are not rented or are unable to be rented. Mr. Roberts stated that the appeal process went through the board of directors. He also said the board could direct Samantha to modify the bill. Mr. Akard stated that every year he has to file a report of how many trailers are in his park. It was suggested the billing could be based on this report. Shirley Mull motioned to allow the Akards to give the Solid Waste office the report from the assessor's office and have the bill amended accordingly, Don Morris seconded, motion passed.

Shirley Mull motioned to adjourn at 8:45 a.m., Greg Deeds seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,