



MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT

MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2023, AT 12:00 P.M.

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday May 15, 2023, at 12:00 P.M. at the Recycling District Office

Attending in person: Brenda Weaver-Vice Chairman, Miami County Commissioner, Keith Musselman-Miami County Commissioner, Alan Hunt-Chairman, Tom Gustin-Peru City Council. Ms. Sandy Chittum-County Council.

Absent: Mr. Steve Garber

Staff Attending in person: Jenny Gatliff- Director, Carla Speth- Assistant Director

Absent: Bill Berkshire

Public Attending: Bill Sheets- Code Enforcement Officer, Ron Dausch- Building Commissioner, Rebecca Thoden-Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, Eric Hawk- Fire Chief

Call to Order: Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

- Mr. Hunt waived the reading of the Board minutes. Board members received a copy of the minutes from the May 15th, 2023, Board of Directors meeting in their board packets. *Mr. Miles Hewitt motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mr. Tom Gustin seconded. Roll Call No. 51523 -Motion to approve the MCRD Board Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2023; motion carried (5-0.).*

Approval of Financial Report and Claims:

- Board members reviewed claims and financial reports for May & June 2023. *Mr. Tom Gustin motioned to approve; Mr. Keith Musselman seconded. Roll Call No. 051523A Approval of May & June financials and claims; motion carried (5-0).*

Director's Report: Assessments were sent on April 12th as planned. The District has been extremely busy with customers coming in to pay their assessment bills and with drop-offs. Going as smoothly as possible.

Approval of Voided/Dropped Invoices: Updated list of voided bills was reviewed by board. Mr. Tom Gustin motioned to approve the voided bills; Mr. Keith Musselman, seconded. Roll Call No. 051523B Approval of voided bills; motion carried (5-0).

Lawyer's Report: None

Old Business:

- **Air Conditioning Quote/Installation:** Constable Contracting and Mechanical LLC, have successfully installed our new HVAC system.
- **Clean Up Week:** Deadline for accepting bids was May 10th, 2023. We have not received any bids at this time. Ms. Gatliff called Bunn Box to see if they would be interested again this year. We haven't heard back.

- **Approval of Nepotism Disclosure:** Board members and Bill Berkshire to review Nepotism Disclosure. Mr. Berkshire was absent from the meeting. Ms. Gatliff will get form to Mr. Berkshire to review.
- **New Business:**
 - **Tire Recycling:** Leffler Tire sold its tire recycling side of the business on Monday April 17th, 2023. We have since changed the process of tire disposal. We now collect tires here at the district. We discussed the new process of tire disposal. The District will cover the cost of up to twelve car or light truck tires per year, per property. Multiple property owners are limited to twelve tires per month. The District will NOT pay for semi, tractor, heavy equipment tires. After speaking to Jim with Liberty Tire Recycling, as a trial run, we had a cage delivered on Monday May 1st, 2023. Pick up fee is \$1,000 per pick up. Also, Ms. Gatliff spoke to Dennis Leffler, he is willing to send an employee or himself to stop in and help with stacking tires before pickups.
 - **Recovery Recycling:** Mr. Bill Sheets, Mr. Ron Dausch, Mrs. Rebecca Thoden with the Building Dept. along with Mr. Eric Hawk- Fire Chief, were present to discuss ongoing issues regarding Recovery Recycling. Mayor Hewitt informed the board of the concerns occurring at Recovery Recycling. Recycling materials have been piling up over the past 2 years. Mr. Mike Rorvick has been notified to get the recycling cleaned up and removed. Mr. Hewitt stated Mr. Rorvick has been given ample time to remove the now stacked recycling. A portion of recycling has been moved to another location on 2nd st. in Peru, which is said to be full of recycling/trash. Mr. Ron Dausch stated the stacks of now 3,000 bales (not including contents inside building) of recycling is mixed with recyclable items, trash and toxins. This is creating a major fire hazard for both locations. Mr. Dausch stated the city is ready to step in and is planning to remove bales of trash. Mrs. Rebecca Thoden presented photos and videos of the property located behind Hardees. Mrs. Thoden has spoken to several recycling companies and has been told due to the severity of how long and the contents of the stacks of recycling/trash, it is no longer able to be recycled. It will have to be hauled to the landfill at a high cost per bale. Mr. Eric Hawk spoke on his concerns of the hazardous waste and extreme potential fire hazard. There were three fires at the location behind Hardees, luckily they were able to distinguish quickly.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Next Meeting:

Board of Directors- Monday June 19th, 2023, 12 P.M.

MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM, 2651 W LOGANSPOUR RD, PERU, IN.

Adjournment: Adjournment was unanimous.

Jenny Gatliff, Director