



MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT

**MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015 1:00 P.M.  
GAR ROOM–MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

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**MINUTES**

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, July 20, 2015 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, Shirley Mull–member–County Council, Joshua Francis–member–County Commissioner, Jerry Hamman–member–County Commissioner, Larry West–Vice Chairman–County Commissioner, Tom Gustin–member–Peru City Council, Jim Walker–Mayor of Peru, Pat Roberts–Legal Counsel.

**Staff Attending:** Samantha (Ward) St. John–Executive Director, Carla Weaver–Assistant Director/Recording Secretary.

**Others:** Bobbie Dausch–Contractor for the District, Jeff Barnes–Contractor Representative for the District, Debbie Hackman–AISWMD Representative, Bruce Carson–City of Peru Building Commissioner, Ken Scott–Miami County Environmental Health Specialist.

**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 June 15, 2015 Board of Directors meeting. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

**Approval of Financial Report and Claims:**

- Board members reviewed the financial statement and claims. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve the financial report and claims received by email; Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

## Director's Report

- Mrs. (Ward) St. John informed the board that the computer currently used in their office as a "read only" Manatron terminal for property lookup information needs to be replaced. It has a current operating system using Windows XP. The computer will no longer be able to function without an upgrade to a new Windows machine. This is the same upgrade that is needed by several computers in use in some county offices. There is enough money in the budget to make this purchase. *Mr. Gustin moved to replace the terminal with the needed equipment; Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*
- Mrs. (Ward) St. John gave a wrap up of recent events involving the district. She thought fair attendance may have been down, but there were still many people who stopped by the booth who were given information. The pens and the recyclable bags that were given away were popular with fairgoers. Tire Day was held July 11. There were 946 tires collected from 8 am until noon.

## Building Committee Report

- Mrs. (Ward) St. John gave the board a list of the possible purchases that would need to be made to start collection operations in the new building. She noted that the items and costs were approximations using the highest costs that could be located. She did most of the research online to get an amount to include in the additional appropriations request. The county council meeting for approving the additional appropriations is Tuesday night, July 21. The advertised amount for additional appropriations was \$464,362.00; this included the purchase price of the building and startup costs involved. The County Council will need to approve the request for additional appropriations before any money can be spent.
- There was discussion about whether the current septic system could be used at the property. When the original septic system was installed, the property was a residential property, and the septic system was for a three bedroom trailer. The county environmental health specialist inspects residential septic systems. The state inspects commercial systems. The property will now have a commercial use, and it is unknown if the same system will meet all the state requirements. Both Bruce Carson and Ken Scott answered some questions about septic systems and the different requirements for commercial and residential systems. Mr. Roberts stated that the environmental study did not include any mention of possible septic tank issues. Mr. Roberts also stated that the property might need to be re-appraised to account for any septic system problems.

## Old Business

- There was no old business.

## New Business

- There was no new business.

## Lawyer's Report

- Mr. Roberts presented a question from a property owner that had been sued. The property owner paid the original \$30.00, but did not include the \$25.00 late fee that had been added to the bill at that time. The property owner gave Mr. Roberts a cancelled check showing a \$30.00 payment. The payment was made December 23, 2014. The original due date was May 31, 2014, with late fees of \$25.00 added to unpaid bills. The final due date for the late payments was December 23, 2014. The \$30.00 payment was applied to the bill, with the outstanding balance of \$25.00 sent to the lawyer for collection. The property owner went to court three separate times and has judgements for the court costs, attorney fees and the \$25.00 outstanding bill. The property owner does not want to pay the court costs, attorney fees or the late fee. Mr. Roberts asked the board how to handle the situation. *Mrs. Mull made a motion for the property owner to pay the full amount owed to the district, court and attorney; Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

## Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

## Next Board Meeting:

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS– MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. GAR ROOM– MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE.**

**Adjournment:** *Adjournment was unanimous.*

Carla Weaver, Recording Secretary

Don Morris, Board Chairman