

**Miami County Solid Waste District**  
Minutes for the March 18, 2013 Meeting

Attendance: Tom Gustin, Josh Francis, Larry West, Jerry Hamman, Shirley Mull, Don Morris, Pat Roberts, Samantha Ward, and Carla Smith. Absent: Jim Walker.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 A.M. by Don Morris.

The minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting were presented. There were no minutes for the February 19, 2013 meeting as it was not held due to lack of a quorum. Tom Gustin motioned to approve the minutes as is, Larry West seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The February 2013 and March 2013 financial statements were presented by Samantha Ward. Samantha explained the various bills the district paid to the board. The AISWMD bill was for the yearly dues for the Solid Waste Association. The bill for the Miami County Fair board was for the booth rental during Fair week. The Office Depot bill was for paper for printing the event flyers, bills, and information letters, and for 2 new office chairs. The chairs that we were using were over 12 years old and were wearing out. Tom Gustin motioned to approve the financial reports as presented, Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Pat Roberts told the board that the clerk was being burdened by the high costs of service by sheriff to attempt further collections. Their cost is not recovered for homes that have been foreclosed. Pat also presented a list of partial payments that were collected for the 2008/2009/2010 collections. The people have stopped paying and they are unable to be located. Pat would like to have a system to pay out what has been collected so far to the clerk, his office, and the solid waste district. He said there is a state statute stating the clerk can compromise the court costs to clear the cases. Tom Gustin motioned to cease collection efforts for the bills with partial payments and pro-rata, Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed.

Fletcher Durbin addressed the board about his court cases. He owed the 2011 fee on all of his properties for the 2011 billing year. He feels that the charges are unlawful and improper. Mr. Durbin has an appointment to talk with Pat Roberts tomorrow. The board opted to have Samantha attend the meeting and have the three of them work out the collection issues. Pat suggested the board review the current resolution and revise it if needed.

Samantha asked the board for permission to install a payment window in the office similar to the window in the public defender's office. This would be for our protection from irate property owners. Don told Samantha to get 3 estimates for the window. Samantha also asked the board about replacing the desks in the office. The district has never purchased new desks. We have been using the desks that other offices have disposed of. Carla's desk is starting to fall apart. Samantha is using a desk that is a spare from the health department. Due to the health department moving, they will need this desk returned. Samantha will check prices and report to the board at the next meeting.

There has been some misunderstanding with the city about exactly what items the district picks up. Samantha sent a flyer to the mayor's office and also an email to explain the program better.

Samantha told the board that the PayGov Company we use for credit card payments has an option to let property owners sign up to have their payment auto-drafted from their bank account every year. This would help property owners get their bill paid without forgetting about it and incurring late fees. The flyers and information letters are printed and ready to go. We are waiting to get the bills downloaded and printed. We hope to be able to send out the bills before the end of the week.

Larry West motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 a.m. Tom Gustin seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,