



MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT

**MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015 1:00 P.M.
GAR ROOM–MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

MINUTES

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, JUNE 15, 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–Executive Director, Carla Weaver–Assistant Director/Recording Secretary.

Others: Bobbie Dausch–Contractor for the District, Jeff Barnes–Contractor Representative for the District, Dennis See– Peru City Zoning Administrator, Zach Haner, Public.

Call to Order: Chairman Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

- Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 18, 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 claim. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve the financial report and claims received by email; Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (7–0).*

Director's Report

- Ms. Ward informed the board that she attended the IRC Conference June 8th, 9th, and 10th. She was able to get useful information from the various vendors. She informed the board of 2 new programs that could be added for Textile recycling.
- Ms. Ward informed the board that there have been several calls on dumping brush along roads. Ron Dausch is aware and going to investigate who is doing it.

Building Committee Report

- Mr. Morris reported to the board that a 2nd appraisal was done on the Logansport Road location and it was agreed by the owner to accept the offer of the average of the two. \$222,500 was agreed by the owner.
- The County Council will have to approve the additional appropriations of building price and any other expenses before a contract is signed. The district will have to ask for additional appropriations for the 2015 year and advertise as well.
- *Mrs. Mull motioned to purchase the Logansport Road property for \$222,500; Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (6-0) with Mr. Walker abstaining.*

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Mr. Walker presented to the board a proposal for used mattresses and box springs. Mr. Walker explained that metal from the box springs are worth about \$1.50 at the scrap yard. The District could work with the furniture stores and citizens in the county to store and secure for proper disposal of mattresses and box springs. Mr. Walker presented a packet of examples of Monroe County Solid Waste District and Ann Arbor Michigan mattress and box springs disposal. Mr. Walker suggested that the District pay citizens \$2.00 for each mattress or box spring brought to the facility. The Board suggested leaving the program as is and taking the options under advisement. The Board agreed to continue the pick-up program and give Dennis See the authority to call in the locations of mattresses and box springs in the alleys to the district office.

Lawyer's Report

- Mr. Roberts suggested putting the Solid Waste Bills on the taxes. The collection process is very time consuming and difficult for his office due to the collections increasing. Mr. Roberts stated the collection process included 7-15 sheets of paper per filing. His office works with people and allows them to make

payments on their bills. Mr. Roberts spent 2 days with the secretary and there were increased calls and people coming in to the office. There was also a large amount of verbal abuse that was endured by the secretary. Mr. Roberts stated counties with the special assessment collected as part of the tax bills had better collection rates than what Miami County is currently collecting. He felt the citizens of Miami County would benefit this change.

- *Mr. West made a motion to proceed with putting the Solid Waste fee on the 2016 tax bills. Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

Public Comment

- Zach Haner told the board he did not receive either bill for 2014. Mrs. Mull asked Mr. Haner what solution he wanted. Mr. Haner requested to pay only \$30.00 and have the District absorb the late fee, lawyer fees, and court costs. *Mrs. Mull made a motion to have Mr. Haner pay the \$30.00 fee and Solid Waste will absorb the late fee, court costs and attorney fees; Mr. Gustin seconded, but added that this action by the board is a special exception to normal procedure. Motion carried (7-0).*

Next Board Meeting:

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS– MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. GAR ROOM– MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE.**

Adjournment: *Adjournment was unanimous.*

Carla Weaver, Recording Secretary

Don Morris, Board Chairman