

# BOONE COUNTY

## *Solid Waste Management District*

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September 16, 2021 - Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Boone County Solid Waste Management District Board was held in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room of the Boone County Annex Building on Thursday, September 16, 2021. President, Marcia Wilhoite called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. with the following members and guests present:

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| Marcia Wilhoite   | President          |
| Tom Santelli      | Vice President     |
| Donald Lawson     | Board Member       |
| Jeff Wolfe        | Board Member       |
| Jennifer Thompson | Board Attorney     |
| Jennifer Lawrence | Executive Director |
| Darla Bevard      | Assistant Director |
| Dale Kennedy      | Controller         |

II. Mrs. Wilhoite started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Reading of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mrs. Wilhoite asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Santelli wanted to publicly thank Ms. Messenger and the Health Department in partnering with the Solid Waste District at the Tox Away Day events. The minutes of the June 17, 2021, Board Meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Santelli, and passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

Mr. Kennedy presented the June, July, and August financial reports. There were receipts of \$35,116.83 for June. There were claims presented from a variety of sources for \$18,949.45 leaving a current balance of \$196,267.74 in the KeyBank checking account, \$500.00 in the PNC Checking account and \$212,205.10 in the CD account for a total dollar amount of \$408,972.84.

There were receipts of \$45,485.32 for July. There were claims presented from a variety of sources for \$17,601.74 leaving a current balance of \$224,127.77 in the KeyBank checking account, \$500.00 in the PNC Checking account and \$212,228.65 in the CD account for a total dollar amount of 436,856.42.

There were receipts of \$41,289.91 for August. There were claims presented from a variety of sources for \$18,345.55 leaving a current balance of \$246,949.82 in the KeyBank

checking account, \$500.00 in the PNC Checking account and \$212,350.96 in the CD account for a total dollar amount of \$459,800.78

Mrs. Wilhoite asked if there were any corrections or objections regarding the June, July, and August financial reports.

The June, July and August financial reports were read and approval to pay the claims was given by a motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Lawson, and passed unanimously. The June, July and August financial reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Kennedy indicated that if the Board wanted him to move another \$100,000 into another PNC account he could. The Board decided to put that on the November agenda.

#### V. Legal Update

Mrs. Wilhoite introduced the new attorney, Jennifer Thompson. Mrs. Beatty accepted another position so Mrs. Thompson will be fulfilling Mrs. Beatty duties as our attorney until the end of the contract year. Mrs. Thompson gave some of her background information to the Board and then indicated that she had been working with the staff on an issue with a hauler not reporting and submitting fees and Mrs. Lawrence indicated that the hauler is now in compliance.

#### VI. Report from the Executive Director

Mrs. Lawrence indicated that the ABC bench program had two participants lately. One being the Thorntown Christian Church who received a bench in memory of a little boy that passed away due to cancer. The bench is placed at Old Mill Run Campgrounds outside Thorntown. The Boone County Mentoring Partnership received another bench and placed it in a park in Whitestown. The Mentoring group are collecting caps to get benches and donate them around the county.

Lebanon the Cleanest City in Indiana (LTCCII) selected September as an Adopt-a-Spot month and are promoting areas around Lebanon to sponsor. LTCCII currently have 23 sites and the goal is 30 sites. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that we only have a few more spots to fulfill to reach our goal. The latest participant was the Spidel family along Sunnybrook Lane.

LTCCII had one cigarette butt bucket left in inventory and reached out to Klooz Brewz. Klooz Brewz indicated that they wanted one and will take care of maintaining it. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that the City of Lebanon had promised to add new cigarette butt buckets back along the Courthouse Square after the construction but that still has not happened.

Throwaway Thursday events have included Speedway South on S. Lebanon Street and Sam Ralston Road by Menards. The September event will be meeting at the old Family Video lot and work down S. Lebanon Street and the October event will be at the Starbucks by the Interstate. There are plans to have volunteers cleaning up at the Back to the 50's Festival this weekend.

LTCCII is working with the Lebanon Boys and Girls Club on a coloring contest. The coloring page has a picture of the Courthouse and some trick or treaters cleaning up litter. The pages will be sent to the Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Presbyterian Preschool, Base Program and possibly the Lebanon Reporter. There will be prizes for the winners and their page will be put in business windows along the Square during Mischief on Meridian event.

The Tox Away Day was held on August 21<sup>st</sup> in Zionsville this year. Mrs. Lawrence wanted to thank Ms. Messenger for her staff volunteering at this event, the Town of Zionsville for allowing us to use their facilities and NuGenesis, the contractor for the event.

There were 483 vehicles that came through the Fall event which was down from the Spring event. There was 11.3 tons of household hazardous wastes and 6.3 tons of electronics collected. Mrs. Lawrence had a graph showing that over the past ten years there was 170% growth in participants and a 600% increase in tonnage of material. Mrs. Lawrence believes that the Solid Waste District should teach people to buy what you need and use of what you have bought. Education about reducing waste is the key to success when it comes to these events.

The 2021 community grant update is the District purchased two benches and a pet waste station for the Boone County Humane Society. The 2022 community grant application process has begun, and the deadline is September 24, 2021. The CAC will review the applications in October and then they will bring their recommendations to the Board for approval in November.

The District helped with the planning of Zionsville Creekfest held on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. There were over 100 volunteers that cleaned up a section of Eagle Creek. The committee chooses a different section each year. The District focused on zero waste lunches and provided a cooler, ice pack, reusable silverware, etc., along with literature. The District also distributed postcards that had information to properly dispose of latex paint.

Ms. Bevard taught several classes during the past few months. She was invited to teach at Thorntown Public Library and two sessions at the Caring Hearts Camp. Mrs. Lawrence did a couple of interviews with Scott Carney of Radio MOM.

Jennifer attended a Resource Recycling virtual conference that she wouldn't otherwise be able to in person as these are usually in Las Vegas. Keep America Beautiful had a webinar and Mrs. Lawrence indicated that they said that if every person in the United States would pick up 152 pieces of litter there would be no more litter.

VII. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

a. Salary Ordinance

There was some discussion with regards to the benefit packages. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that while the County gets a 7% match on their Retirement, the Simple IRA that the District pays into has a cap of 3%. The employees also pay 8% towards their medical insurance while the County pays 10%. Mr. Santelli indicated that the County also gets \$1,000 to be put into their HSA's while the District does not have that option. It was decided to keep the employees share at 8%.

Mr. Santelli made a motion to approve a 3% raise for both the Assistant Director and Executive Director, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

IX. Announcements


Next regular meeting -

Thursday, November 18, 2021  
Boone County Annex Building  
Connie Lamar Meeting Room -8:30 a.m.

X. Public Comments  
No comments were brought up.

XI. Adjournment

Mrs. Wilhoite adjourned this meeting at 9:02 a.m.

  
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President

  
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Executive Director