



**MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 8:00 A.M.
GAR ROOM–MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

MINUTES

The Miami County Solid Waste District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 8:00 A.M. in the GAR Room in the Miami County Courthouse, located at 25 North Broadway, Peru, Indiana.

Attending:

Board Members: Don Morris–Chairman–Town of Converse, Tom Gustin–Vice–Chairman–Peru City Council Representative, Larry West–member–County Commissioner, Jerry Hamman–member–County Commissioner, Joshua Francis–member–County Commissioner, Shirley Mull–member–Miami County Council Representative, Jim Walker–Mayor of Peru

Staff Attending: Samantha Ward–Executive Director, Carla Weaver–Assistant Director/Recording Secretary

Others: Pat Roberts–Legal Counsel, Jeff Barnes–Contractor for the District, Bobbie Dausch–Contractor for the District, Dennis See–City of Peru

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Don Morris called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 19, 2013 Board of Directors meeting. *Mr. West motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (6–0).*

Approval of Financial Report and Claims:

- Ms. Ward reported \$300,000.00 was transferred from the checking account to the Money Market account.
- Ms. Ward reported that the bills for the August 24 Beautification Day included Wabash Valley Refuse, and five volunteer groups for each of the drop off sites.
- Ms. Ward reported the bill for Modern Graphics was to purchase envelopes marked “FINAL NOTICE” to send the late notices out.

Mr. Gustin motioned to approve the financial report and claims; Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (6–0).

Director’s Report

- Ms. Ward reported the recent activity for the district office. Education Training in Merrillville explained and demonstrated the new state required presentations; one of the new presentations was used for the 4th grade Ag Day. The September Tire Day served 111 people.

- Ms. Ward reported the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts fall conference would be held in Bloomington October 1–3. A business from Peru will be receiving a Governor’s Award. The hotel room will be \$99.00 per night.

Mr. West motioned to allow Ms. Ward to attend the conference; Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (6–0).

- Ms. Ward suggested working with a consultant to help move forward on securing a facility. She has been in contact with J. W. Spear. Mr. Spear has worked with many successful Solid Waste Districts throughout the state and the country. Ms. Ward will continue to pursue this, and present costs and more information at the October meeting.
- Ms. Ward reported on a number of areas of concern with some of the current programs. The problem of mattress carcasses being dumped throughout the city, along with scrapped/pilfered TV sets is becoming a serious problem. There was discussion about which entity is responsible for cleaning up the mattress carcasses. Mr. Francis mentioned the Solid Waste District is a program for recycling, and not for trash pickup. There are limits to what the district can and will help dispose of. Most other districts in the state do not handle mattresses, springs, or furniture. SB131 wants the districts to focus on (in order of importance) education, HHW disposal, electronics recycling, tire recycling, and traditional recycling (paper, plastic, cardboard, metal, glass). Mr. Walker stated that the district should have a facility where items could be dropped off to eliminate the problem of scavengers dumping the remains in alleys.
- Ms. Ward has contacted Ron Dausch about the possibility of dividing the county into two sections and setting a certain day to pick up white goods in the area. Ron Dausch seemed receptive of the idea.

Mr. Francis motioned to change the white goods pickup program to certain days; Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (6–0).

New Business

- Ms. Ward suggested changing and updating the current Solid Waste District Resolution. Wabash County’s billing. This would eliminate some of the grey areas in the current resolution. She also suggested changing the name from “Miami County Solid Waste Management District” to “Miami County Recycling District”. This would provide a more informative name for what the district actually does.

Mr. Francis motioned to have Mr. Roberts review the current ordinance for changes; Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (6–0).

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, October 21, 2013 at 8 A.M.

Adjournment: *Adjournment was unanimous.*

Carla Weaver, Recording Secretary

Don Morris, Board Chairman