



Miami County Recycling District Board Meeting

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on
Monday July 20th, 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*, Don Sturch-*Mayor*

Absent: Sandy Chittum-County Council

Staff Attending in Person:

Jenny Gatliff- *Director*, Gabby Varnell- *Assistant Director*, Bill Berkshire-*Attorney*

Absent:

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 June 15th, 2026, Board of Directors meeting in their board packets. Mr. Mark Horner motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mrs. Brenda Weaver seconded. Roll Call No. 72026 Motion to approve the MCRD Board Meeting Minutes from June 15th; Motion Carried (5-0).

Approval of Financial Report & Claims:

Board Members reviewed claims and financial reports for June 2026 & July 2026. Mrs. Brenda Weaver motioned to approve; Mr. Don Sturch seconded. Roll Call No. 72026A Motion to approve May & June Financials; Motion Carried (5-0).

Approval of Voided/Dropped Invoices: Board Members reviewed voided/dropped invoices for July 2026. Mayor Don Sturch motioned to approve; Mrs. Brenda Weaver seconded. Roll Call No. 72026B Motion to approve voided/dropped invoices; Motion Carried (5-0).

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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Due to the overwhelming success of our previous Shred Event and the many residents who have asked when the next one would be, we're excited to announce that our next Shred Event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd, 2026.

As the Solid Waste Representative for the Indiana Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP), on August 4th, a group of representatives from the National RCAP office will be visiting Indiana to learn more about the work being done across the state. Because the Miami County facility offers a wide variety of programs and services, Debbie Hackman requested that the group visit our facility. We were selected because we provide the greatest number of on-site programs of any in Indiana, making our facility an excellent opportunity to showcase the impact and diversity of our work.

The Board discussed the significant increase in the MCSWD's liability insurance premium for the current policy year. Insurance agent Terry Smith attended the meeting to explain the factors contributing to the premium increase and to answer questions from the Board.

The liability insurance premium increased from **\$10,953** to **\$13,837**, an increase of **\$2,884**. Mr. Smith explained that he had attempted to obtain comparable quotes from other insurance carriers; however, similar coverage was either unavailable or no more competitive than the current policy.

Board members reviewed the insurance invoice and raised several questions regarding the premium increase. Mr. Smith addressed the Board's questions and provided the best available information regarding current insurance market conditions and the factors affecting the MCSWD's renewal premium.

Board Members reviewed increased insurance renewal. Mrs. Brenda Weaver motioned to approve; Mr. Mark Horner seconded. Roll Call No. 702026C Motion to approve renewal; Motion Carried (5-0).

Annual Billing: The total amount for invoices sent out was \$449,455 was billed out for 2026. We still have a total of \$54,928.58 unpaid. Total of \$23,725.00 is due in late fees.

Lawyers Report:

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Old Business: City of Peru Invoice (Recovery Recycling Disposal): The Board of Directors discussed the invoice from the City of Peru. Following discussion, a majority vote determined that the Board would not contribute toward payment of the invoice.

New Business:

Next Meeting:

Board of Directors- Monday, August 17th, 2026, at 11am
Miami County Court House- GAR Room., 25 N. Broadway Peru, IN 46970.

Adjournment:

Adjournment was unanimous 11:55 am.

Jenny Gatliff *Director*

Keith Musselman *Chairman*

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