



Miami County Recycling District Board Meeting

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on
Monday May 18th, 2026, At 11:00am

Attending in Person:

Keith Musselman-*Chairman & County Commissioner*, Brenda Weaver- *Vice-Chairman & County Commissioner*, Mark Horner- *County Commissioner*, Tim Fisher- *City Council*, *Sandy Chittum*- *County Council*. Don Sturch-Mayor

Absent:

Staff Attending in Person:

Jenny Gatliff- *Director*, Gabby Varnell- *Assistant Director*

Absent: Bill Berkshire-Attorney

Public Attending:

Call to Order:

Mr. Musselman called the meeting to order at 11:00AM

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Keith Musselman waived the reading of the Board minutes. Board members received a copy of the minutes from April 20th, 2025, Board of Directors meeting in their board packets. Ms. Sandy Chittum motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mr. Mark Horner seconded. Roll Call No. 51826 Motion to approve the MCRD Board Meeting Minutes from April 20th; Motion Carried (6-0).

Approval of Financial Report & Claims:

Board Members reviewed claims and financial reports for April 2026 & May 2026. Mrs. Brenda Weaver motioned to approve; Ms. Sandy Chittum seconded. Roll Call No. 51826A Motion to approve April & May Financials; Motion Carried (6-0).

Approval of Voided/Dropped Invoices: Board Members reviewed voided/dropped invoices for May 2026. Ms. Sandy Chittum motioned to approve; Mrs. Brenda Weaver seconded. Roll Call No. 51826B Motion to approve voided/dropped invoices; Motion Carried (6-0).

Directors Report:

The mission of the Miami County Solid Waste Management District is to implement and provide source reduction and recycling programs that will reduce the amount of solid waste disposed of in landfills, encourage recycling efforts, provide guidance for waste stream reduction, and increase awareness of proper hazardous waste disposal.



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Annual Billing: Total amount of invoices sent out was \$449,455 billed out for 2025. We have a total of \$78,255 due and \$34,600 in unpaid late fees.

The total amount for invoices sent out was \$453,991 was billed out for 2026. We still have a total of \$52,312.14 unpaid.

Billing Season went as smoothly as we could have hoped for in our first year including the solid waste fee on property tax bills. We've received many positive comments from residents regarding the change. Throughout the process, we worked closely with the Auditor's office and Assessor's offices, and their guidance and support were invaluable in helping us navigate this new system successfully. As with any new process, there were a few challenges along the way, but we learned from them and made corrections where needed. We have plans in place for next year to help ensure the process runs even more smoothly.

Shred Event: This event was a great success! Residents were excited to participate, and the community turnout was fantastic. More than 1,200 pounds of documents were securely shredded during the event. We're grateful to everyone who joined us and helped make the day such a success. We're already looking forward to bringing the event back this fall!

Lawyers Report:

Old Business: City of Peru Invoice (Recovery Recycling Disposal): The Board discussed an invoice submitted by the City of Peru related to cleanup activities at the former recycling facility that was independently owned, located at 291 N. Broadway, Peru, Indiana. Mayor Don Sturch requested that the Miami County Solid Waste District consider sharing in the cleanup costs, explaining that the City incurred expenses to address conditions at the property and prevent potential public safety hazards.

Board members discussed whether MCSWD had any legal or financial responsibility for the cleanup, noting that the MCSWD previously maintained a contractual relationship with the property owner but expressing concerns about setting a precedent for assuming liability for actions of third parties after contractual obligations were terminated. It was also noted that materials from Howard County may have been present at the site, and discussion included the possibility of seeking cost participation from Howard County.

Several options were considered, including contributing toward hauling or disposal expenses, splitting costs among multiple entities, or utilizing county funds rather than the MCSWD budget. The Board also discussed implementing procedures, such as certificates of destruction, to help clarify future responsibilities.

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Ms. Sandy Chittum motioned to discuss further at the next board meeting; Mr. Mark seconded. Roll Call No. 51826C Motion to allow additional review of the District's budget, explore potential cost-sharing arrangements, and continue discussions with the City regarding available options; Motion Carried (6-0).

New Business:

Next Meeting:

Board of Directors- Monday, June 15th, 2026, at 11am

Miami County Court House- GAR Room., 25 N. Broadway Peru, IN 46970.

Adjournment:

Adjournment was unanimous 11:25 am.

Jenny Gatliff *Director*

Keith Musselman *Chairman*

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