



Whitley County Solid Waste Management District

701 S. Line St. Columbia City, IN 46725

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Regular Meeting

Present: Theresa Baysinger, Jenny Middleton, Thor Hodges, Chad Banks, Madalyn Sade-Bartl, and Rob Schuman

Absent: Ryan Daniel

Public Present- Director Tara Meyers, Matthew Shipman, Jennifer Shinabery, Kay Gatton, and Tiffany Deakins

Mrs. Baysinger called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Previous Meeting Minutes- Mr. Banks made a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 11, 2023. Motion seconded by Mrs. Middleton. Motion passes 5/6 vote. Mr. Hodges abstained from voting and Mr. Daniel Absent.

Vendor Payables- Mrs. Sade-Bartl made a motion to approve vendor payables. Motion seconded by Mr. Hodges. Motion passes 6/6 vote. Mr. Daniel absent.

SW Director Report- Mrs. Meyers informed the board that Whitley County Highway is increasing fuel costs from .05 cents per gallon to .10 cents per gallon. There was some discussion on when this increase would be in effect. Mrs. Meyers also gave a brief update on AISWMD annual business meeting that she attended.

Old Business

Business Recycling – Mr. Shipman presented the board with Resolution No 2023-02 to establish a business recycling fee. There was a brief discussion on the resolution. Resolution No 2023-02 will remain under advisement until the next Solid Waste meeting 11.13.23 when a public hearing will be held to discuss the resolution.

Citizens Advisory Committee- Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Meyers both have 2 confirmed citizens interested in serving on this committee. Mr. Hodges is going to contact Steve Smith to see if he would also be willing to serve on this committee. Mr. Shipman is going to revise the CAC resolution for 3 members. While discussing the CAC the Joint board was also brought up for discussion and Mrs. Baysinger requested that the Joint Board be added to 11.13.23 Agenda.

Mrs. Sade-Bartl left meeting @ 9:49 am for another meeting.

Curbside Recycling Fee's – Resolution No 2023-01 A resolution of the Whitley County Indiana Solid Waste Management District to hold a public hearing was presented. Mr. Middleton made a motion to approve Resolution No 2023-01. Motion seconded by Mr. Schuman. Motion passes 4/5 vote. Mr. Banks abstained from voting. Mrs. Sade-Bartl and Mr. Daniel Absent. A public hearing for user fee increase will take place on 11.13.23 @ 9am. Mr. Banks requested that the board members individually review the Solid Waste Budget and schedule a workshop meeting to discuss in more detail. November 8, 2023, 9:00 am date was set. Mrs. Baysinger and Mr. Shipman will advertise the workshop meeting and Mrs. Meyers will add the meeting along with the agenda to the website.



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New Business

Per 9.11.23 meeting it was voted on that the Solid Waste Board needed to seek legal counsel from another firm because of the conflict with Mr. Shipman representing the county Treasure / Auditor Offices as well as the Solid Waste Management District. Mrs. Baysinger and Mrs. Sade-Bartl both worked on finding another attorney. Mrs. Baysinger presented the board with an attorney Zack Klutz who specializes in municipal law. Mrs. Baysinger stated that Mr. Klutz needed the board to approve of a rate of \$3.50 per hour before any next steps could be taken. The board briefly discussed. It was determined that the Solid Waste budget doesn't support hiring another attorney. Mr. Banks volunteered to sit down with the County Treasurer & Auditor to discuss the issues they have as it pertains to the Inter Local agreement and see if the board can resolve the issues without hiring another attorney.

Mrs. Meyers sent an email to the board on Wednesday September 13, 2023 informing the board that the Solid Waste Management District has been overpaying GFL for curbside recycling pickup. Mrs. Meyers provided detailed documentation supporting the proof of the overpayments. Mr. Shipman reviewed the information, and it was determined that the Solid Waste District has overpaid GFL. Mr. Shipman sent a letter to GFL to request a refund to the Solid Waste District for the overpayments. The letter was dated October 3, 2023, and GFL was given 2 weeks to respond.

Mrs. Meyers presented the board with the Holiday Schedule that was already approved by Commissioners on April 3, 2023. It is Mrs. Meyers understanding in previous years the Solid Waste District has followed the same holiday schedule as the County. Mr. Hodges made a motion to approve the Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Mrs. Middleton. Motion passes 5/5 vote. Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Sade-Bartl were absent.

Mr. Hodges made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Middleton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am

Theresa Baysinger- President

Chad Banks- Secretary