# Warrick County Solid Waste Management District Board Meeting Minutes Warrick County Commissioner Meeting Room 101 North Main Street, Boonville, IN 47601 Thursday, March 17, 2022

# Call to Order

• The Warrick County Solid Waste Management District Regular Session Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Secretary Dan Saylor.

# **Roll Call**

 Roll Call showed the following voting members present: Jim Miller, Greg Richmond (via telephone), Dan Saylor, Ron Whitledge and Charles Wyatt. Not present were Bob Johnson and Terry Phillippe (President Phillippe arrived later in the meeting). Also present were: Attorney Adam Long, Reagan Opperman, Freddie Rowland and Michele Wallace.

# **Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

### **Minutes**

- February 17, 2022- Ron Whitledge made the motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Jim Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
- March 2, 2022- Jim Miller made the motion to approve the minutes from March 2, 2022 special called meeting. Charles Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

### Controller's Report

- The District ended the month of February with a balance of two million nine hundred five thousand eighty-eight dollars and seventy cents (\$2,905,088.70).
- Maximum Levy Discussion Mrs. Opperman wanted direction from the Board on whether or not they wanted her to go before the County Council on raising the maximum levy. Attorney Long stated that the Board could have Coonrod to run the numbers as to the best scenario.
   Mrs. Opperman could then go before the Council and request the maximum levy based on the recommendations of Coonrod. Charles Wyatt made the motion as stated by Attorney Long. Jim Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

## **Approval of Claims**

- Claims in the amount of one hundred seventy-four thousand six hundred sixty dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$174,660.78) were presented. Ron Whitledge made the motion to approve the claims. Charles Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
- Loan Payments There were loan payments that would be paid off in the refinance, but payoff would depend on the closing, therefore a payment may still need to be made. Jim Miller made the motion to pay loans if the closing was going to happen after payment was due. Ron Whitledge seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

# **Operations Foreman's Report**

- Tire Recycling Day The next tire recycling day is May 14, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Pelzer Road Center.
- Brewer Farms Contract Ms. Wallace asked if Attorney Long knew where they were at on the
  contract with Brewer Farms. Attorney Long said that President Phillippe had the agreement and
  the rate was being discussed. Ms. Wallace will follow up with President Phillippe.
- Hazardous Waste Day Officials from Kaiser were present: Kari Fluegel, Mark Dossett, and Anna Bogan. The day will be set for May 21, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It will be held at the Kaiser Clubhouse on Kaiser property. ALCOA will not participate this year because it was not in their budget, but would like to participate in the future. This event would not include electronics. It is important that this is well advertised as they found that people, if they can't dispose of them at the site, they will litter the sides of the highways to keep from returning home with it. Ms. Fluegel also stated that Kaiser's budget was capped at one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) for the event. It would be a 50%/50% split with any overage having to be paid by the District. It has been at least five years since a Hazardous waste day has been held and it is estimated to cost about one hundred forty-two thousand dollars (\$142,000.00). In the past they have used ERG to collect the waste. This year they will be using Heritage Interactive. Because of the monetary cap for the event, there was lengthy discussion on how to help keep the cost down and what would be done if the cost went to high. One of the biggest expenses was oil based paints. It was decided that paint would be limited and any limits would be advertised. It would be strictly residential and no commercial business allowed. They would also need to keep an eye on what was collected and maybe request of Heritage that only a certain amount of barrels for paint collection were brought. The proposal was presented from Heritage. President Terry Phillippe arrived at 12:45 PM. A motion was made to approve Heritage as the vendor, Kaiser to the host the event and monitor materials received to avoid excess, that they advertise a ten gallon maximum on paint per vehicle for residential only, no commercial businesses. Heritage only brings enough containers to handle the capacity of an estimated 40,000 pounds of paint and set a cap for budget amount of a hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the District. Charles Wyatt made the motion as stated by Attorney Long. Jim Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Attorney Long also stated that the Heritage Contract was then approved with the contingencies and he would reach out and review those contingencies with Heritage.

### **Processing Center Foreman's Report**

- Contamination Numbers from February are down to 17% on Contamination. Mr. Rowland is hoping to keep it from coming up.
- New Pay Schedule update After approval of new pay, they hired four new people right away, but they are no longer there. Right now they have eleven people.
- Robotics Conference Mr. Rowland sat in on a robotics conference for President Phillippe. It was enlightening.
- BLN Brian Mundy, from BLN, wants to tour the robotics at Tri-State Resources. They will be going on March 30<sup>th</sup> so he can see how these work.
- Upcoming Research Trip One of Mr. Rowland's main buyers was at the Processing Center and he invited Freddie to come see his plant. They have about twenty-five different robotics. This

would be an opportunity to check out what would work for the Center and not work for the Center. It would have to be an overnight trip. He's looking to do this before March 30<sup>th</sup>, so he has more information when He and Brian Mundy from BLN get together for the RFP so he can be more specific in his report. There was a question on per diem for the trip, the Handbook, and what was allowed. Mrs. Opperman said there was five hundred dollars in the budget to cover the trip. Motion to allow Freddie to use the District credit card to pay expenses and make the trip in his District truck was made by Charles Wyatt. Second by Jim Miller. Motion carried 5-0.

• Charles Wyatt left the meeting at 1:00 PM due to a conflict.

# **Attorney's Report**

- Coonrod Agreement Attorney Long stated that Coonrod has submitted a new agreement. Due to the fact that the automation had broken out into a new funding measure, they recommended a separate and new engagement agreement for them to be involved and available to ask questions, especially on the levy information. He would recommend the engagement. Terry Phillippe made the motion. Ron Whitledge seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
- The bonds will probably close the first week of April.

# 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, April 21, 2022 at 12:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room. Terry Phillippe made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Whitledge seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:08 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 Charles Wyatt

County Councilman Greg Richmond

City Councilman Jim Miller

ATTEST:

Reagan Opperman, Controller