



MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT

**MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM, MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING (SOLID WASTE) DISTRICT
2651 W LOGANSPOUR ROAD, PERU, IN**

MINUTES

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday August 19, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. in the Conference Room, Miami County Recycling District located at 2651 W Logansport Rd, Peru, Indiana.

Attending: Board Members: Larry West–County Commissioner, Alan Hunt– County Commissioner, Fred Musselman– County Commissioner, David Sailors–County Council, Gabriel Greer–Mayor of Peru, Don Morris–Town of Converse, and Tom Gustin–City Council.

Absent: None.

Staff Attending: Samantha St. John–Director.

Absent: Carla Weaver–Assistant Director (Performing regular District duties), and Bill Berkshire–Legal Counsel.

Others: Niki Rorvik–Contractor for the District.

Call to Order: Larry West called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

- Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the July 15, 2019 Board of Directors meeting. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve meeting minutes; Mr. Greer seconded. Motion carried (7-0.)*

Approval of Financial Report and Claims:

- Board members reviewed the financial statement and claims for August 2019. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve both financial reports and claims; Mr. Greer seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

Director's Report:

- **Payment Progress**–Mrs. St. John told the board that late notices were mailed out August 7th. Payments have started coming in. Citizens have been pretty polite for the most part. The district staff are using the phone calls or walk in payments as a chance to educate those questioning the bill with the added late charges.
- **Information Booklets**–Mrs. St. John told the board she has updated and changed the layout of the new information booklets. Landfill phone numbers have been added to the phone list, the redundant items listed in the electronics section were removed, and the household chemical list was changed to a different format.

Lawyer's Report:

- Bill Berkshire was absent. He contacted Mrs. St. John about the language on the stickers for the bins. She is editing them and waiting for final approval for the changed language before getting the stickers printed.

Old Business:

- **Budget Review:** Mrs. St. John and the District Financial Board (Tom Gustin is Chairman, Gabe Greer is Vice-Chairman) met after the District's Budget Workshop scheduled with the Department of Local Government Finance. The line item amounts were left the same. There were three major changes to the budget. These include the addition of PERF for eligible district personnel, computer and virus protection packages, and adding a line for building upgrades. Other increases to the budget were of amounts less than \$300.00. Those increases are for pricing increases. Mr. Greer noted to the board that in the past three years, the annual budget has not gone over the budgeted amount for any of the years that were reviewed. He also noted that the Recycling District employees are the only public employees who are not covered by PERF, and they should be allowed to participate. Mr. Greer stated for the 2021 year, there should be an incremental increase that would be a set percentage amount per year to cover inflation costs. Mr. Gustin concurred.

New Business:

- **Needed Building Repairs:** Mrs. St. John explained to the board there are several items that are needing immediate repair. The inside heating and cooling unit is leaking, and was repaired this past Saturday. There is a noisy bearing in the outside unit that will eventually fail. There is a leak in the lean-to area of the building. The leak is quite prominent. The toilet leaks when it rains as well. After checking the location, the lean-to leak and the toilet leak are both caused by the leak in the lean-to. The water from the overhang leak may have caused problems with the drywall behind the cabinets. This will need to be checked out further. Mrs. St. John will get prices and get the repairs made.
- **Removal of bin at 18 & 31:** Mr. Gustin said we need to proceed with removing and relocating the recycling bin at State Road 18 and US 31.
- **Public Comment:** There was none.

Next Board Meeting:

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS– SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. (NOON) MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM, 2651 W LOGANSPORT RD, PERU, IN**

Adjournment: *Mr. Gustin motioned to adjourn at 12:38 PM; Mr. Sailors seconded. Adjournment was unanimous.*

Samantha St John, Director

Larry West, Board Chairman