



**WABASH COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, June 9th, 2025 1:30 P.M. at the DISTRICT OFFICE**

MINUTES

The Wabash County Solid Waste Management District held a Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, June 9th, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the district office located at 1101 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, Indiana.

Attending:

Board Members: Mayor Scott Long – President, Tyler Niccum – Vice President, Cheryl Ross – Secretary, Jeff Dawes – Member, Mitzi Pilgrim – Member

Absent: Nick Kopkey – Member, Gary Montel – Member

Staff Attending: Leann Kooi – Executive Director, Marisa Shrock – Recording Secretary

Others: Doug Lehman – Attorney, Ken Ahlfeld – Controller

Call to Order: Ms. Kooi called the meeting to order.

Approval of May 12th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes:

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 12th, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Niccum motioned to approve the May 12th Meeting Minutes; Ms. Ross seconded. Motion approved. (4-0)

Financial Report & Claims:

Mr. Ahlfeld took the floor.

- Mr. Ahlfeld delivered the financial report and noted the landfill report has not come in for this month yet.
- Mr. Ahlfeld noted that WCSWMD is operating at a loss currently for the year, but the Special Assessment User Fee that has yet to arrive should offset that loss.
- Mr. Ahlfeld announced that WCSWMD's CD was just renewed last month and will have a better interest rate than in 2024.
- Ms. Kooi reported on certain claims for the month, which included: A reimbursement for District cat, Mamma's euthanasia, and temp. labor for the Wabash Tox Away Day, as well as reissuing the \$3,600.00 check to Sun Mascots LLC as the original is lost in transit.

Mr. Dawes motioned to approve the financial report; Ms. Ross seconded. Motion approved. (4-0)

Director's Report:

- Ms. Kooi reported that in May, WCSWMD helped 506 residents and took in approximately 17,000lbs of HHW materials during regular operation.
- Ms. Kooi reported on the Wabash Tox Away Day and noted that WCSWMD served 201 vehicles. She also informed that tires exceeded expectation at a count of 891, totaling 34,000lbs. In addition, Kooi noted 6,700lbs of electronics were collected as well, but chemicals and metal reports have not come in yet.
- Ms. Kooi explained WCSWMD still has North Manchester's Tox Away Day coming up this weekend, Saturday, 14th, 2025. Kooi noted that in preparation, she has pushed advertisements in rural Wabash County to hopefully boost participation.





- Ms. Kooi reported that Thompson Fire and Safety Supplies Inc. came to WCSWMD to administer fire safety training to all staff.
- Ms. Kooi informed that she held a meeting with Miami County SWMD last Friday, as they are facing similar issues WCSWMD has in the past while also dealing with their finances, specifically, looking at rolling in their user fee assessment in with their county taxes. Kooi informed that WCSWMD will likely work with Miami Co. in the future to help them through their changes, and foster a new relationship between districts.
- Ms. Kooi announced that WCSWMD may also assist Posey Co SWMD in getting their processes updated and squared away, as their director left abruptly. Kooi addressed that Posey is facing serious issues, particularly in their warehouse, as they have over 5 years' worth of chemical shipments alone. Kooi noted she put them in contact with WCSWMD's chemical vendor, but there may be a need for her to visit the district to get them sorted and operating smoothly.
- Ms. Kooi announced that currently, there are no educational presentations scheduled for June, but WCSWMD will host Arc of Wabash in July.
- Ms. Kooi informed Wabash Clean Up the Banks partnership with Wabash River Defenders is also coming up at the end of July.

New Business:

- None to report.

Old Business:

- None to report.

Public Comment:

- No Public Comment.

Adjournment:

Mayor Long motioned to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting.

Next Meetings:

- Board of Directors – Monday, July 14th, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Marisa Shrock, Recording Secretary

Mayor Scott Long, Board President

