



MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT

MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

December 16th, 2024, AT 12:00 P.M.

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, December 16th, 2024, at 12:00 P.M. at the Recycling District Office

Attending in person: Alan Hunt-Chairman- Miami County Commissioner, Brenda Weaver-Vice Chairman- Miami County Commissioner, Keith Musselman-Miami County Commissioner, Tim Fisher-City Council, Ms. Sandy Chittum-County Council, Don Sturch-Mayor

Absent:

Staff Attending in person: Jenny Gatliff- Director, Gabby Varnell-Assistant Director, Bill Berkshire-Attorney

Absent:

Public Attending: Mark Horner, Janet Donaho

Call to Order: Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- Mr. Hunt waived the reading of the Board minutes. Board members received a copy of the minutes from October 21st, 2024, Board of Directors meeting in their board packets Mr. Fred Musselman *motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Ms. Sandy Chittum seconded. Roll Call No. 121624 -Motion to approve the MCRD Board Meeting Minutes from October 21st; motion carried (6-0).*

Approval of Financial Report and Claims:

- Board members reviewed claims and financial reports for October and November 2024. Mr. Fred Musselman *motioned to approve; Ms. Sandy Chittum seconded. Roll Call No.121624A Approval of October & November financials and claims; motion carried (6-0).*

Director's Report:

Approval of Voided/Dropped Invoices: None

The total amount of invoices sent out was \$450,753.00 was billed out this year. We still have a total of \$80,606.00 unpaid. Total unpaid late fees \$35,325.00.

Our service with Recycling Works has progressively grown worse. On multiple occasions in the last month, we've had most of our recycling bins full for 3-4 days. We have communicated our frustrations regarding the lack of consistency, communication and timely service. While we are promised improvements and occasionally see brief enhancements, this situation reverts to its previous state. We've spoken to Kyle Woolsey (District Manager) and Eric Ivory (Municipal Sales Manager) and their solution was to establish two different lines of communication, via text and email, ensuring everyone is included. The time we are dedicating to ensuring tasks are completed promptly is detracting from our regular responsibilities in the office. Additionally, we've had multiple calls and visits from residents complaining about the recycling bins being full, which have

further taken away from our responsibilities in the office. This situation has been ongoing since August and has grown worse; instead of dealing with one person, we now having to deal with 5 people. Recently Recycling Works appointed Donovan Kelley as their site manager for Kokomo and Elkhart. Eric and Donovan reached out to us to try and create a schedule that would benefit them, us, and Howard County. We were sent a mockup schedule and were told to adjust as we see fit. On the initial schedule Miami Co. would be serviced 5 days out of the week, with two of those days focusing strictly on our county. Donovan is now attempting to implement yet another schedule to eliminate weekend hours. Previously they would service bins seven days a week, now they're planning on operating Monday through Friday effective in January.

Mary Brown and I received an email from DLGF regarding the copy of 1782 notice from DLGF for the 2025 Solid Waste budget. The amount approved for 2025 by the state only includes the amount for personal services and not the rest of the budget amount on the form the Council had to sign and approve. However, when it printed, Mary did not notice the amount printed on the form was only for the personal services portion. An email was sent to DLGF Field Rep last week. We were told it is a common error with printing and not selecting the submit button prior. That does not make sense to either of us because you must select the submit button to print. In January 2025, Annette will need to advertise for the budgeted items not approved by the state. The Council will then need to approve the additional appropriations to reinstate those accounts for our 2025 budget. I will need to provide her with the list of the accounts so that she can advertise a list of 100 items.

Old Business:

- **Koorsen Fire & Security:** In October we discussed our annual inspection was unable to be completed, due to the industrial dry chemical system cylinder being outdated and cannot be serviced any longer. In November, the Fire Chief, Robert Daine visited the district and recommended Paul Thompson with Thompson Fire & Safety. Mr. Thompson visited the district on Tuesday, November 19th to perform a deficiency evaluation of the Hazardous Materials Container containing the pre-engineered 70 lb Ansul Tank Fire Suppression System. Per Koorsen Fire & Security's previous deficiency report, the dry chemical agent tank needs to be replaced due to its age and the 6" bell was reported to not be in working order.

Upon the review, Paul with Thompson Fire and Safety Supplies, Inc. was able to troubleshoot the problem with the 6" bell, which is wired directly into the fire suppression system and is to ring if the system is activated. Upon troubleshooting, Paul was able to get the bell in working order with minor maintenance to the striker of the bell of the system. It was determined that the bell has been fixed and is in working order and the 70 lb Ansul tank does not need to be replaced, in the opinion of Paul Thompson.

- **IT Support:** Since our last meeting, the new server, hardware and two computers have been installed. My computer will be installed next week.

New Business

- **Republic Services:** We've recently met with Deric at Republic Services. Deric visited the district and was able to provide us with a quote. Quote included for review.

- Omni-Source: Omni-Source is our metal and freon vendor. After speaking with Jennifer at Omni, she informed us of additional services they offer, such as electronic waste, lighting and universal waste disposal. Quote and information included for review.
- Miami County Outreach: Tami Porter with Miami County Outreach is possibly interested in providing a clothing box at the district. More information to follow.

Public Comment:

Next Meeting:

Board of Directors- Monday January 21st, 2024, 12 P.M.
MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM, 2651 W LOGANSPOUR RD, PERU, IN.

Adjournment: Adjournment was unanimous @ 12:34 P.M.

Jenny Gatliff, Director

Alan Hunt, Chairman