



Whitley County Solid Waste Management District

701 S. Line St. Columbia City, IN 46725

Thursday August 1, 2024

Regular Meeting

Present: Nick Brewer, Jon Myers

Absent: Don Amber

Public Present- Tara Meyers, Tiffany Deakins, Kay Gatton, Matt Shipman

Mr. Brewer called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes – 1st meeting no previous meeting minutes to approve.

New Business:

Chair- Mr. Myers nominated Mr. Amber. Mr. Brewer made a motion to make Mr. Amber Chair. Motion passes unanimously 2/0 with Mr. Amber absent. Mr. Brewer made a motion to close Chair nominations. Motion was seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion passes unanimously 2/0 with Mr. Amber absent.

Vice Chair- Mr. Myers nominated Mr. Brewer. Mr. Meyers made a motion to make Mr. Brewer Vice Chair. Motion passes unanimously 2/0 with Mr. Amber absent. Mr. Brewer made a motion to close Vice Chair nominations. Motion was seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion passes unanimously 2/0 with Mr. Amber absent.

Secretary – Mr. Brewer nominated Mr. Myers. Mr. Brewer made a motion to make Mr. Myers Secretary. Motion passes unanimously 2/0 with Mr. Amber absent. Mr. Brewer made a motion to close Chair nominations. Motion was seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion passes unanimously 2/0 with Mr. Amber absent.

County Fee for Billing- Mr. Shipman gave an overview of the joint board responsibilities and pointed out that their primary responsibility is to obtain information from the County to establish collection charges and fees. Mrs. Gatton stated that the Solid Waste district is currently paying \$2 per parcel for a total of \$25,956.00 for the year of 2024 in administrative fees and asked for that to be increased. Mrs. Gatton stated that the fee has not been increased since 2016. Mrs. Gatton also requested that the Solid Waste District be charged a billing fee per bin and not per parcel. Mrs. Meyers stated that under previous management additional bins were sold and billed. Mrs. Meyers informed the board that is no longer happening and that every parcel is only issued with 1 bin and the contractor for curbside pickups is only contracted to collect 1 bin per parcel. Mrs. Meyers stated that our records for # of bins is not accurate enough to base billing charges to the Solid Waste District, but the # of parcels in Whitley County is accurate information for billing. Mrs. Meyers requested that the Joint Board really dig into these fees to see what exactly the Solid Waste District is paying for, and to verify that they should legally be paid as other County Services do not pay for this billing service such as the Drainage Assessment. Mrs. Meyers also made mention that the Solid Waste District is not unwilling to pay for the service. She has heard conflicting information from other Solid Waste Districts that state they do not pay for this service. Mrs. Meyers wants to be a good steward of the Solid Waste District money that is collected from residents for the recycling fee. Mrs. Meyers stated that increasing fees to the County for billing the recycling fee would in turn increase



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the fee to the residents of Whitley County. There was brief discussion from everyone present. The Joint board will now begin to investigate the fees and provide a recommendation to the Solid Waste Board.

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Brewer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm

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President

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Secretary