

Warrick County Solid Waste Management District Board Meeting Minutes
Warrick County Commissioner Meeting Room & Via Conference Call
101 North Main Street, Boonville, IN 47601
Thursday, July 15, 2021

Call to Order

The Warrick County Solid Waste Management District Regular Session Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by President Terry Phillippe.

Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following voting members physically present: President Terry Phillippe, Jim Miller, Greg Richmond, Dan Saylor, Charlie Wyatt, and Ron Whitledge. Present on conference call was Bob Johnson. Also present were: Adam Long, Reagan Opperman, Freddie Rowland, and Michele Wallace.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Minutes – May 20, 2021 & June 17, 2021

The minutes from the May 20, 2021 and June 17, 2021 were presented. Greg Richmond made the motion to approve. Dan Saylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Controller's Report – Reagan Opperman

- Budget Packets - Ms. Opperman stated that she had sent everyone the budget packets for the 2022 Budget. She had put in for a dollar raise for the employees across the board. She was not comfortable doing more than that because, unlike the County, she did not have a job study to back up any numbers. She and Mr. Richmond went over some of the job descriptions that were comparable with the County, but the jobs for the District differ a lot more not making a suitable comparison. Ms. Opperman also discussed the projected revenue numbers. She figured the numbers a little different than the Controller in the past. The numbers did look a lot better. She put in the budget for \$900,000.00 because revenues are down, but not significantly. She is concerned with costs going up and revenues are staying the same. Terry Phillippe spoke about their meeting on the projected numbers. He had asked her to leave them where they were as this is considered a business and they need to do what they need to do to make the numbers. There was also a numbers correction made by Greg Richmond. There was a discussion on the levy. Ms. Opperman stated she increased both by five percent. Greg Richmond stated the growth factor was four point three percent. She also added contractual breakdown numbers and the new County shared HR employee. Charlie Wyatt made the motion to approve the budget. Jim Miller seconded. Motion carried 6-0. After a brief discussion on getting the maximum levy numbers, Charlie Wyatt rescinded his motion to approve the budget and Dan Saylor seconded the motion to rescind. The motion carried 6-0. A motion was then made to authorize Reagan to research and increase the levy to the maximum amount allowed if larger than what she has currently presented and to submit. But, if the levy amount submitted at this

meeting is the maximum allowed, then she may submit the current budget presented to the Board. Charlie Wyatt made the motion and Dan Saylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. A note was made that the dollar raise also included the part time personnel.

- New computer- Ms. Opperman requested a new computer. Hers is six years old. She got two quotes. Her current computer will replace Ms. Wallace's computer as hers is ten to twelve years old. Ms. Opperman would receive the new computer if approved. Dan Saylor made a motion to approve the purchase. Jim Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- District Monthly Balance - The District ended the month of June with a balance of two million seven hundred ninety-seven thousand four hundred dollars and sixty-four cents (\$2,797,400.64). Spring settlement was received in the amount of one million eight hundred seven thousand six hundred sixty-four dollars and twenty-one cents (\$1,807,664.21).

Approval of Claims

- Claims were submitted in the amount of one hundred forty-six thousand six hundred nineteen dollars and ninety-six cents (\$146,619.96). The health insurance was not included as Heather Soberg is currently working with Allstate. She believes that Solid Waste has overpaid. Everything is current with the bill. The claim will be paid once it's adjusted and submitted. The Highway Department bill that was discussed at the last meeting is nine hundred eight dollars (\$908.00) and is on this current claims list. Greg Richmond made the motion to approve the claims. Ron Whitlege seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Operation Foreman's Report – Michele Wallace

- Bids for Fencing at the Casey Road site – Invitations to quote were sent out. They only received one bid and it was given to Attorney Long to read. Byers Incorporated doing business as Tri-State Fence Company for Option 1 was \$28,850.00 with privacy slats. Option 2 was for \$25,906.00 with no privacy slats. This would be with manual rolling gates. Attorney Long went over some of the details of the bid. The approval would be contingent on Mr. Cornell, the current landlord, approving the lease that the District presents to him. There was also a brief discussion on employees having to park on the road in order to open the gates. The Board would like to table the fence bid as there was only one bid and they would like to see automatic gate costs due to safety issues with parking on the road. Dan Saylor made the motion to have Ms. Wallace get an amended quote from Tri-State Fence including automatic rolling gates. Charlie Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. (The Casey Road Lease was also discussed and approved in tandem with this item, but is listed under the Attorney's Report).
- Casey Road Site Ditch – Ms. Wallace sent an email to Bobby Howard on the erosion issues with the ditch at the Casey Road site. He responded that either he or Steve Sherwood would get back with her. She has not heard anything. The Board requested she call Marlin Weisheit, District 1 Foreman, and get his recommendation.
- New employees – They had two people that went through most of the hiring process and the one declined the job because of a better offer. It was the same with the second, but they are

currently working as a floater for her. So, she still has two positions available. These are site attendant positions.

Processing Center Foreman's Report – Freddie Rowland

- June Report - Contamination was up due to the heavy rains at the beginning of the month and just a lot of garbage. It went from 31.31% to 37.77%. This current month has not gotten any better.
- Electrical Work - Wayne Lamb normally takes care of the electrical work, but he is backed up. Mr. Rowland asked if the Board could suggest someone else that can be used. There's electrical work to be done on the glass machine so it can be disconnected. Some of automatic lights are not coming on and are sparking. There was a brief discussion on different companies. Some lists will be emailed to Mr. Rowland.
- Glass Machine - There was also a brief discussion on the glass machine and the Highway Department making use of the processed glass. Attorney Long stated that he could draft an interlocal agreement if Bobby could commit to a volume amount. It is used as backfill on culverts. If the volume committal and price per ton is high enough, it could be possible. Mr. Rowland has concerns with the glass dust from processing and it would have to be addressed. Ms. Wallace stated that more manpower would be needed to do this that she doesn't currently have and container issues as well. They also discussed some other downfalls of processing the glass.
- Personnel – They are up to sixteen people with six vacancies. There was one contracted employee that went home and ended up being admitted for heat stroke. Mr. Rowland does have meetings with the employees every week reviewing work and safety procedures. Mr. Rowland is currently buying ice and supplies waters to help avoid those issues.
- IDEM Permit – Mr. Rowland was wanting to know where they were at on the permit. Jordan Aigner was working on it and had Terry Phillippe to sign and it was submitted. However, he received an email from another IDEM employee stating that it wasn't filled out correctly along with some other issues. They offered to help walk him through it to complete. He forwarded this information to Mr. Aigner and Mr. Phillippe. Mr. Rowland did receive a call from one of Mr. Aigner's employees who was asking questions pertaining to his Operation Plan as he stated he was writing that. Mr. Rowland questioned how that could be done without stepping foot in the building. Mr. Phillippe sent Mr. Aigner a text inquiring where everything was at. The reply from Mr. Aigner stated that the paperwork was submitted and IDEM is reviewing and IDEM should be happy for now.
- Grant for Automation – Greg Richmond asked where they were at on a possible grant for automation. Mr. Rowland had checked into it, but the grant unfortunately could not be used for what they wanted to use it for. The grant writer would also not have had time to get it done. Dan Saylor discussed grants with American Structure point and they had not gotten back with him. Attorney Long spoke with BLN on a grant. They wanted the District to appoint a point person to talk with them and Attorney Long on writing an RFP and help provide insight. They

need to know the criteria and the goals. Consensus was given for Mr. Rowland and Attorney Long to try to establish a date and time and a Board member will make themselves available.

- Tri-State Resource Recovery – Mr. Rowland is planning to go observe to get ideas.

Attorney’s Report – Adam Long

- Casey Road Lease – Originally an additional \$400.00 was added to the lease because of the increase of taxes, but because of the ruling in favor of the District to drop the taxes, Attorney Long negotiated a \$4,200.00 rent with \$200 increase since it had not been increased for a while. The landlord was in agreement with this amount. Also instead of the requested 180 day notice to terminate, Mr. Cornell agreed to a 150 day notice of termination. However, when the lease expires, the District would have to vacate at the time of expiration. Otherwise, the lease is largely the same. Mr. Cornell also added his son and daughter as his wife has passed away. Greg Richmond made the motion to approve the lease agreement. Dan Saylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Both Dan Saylor and Terry Phillippe would like the Attorney to discuss with Mr. Cornell the possibility of the County purchasing the leased property or the possibility of a first right of refusal if he doesn’t currently want to sell, but decides to sell later. The Attorney stated this is something that can be added to the lease. There was a brief discussion on growth in that area. Attorney Long suggested that it would be best to get the new contract signed before the expiration of the current contract and then do an addendum addressing the right of refusal or purchasing. There was consensus for the Attorney to discuss this with Mr. Cornell.

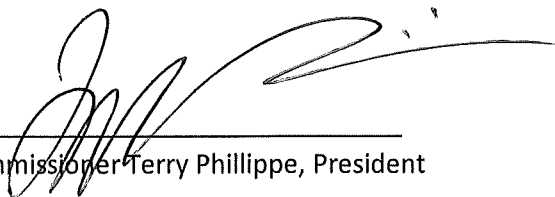
Any Other Business that Properly Comes Before the Board

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Adjournment

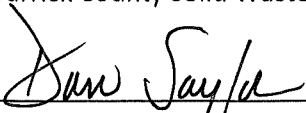
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2020 at 12:00 PM in the Commissioners’ meeting room. Greg Richmond made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Kristine Georges



Commissioner Terry Phillippe, President

Commissioner Bob Johnson, Vice-President




Commissioner Dan Saylor, Secretary

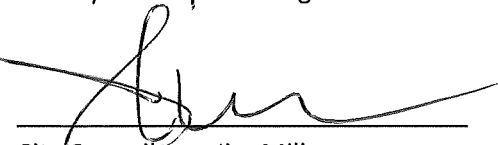


Chandler Town Councilman Ron Whitledge

Boonville Mayor Charlie Wyatt

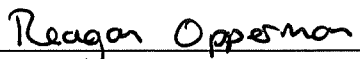


County Councilman Greg Richmond



City Councilman Jim Miller

ATTEST:



Reagan Opperman, Controller