



Miami County Recycling District Board Meeting

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on
Tuesday January 20th, 2025, At 11:00pm

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*.

Absent: Don Sturch-Mayor

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 11:03AM

Assignment of Board of Directors: Ms. Sandy Chittum motioned to appoint Mr. Keith Musselman as Chairman; Mrs. Brenda Weaver seconded. Roll Call No. 12025 Motion carried (5-0). Mr. Tim Fisher motioned to appoint Brenda Weaver as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mark Horner seconded. Roll Call No. 12025 Motion carried (5-0). Mr. Fred Musselman nominated Tim Comerford as Controller; Tim Fisher seconded. Roll Call No. 12025A Motion carried (5-0). Tim Fisher nominated Bill Berkshire as Legal Counsel; Mr. Keith Musselman seconded. Roll Call No. 12025B Motion carried (5-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Keith Musselman waived the reading of the Board minutes. Board members received a copy of the minutes from December 15th, 2025, Board of Directors meeting in their board packets. Mr. Mark Horner motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mrs. Brenda Weaver seconded. Roll Call No. 12025C Motion to approve the MCRD Board Meeting Minutes from December 15th; Motion Carried (5-0).

Approval of Financial Report & Claims:

Board Members reviewed claims and financial reports for December 2025 & January 2026. Mrs. Brenda Weaver motioned to approve; Ms. Sandy Chittum seconded. Roll Call No. 12025D Approval of December & January Financials; Motion Carried (5-0).

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Voided/Dropped Invoices: Board members reviewed voided/dropped invoices. Ms. Sandy Chittum motioned to approve; Mr. Mark Horner seconded. Roll Call No. 12025E Motion to approve Voided/Dropped Invoices; Motion carried (5-0).

Directors Report: Annual billing for 2026 is on track. Ms. Jenny Gatliff is working closely with Mary Brown and Kirt Boxell on the insert that will be included with the Spring Tax Bill to notify residents that the assessment fee will be included. This change has also been posted on our website and Facebook page. Miami County Solid Waste will be billed for the cost of the inserts. A meeting with Mary Brown & Kirt Boxell is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st, to discuss printing and mailing procedures to ensure billing season goes smoothly.

The total amount for invoices sent out was \$449,455.00 that was billed out for 2025. We still have a total of \$121,144 unpaid. Total unpaid late fees \$53,975.

Lawyers Report:

Old Business:

New Business: Recycling Center (behind Hardee's)

The Miami County Solid Waste District appreciates the Mayor's concern and shares the goal of seeing this situation resolved in a way that is responsible and in the best interest of the community.

The district previously entered a contract with a vendor to collect recyclables and transport them to his facility for proper processing. The district fulfilled its financial obligations under that agreement. Unfortunately, the vendor failed to perform the contracted services and instead stockpiled the materials. Once this became known, the district acted promptly and appropriately by terminating the vendor and securing a new provider to ensure uninterrupted recycling services for residents.

Since that time, the vendor has passed away, and no party has assumed responsibility for the private property where the materials remain. While the district recognized the frustration this has caused and understands the desire to move toward a solution, it is important to note that the district has already incurred financial loss by paying for services that were not properly rendered. The remaining materials are located on private property within city limits and outside the district ownership or legal control. As such, the district does not have the authority to remove or remediate materials on that property, nor does it believe it is appropriate to require district taxpayers to absorb additional costs for a situation that was not created by the district.

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The Solid Waste District remains committed to working cooperatively with the city and all stakeholders to identify solutions that fall within its statutory authority. However, the district believes that assuming financial responsibility in this matter would be neither equitable nor consistent with its role or prior actions.

Public Comment:

Next Meeting:

Board of Directors- Tuesday, February 17th, 2025, 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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