

**Warrick County Solid Waste Management District Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Warrick County Commissioner Meeting Room**  
**101 North Main Street, Boonville, IN 47601**  
**Thursday, April 15, 2021**

**Call to Order**

The Warrick County Solid Waste Management District meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by President Terry Phillippe.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call showed the following voting members present: President Terry Phillippe, Dan Saylor, Charlie Wyatt, Greg Richmond, and Ron Whitledge. Also present were: Attorney Adam Long, Reagan Opperman, Freddie Rowland, Michele Wallace, and Kristine Georges. Not present was Vice President Bob Johnson and Jim Miller.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the March 18, 2021 were presented. Two name corrections were made for Freddie Rowland and Reagan Opperman. CSI was corrected to C & I. Dan Saylor made a motion to approve with corrections. Ron Whitledge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

**Controller's Report**

1. The District ended the month of March with one million nine hundred seventy-six thousand two hundred ninety-seven dollars and fifty-three cents (\$1,976,297.53).
2. The following were presented for out-of-line transfers for tires for the front end loader:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101001322 Travel	101001224 Tires/Tubes	\$2,000.00
101001332 Projects/Monthly	101001224 Tires/Tubes	\$8,000.00
	Total:	\$10,000.00

Charlie Wyatt made a motion to approve the transfers. Greg Richmond seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Claims**

Claims were presented in the amount of one hundred eighty-one thousand seven hundred sixty-eight dollars and six cents (\$181,768.06). Ron Whitledge made a motion to pay the claims. Charlie Wyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Operations Foreman's Report**

1. Shingles Recycling – IDEM was out and was good with everything. They went through the paperwork and the site.
2. Paper Shredding Event – April 23, 2021 – This has been published in the Standard and on the Radio.
3. Quotes for Lawnmowers – Boonville Lawn and Garden quoted a 48 in. Snapper, heavy duty, for \$2,300.00. All other quotes were higher. A discount was given to the County. Greg Richmond made a motion to approve the purchase. Dan Saylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Tractor Side Arm Mower – Ms. Wallace consulted Bobby Howard on the side arm they were looking to purchase. He did not find that brand reliable. They are having a hard time finding another to fit that tractor, so they are going to hold off for now.
5. Salary Increase for Controller – Ms. Wallace would like to increase the Controller's current salary by \$3,250.00 for an annual salary of \$40,000.00. The current Controller has taken on more responsibilities and carried over duties from her previous job in the office. It is in the budget to be able to cover the increase. She has met with members of the Personnel Committee and the Committee recommends the raise. Charlie Wyatt made the motion for the salary increase. Dan Saylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Processing Center Foreman's Report**

Mr. Rowland presented the Foreman's Report.

1. Report – Contamination is up. They are waiting for payment of seven loads amounting to about \$32,000.00. The market currently shows cardboard growing and #2 natural plastic is up. Mr. Roland also gave a brief summary on all other materials.
2. Moisture Testing - They have been having issues with International Paper on moisture which Mr. Rowland knows is not an issue. Dan Saylor asked about purchasing something to test the moisture to combat the issue with International Paper's claims. Attorney Long advised that they could approve a purchase amount of up to \$500.00. Greg Richmond made the motion to approve up to \$500.00 to purchase a moisture tester. Ron Whitledge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Fire at Tri-State – Greg Richmond asked about the fire that affected Tri-State. Mr. Rowland was not aware of their status.
4. Baler Repairs – The company that was down to work on the baler will be coming back to finish the work.
5. Repairs on the Sort Line – S & S will be coming out to do maintenance on the sort line. They will clean rollers, fix safety wires, and put on new rubber stripping for worker safety and to help keep materials on the belt. The quoted amount is \$3,895.00 for labor and materials. Charlie Wyatt made a motion to approve the work. Dan Saylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Contracted Employees – Mr. Rowland used the new temp agency. They only arranged for one person and that person did not show up for work. He started discussing the wages with the other temp agencies and found that most would not send anyone for less than \$15.00 an hour.

- Express would be more willing at \$13.00. The current wage is \$10.30. If there were 17 sorters at \$13.00 an hour, one senior picker at \$13.50, and the forklift operator at \$14.00, they could pay those wages and two part-time positions from the current budget with a deficit of \$5,000.00. However, they wouldn't have them at work all the time. There is also currently an extra \$68,000.00 that has not been spent from the budget from no-shows. Dan Saylor asked about a bonus program. Attorney Long discussed this and other issues discussed by the Board and stated he would prefer to sit down with Mr. Rowland to research all aspects and get a package put together to present to the Board. Mr. Rowland will come back again with this next month.
7. Name of the Processing Center – Currently there are several different signs all with different names for the facility. They need one name for the permit. Attorney Long stated he would have to look at the Charter. He also questioned the name of the applicant. Mr. Rowland also stated that the inspector recommended that an engineering firm be hired to process all the zoning and engineering work to be done for the permit. He also stated that when the paperwork was turned in, a fee of \$12,150.00 would also need to be submitted. Also, every year following a fee yearly would have to be paid. This is all driven due to contamination. Attorney Long addressed that as far as the name, the applicant was the Warrick County Solid Waste Management District for the Pelzer Road Recycling /Sorting Facility and that that address would be used for the paperwork. Mr. Rowland has tried to explain to the inspector that they were a part of the Solid Waste Management District and should fall under Ms. Wallace's permit. But, they will not allow it and the permit with fees will have to be obtained. Greg Richmond asked about enough money being in the budget for the engineering services needed. It was stated that there is not currently, but some other situations may free up money in the budget to cover some of the fees. Several different scenarios were discussed. Attorney Long suggested, that since this was going to have to be done, a motion be made to give Mr. Rowland the ability to work with Joe Grassman to get engineering firm proposals. Charlie Wyatt made the motion and Greg Richmond seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
  8. Automation Grant: Greg Richmond questioned whether Mr. Rowland might be able to look for grant programs on automation to help alleviate the Express employee issues. There was a brief discussion. Mr. Rowland said he would research it, but would have concerns on how automation would be arranged in the current building and that would also need to be researched. It was suggested that this could possibly be included on the engineering work that would need to be done for the permit.

#### **Attorney's Report**

1. Waivers of Release and Liability Agreement - Firewood Waiver – Attorney Long is still working on the waiver. He will add signing in and out on the sign in sheet in the office as well as emergency contact information as recommended by Dan Saylor. He will also remove the limiting of numbers and working in pairs as it is usually not an issue. Greg Richmond made the motion to approve with modifications. Dan Saylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Casey Road Lease Property – Attorney Long did some research concerning the current assessment on the Casey Road leased property. The owner is currently paying commercial

property taxes which are causing the lease amount to rise for the County to cover the taxes. After discussion with the Assessor, he found out that they could appeal this to the Appeal Board, however, paperwork would need to be submitted and fees paid for the appeal. The Assessor has stated that she would support an appeal to the Appeal Board. Greg Richmond made the motion to have Attorney Long submit the appropriate paperwork for appeal and for Reagan Opperman to issue a check not to exceed \$300.00 for the appeal. Charlie Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

- 3. COVID Pay Elimination – Attorney Long will draft a Resolution to end the COVID pay provisions for employees to mirror the County’s similarly passed Resolution. Dan Saylor made the motion to draft the Resolution. Charlie Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

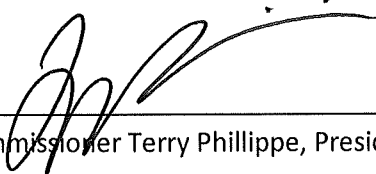
**Any Other Business that Properly Comes Before the Board**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

**Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 12:00 PM in the Commissioner Meeting Room. Dan Saylor made the motion to adjourn. Greg Richmond seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges*

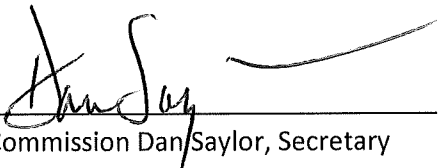



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Commissioner Terry Phillippe, President

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Commissioner Bob Johnson, Vice-President




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Commission Dan Saylor, Secretary

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Chandler Town Councilman Ron Whitledge

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Boonville Mayor Charlie Wyatt

  
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County Councilman Greg Richmond

ATTEST:

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Boonville City Councilman Jim Miller

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Reagan Opperman, Controller