

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD AND  
THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, September 11, 2023**

The meeting of the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Walls on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 1:30P.M. at the Johnson County Courthouse Annex Auditorium, 86 W. Court Street, Franklin, IN 46131

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Brian Baird, Commissioner Kevin Walls, Commissioner Ron West, Councilman John Ditmars, Mayor Mark Myers, Councilman David Lekse

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilwoman Dawn Graham

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Kevin Walls asked for a motion to be made to approve the minutes for May 8, 2023, and August 14, 2023, as well as the No Quorum meeting on July 10, 2023. The motion was made by Mr. John Ditmars and seconded by Mr. Mark Myers. A vote was taken, and the motion was passed unanimously.**

Ms. Gray informed Mr. Walls that the July 10 minutes just explained that no official action was taken at that meeting due to there being no quorum.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Angela Coy**

**Mr. Kevin Walls asked for a motion to be made to approve May 9, 2023, to July 10, 2023, and July 11, 2023, to September 8, 2023. The motion was made by Mr. Ron West and seconded by Mr. David Lekse. A vote was taken, and the motion was passed unanimously.**

**CAC Committee: No report**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jessie Biggerman**

Jessie spoke about a new partnership opportunity with the Franklin Parks Department that will allow the district to educate kids from several different schools all in one location. She also gave an update on the shredding and tox Box Saturday; fall programming and storm debris tonnage differences between Whiteland vs. White River Township. Jessie suggested to the Board to consider an increase of funding through the additional Tax Levy in order to help fund disaster debris clean-up within unincorporated areas of the county.

Jessie also explained that Morgan County is closing drop-offs and that has increased the calls we are getting. She went on to go through the fall programming that we have on our schedule.

## **LEGAL REPORT: Lynn Gray**

Ms. Gray explained to the board that she represents the city of Franklin. On behalf of the city, she had prepared a sponsorship agreement for all sponsors to sign. Since the district is one of the sponsors of the ice-skating event, she wanted to be sure this was brought to their attention.

She went on to inform the board that we had received two notices from other government entities: the city of Greenwood and town of Whiteland. We have received the payment for the farm lease in the amount of \$646.36. She informed the board that she had proceeded as requested by the board to obtain contracts with Mr. Bill Barrett and Mr. Jeff Peters for the legal and financing of the new building project. She also stated that Mr. Barette's contract with the district had already been signed, however, the contract for Mr. Peter's was being presented today.

**Mr. Kevin Walls asked for a motion to hire and maintain Mr. Barrett and Mr. Peters professional services. The motion was made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Ditmars.** A vote was taken, and the motion was passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Peters spoke with the board and explained the tax levy and debt opportunities for the district going forward with the construction of the new building. He also explained the different opportunities with a levy and how those monies could be structured. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Barrett spoke about what you need to have for the ability to build a building. He also spoke about the statutes on building a building if you partner.

Mr. Peters spoke about how to handle professional service fees. Discussion was had on the cost of professional services.

**Mr. Kevin Walls asked for a motion to authorize the President to negotiate with an architectural firm to retain subject to ratification at the November meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Baird and seconded by Mr. West.** A vote was taken, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion was held between the board and Mr. Barrett in reference to an RFP. Ms. Gray reminded the board about the special exceptions granted by the city of Franklin when we purchased the land. She reminded them they are only good for one year unless they have started to build. She encouraged the board to ask for an extension on the special exceptions. Mr. Walls asked for a motion to give Ms. Gray permission to ask the city of Franklin to extend the special exceptions that were granted at the time of the purchase of the land. **The motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Ditmars.** A vote was taken, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The budget hearing is September 14, 2023, at 1:00pm. Budget adoption will be on October 9, 2023, at 5:00pm.

Next meeting is on November 6, 2023, at 1:30 pm at the Courthouse Annex. Jessie reminded the board that this meeting was going to be held on the first Monday of November instead of the traditional second Monday.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Michelle Stephens from GFL Environmental introduced herself to the board.

**Mr. Baird made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Mr. Myers seconded the motion.

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Kevin Walls, Chairman

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Karla R. Coffey, Recording Secretary