

**BOONE COUNTY**  
*Solid Waste Management District*

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September 15, 2022 - 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 15, 2022. President, Marcia Wilhoite called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members and guests present:

Marcia Wilhoite	President
Tom Santelli	Vice President
Mayor Gentry	Board Member
Craig Melton	Board Member
Jennifer Thompson	Board Attorney
Jennifer Lawrence	Executive Director
Darla Bevard	Assistant Director
Dale Kennedy	Financial Officer

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. The minutes of the June 16, 2022 Board Meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Santelli seconded by Mayor Gentry and passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

Mr. Dale Kennedy presented the June, July, and August financial reports. There were receipts of \$34,548.81 for June. There were claims presented from a variety of sources for \$25,088.35 leaving a current balance of \$214,192.95 in the KeyBank checking account, \$500.00 in the PNC Checking account and \$364,238.81 in the savings/annuity account for a total dollar amount of \$578,931.76.

There were receipts of \$54,128.92 for July. There were claims presented from a variety of sources for \$16,288.42 leaving a current balance of \$151,627.38 in the KeyBank checking account, \$500.00 in the PNC Checking account and \$464,644.88 in the savings/annuity account for a total dollar amount of \$616,772.26.

There were receipts of \$41,115.40 for August. There were claims presented from a variety of sources for \$19,988.47 leaving a current balance of \$172,347.65 in the KeyBank checking account, \$500.00 in the PNC Checking account and \$465,051.54 in the savings/annuity account for a total dollar amount of \$637,899.19

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. Santelli, seconded by Mr. Melton, and passed unanimously. The June, July and August financial reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.

## V. Legal Update

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Board attorney indicated that the District has been having an issue with Strouse Roll-Offs Inc. Mr. Strouse has not registered to haul in Boone County for 2022 nor has he submitted any reports and fees. The District has spotted at least four roll-offs in the County. Mrs. Lawrence has sent letters with the appropriate paperwork for his submittal, but he is ignoring all communication. Mrs. Lawrence reached out to Mrs. Thompson who reviewed the situation. Mrs. Thompson indicated that this is a County Ordinance and needed the County Attorney Mr. Robert Clutter to weigh in. Mrs. Lawrence spoke with Mr. Clutter who requested that Mrs. Thompson submit a letter to the Prosecutors, pending his review and to copy Mr. Strouse on the letter. The Prosecutor could decide to take this further and implement seeking the penalties for violations.

## VI. Report from the Executive Director

Mrs. Lawrence indicated that Rays Trash has been purchased by Waste Management. Rays Trash will be keeping the metal recycling and demolition portion of the business. Waste Management's purchase includes the 334 Recycling and Transfer facility in Whitestown and the trash and recycling contracts for Lebanon and Zionsville.

The District and Lebanon the Cleanest City in Indiana (LTCCII) purchased stand up cigarette butt buckets to combat the cigarette butt litter issues in Boone County. Keep America Beautiful states that cigarette butts are the number one litter problem. The ones placed recently include Heart of Lebanon on Courthouse Square, Lebanon Reporter, Center Township Fire Department, Indiana Dept. of Children Services, SullivanMunce Cultural Center, The Friendly Tavern, Bub's Burgers, Dull's Tree Farm, Kennedy Bookkeeping and Tax Services, Hotel Tango, That Sports Bar, Zionsville American Legion, Zionsville Pizzeria, Key Bank, Blue Door Capitol (In Well), Center Stage Community Theatre, Jawbone BBQ, Mental Health America of Boone County, Senior Citizen's Inc., Carmack's Pub, Whitestown American Legion, Klooz Brewz, The Town of Zionsville and Cutting Edge Hair Salon. There are six left in stock, but the District is hoping to buy and place more.

Mrs. Lawrence visited the GXO - Lebanon facility to see their Nike re-grind program. She learned that they only re-grind Nike, Converse, and Hurley shoes. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that with this education the District will dial back the shoe collection program and change the education piece.

Mrs. Lawrence also toured the Technology Recyclers (TR) with the Indiana Household Hazardous Waste Task Force. They are an electronics recycler. NuGenesis, our tox day

contractor uses ERI and GreenWave for the electronics that we collect during our events but may partner in the future with TR.

Mrs. Lawrence attended the Environmental Educator Workshop hosted at the Waste Management's Twin Bridges Landfill in Danville.

Ms. Bevard attended the Boone County Healthy Coalition meeting at the Witham Health Services building in Lebanon.

The A Bench for Caps (ABC) program recently donated benches to Mental Health of America of Boone County, Girl Scout Troop 3248 and Redwood Christian Montessori School.

Green Tree Plastics, the company that has the ABC Program recently announced that they are retiring and closing their business. Since 2018, the District has distributed 23 benches throughout Boone County.

Lebanon the Cleanest City in Indiana (LTCCII) has had some clean-up events. In June they went to the Speedway South/Starbucks area and cleaned up around those lots. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that this is an area that is always in need of cleaning up. In July there was a group of volunteers that cleaned up at the Boone County Fair along with a group of Kiwanis. In August the group met at the CVS at State Road 39 and State Road 32. The group did the CVS parking lot as well as areas east and west on State Road 32.

The quarterly newsletter was sent out to all the participants that are in the Adopt -a-Spot program, interested parties in the LTCCII group and all Rotarians. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that she was asked if a Lebanon High School football player could pick up litter for his community service in the football program. He picked up litter for several hours around the Tractor Supply and Burger King areas. He indicated that he felt good afterwards because he had made a difference in the way the area looked afterwards.

In June, the City of Lebanon had a small clean-up event that was targeted to a select area where they had had some code violations. The District worked with the City and paid for two 30-yard roll-off containers. The City of Lebanon will continue working with the District in targeted areas of the City to help those with code violations. The District ordered the roll-off containers through Rays Trash and City employees manned the event. The City indicated that they may try and have another one in October in the southwest area of the City.

Mrs. Lawrence indicated that the Board approved a new line item for the 2023 Budget. This new line item will be a municipality grant with \$40,000 allocated in it. Mrs. Lawrence has reached out to the eight areas in Boone County (including Ulen) and expressed her desire that they all can receive up to \$5,000 for recycling, recycled content items or proper disposal items. They must meet with Mrs. Lawrence so she can help walk them through the grant process. Mrs. Lawrence asked each board member to reach out to their community and see how the District can assist them with the grant. The City of Lebanon has already met with Mrs. Lawrence, and they want to continue with the trash roll-off program as well as get new updated cigarette butt buckets around the Courthouse Square. Thorntown has reached out to the District and has indicated that they would be applying for two ADA picnic tables.

The community grant application is due by September 30, 2022. There is \$25,000 in that line item. Black Box Theater has submitted an application already. The District is expecting

several new applicants this year. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that with the municipalities having their own grants that it frees up more monies for the community.

The Zionsville Farmers Market as well as the Zionsville Fall Festival requested Clearstream recycling containers to use at their event. The Festival recycled at least 30 bags of plastic bottles! The Farmer's Market is still ongoing, and they will return those at the end of September with their recycling numbers.

The District provided reusable trick or treat bags that say "Trick or Trees" for the Zionsville Parks and Recreation Halloween event. The District also donated plastic dog bones that have pet waste bags inside for the Zionsville Tails on the Trails event. The District was a sponsor for the Zionsville 2022 Creekfest. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that unfortunately the creek cleanout was cancelled due to rain.

The bi-annual Tox drop is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 9 am until 2 pm. This event will be held at the Zionsville Municipal Services Building located at 1075 Parkway Drive in Zionsville.

## VII. Old Business

### a. 2023 Health Insurance

Mrs. Lawrence indicated that the Board had previously discussed the option of having the District join the County's insurance program. She showed a slide presentation that had breakdowns of what each employee now pays as well as what the County currently pays. Mr. Santelli made a motion to allow the employee the option of going on the county insurance program and will include an HSA amount that matches the Commissioners decision they will make next week, seconded by Mayor Gentry and was passed unanimously.

## VIII. New Business

### a. Salary Ordinance

Mrs. Wilhoite asked the other Board members what their Boards are doing for pay increases. Mayor Gentry indicated that they are doing a three to five percent increase, Mr. Melton indicated that Zionsville is doing a four percent increase with some bonuses. Mrs. Wilhoite indicated that the County is doing a three percent increase to PERF, with a 2% raise.

After some discussion, the Mayor made a motion to approve a \$55,000 line item for the Assistant Director, and \$85,000 line item to the Executive Director, Mr. Melton seconded and was passed unanimously.

### b. Surplus Equipment

Mrs. Lawrence indicated that the office has a few items that she would like to claim as surplus. Those being a Brother typewriter and a binding machine. She will ask the other County offices if anyone has an interest in either of the items. Mayor Gentry made a motion to approve the list of surplus equipment, seconded by Mr. Melton and was passed unanimously.

IX. Announcements

Next regular meeting -

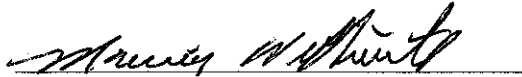
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Boone County Annex Building  
Connie Lamar Meeting Room -8:30 a.m.

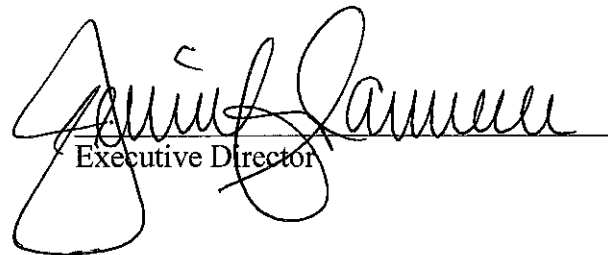
X. Public Comments

None were heard.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Santelli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Gentry and was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

  
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President

  
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Executive Director