



MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

**MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014 1:00 P.M.
GAR ROOM–MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

MINUTES

The Miami County Solid Waste District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 1:00 P.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, Larry West–member–County Commissioner, Joshua Francis–member–County Commissioner, Tom Gustin–member–Peru City Council, Jim Walker–Mayor of Peru Shirley Mull–member–Miami County Council Representative.

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

Others: Bobbie Dausch–Contractor for the District, Jeff Barnes–Contractor for the District, Pat Roberts–Legal Counsel.

Absent: Jerry Hamman–member–County Commissioner.

Call to Order: Chairman Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 20, 2014 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:

There was no discussion of Claims

Mr. Gustin motioned to approve the financial report and claims received by email; Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (6–0).

Director's Report

- Ms. Ward explained to the board that all districts were currently writing Five Year Plans to present to the legislature next year. The plans should be ready by the end of the year. Ms. Ward asked the board for some help. She would specifically like input from Mr. Hamman, due to his extensive knowledge of chemicals. She would also like Mr. West to help with the financial portions of the plan. *Mr. Francis motioned to have Ms. Ward work with Mr. Hamman and Mr. West to complete the district's Five Year Plan; Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (6-0).*

Lawyer's Report

- Mr. Roberts informed the board that he had added an additional attorney to his firm, Sharon Breitenbach. When Mr. Roberts submits the contract for next year, Mrs. Breitenbach will be working with the district along with Mr. Roberts. Mr. Roberts further explained that a client must be notified when a new attorney is with the firm.

Old Business

- Mr. Morris complimented the district office for their work by keeping costs monitored, and ending the year below the adopted budget amounts.

New Business

- Ms. Ward told the board that the current White Goods contract is finished December 31, 2014. She has been working on new proposal specifications, and has given a rough draft to Mr. Roberts. There was discussion about continuing or eliminating the program. Mr. Roberts said it has never been decided whether to continue the program or eliminate it. Mr. Morris stated that no other district in the state of Indiana has this program for white goods. He questions the liability the program places on the district. Mr. Morris stated the board has two options—one is to continue the program as it is now, and the other option is to discontinue the program and allow the county residents to handle the items on their own. Mr. Roberts stated he is still concerned about the worker's compensation insurance that is one of the specifications listed in the original document from 2011. Mr. Roberts has not been able to find any law stating that LLCs are exempt from carrying worker's compensation insurance. Mr. Francis is concerned about discontinuing the services offered by the district. *Mr. Francis motioned to continue the white goods program as it has been performed in the past; Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried.*

- Ms. Ward suggested that the district extend the County and City recycling drop off location contract with Recycling Recovery. The board asked Jeff Barnes, who was representing Recycling Recovery, if they were willing to continue with the contract for another year. Mr. Barnes replied that the company is willing to extend the contract as is until December 31, 2015. *Mr. Gustin motioned to extend the city and county recycling drop off sites with Recycling Recovery until December 31, 2015; Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (6-0).*

Building Committee Report

- The committee did not meet in October. Mr. Morris stated he had been in contact with Ken Graber about some general construction questions. Mr. Morris suggested to the board that they hire a professional architect or engineer to draw up plans for our facility and make sure all construction is specified to comply with state codes. Mr. Roberts told the board everything needed to be in place to satisfy the Indiana Purchasing law; and the board should get specifications first and then move to building design and advertising for bids. The location on 200 North was questioned in regards to ownership. Mr. Morris stated the commissioners own the property, and the location had been voted on in a previous meeting*. *Mr. Gustin motioned to hire a state approved architect and/or engineer to put plans on paper in order to move forward with construction of a district facility; Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried.*

Public Comment

- Mrs. Dausch clarified that the current white goods contract was done December 31, 2014.

Next Board Meeting:

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS– MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. GAR ROOM**

Adjournment: *Adjournment was unanimous.*

Carla Weaver, Recording Secretary

Don Morris, Board Chairman

***THE MEETING WAS THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 2014. (RESEARCH BY DISTRICT STAFF.)**