

**Miami County Solid Waste District**  
Minutes for the September 21, 2009 Meeting

Attendance: Tom Gustin, Shirley Mull, Greg Deeds, Jon Faust, Craig Boyer, Don Morris, Pat Roberts, Samantha Ward, and Carla Smith. Absent: Jim Walker.

At 8:01 A.M. the meeting was called to order by Tom Gustin.

The minutes of August 17, 2009 meeting were presented. Tom Gustin moved to accept as is, Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed.

The September 2009 financial statement was presented by Samantha Ward explaining details of some expenses. Samantha explains that some of bills were higher due to finding them in the office when Carla and Samantha cleaned the office. They came across bills that have not been paid for the previous months. Chesapeake bill was for an empty dumpster that was delivered and not needed due to a miscommunication issue. Samantha explained that she asked to only be charged for the driving fee of \$250.00. Craig Boyer asked who was responsible for the mistake. Robert from Recycling Recovery explained that Ron Dauch had already emptied the electronics recycling bin, and there was a call made to Samantha that was not necessary. Greg Deeds moved to accept financial statement as is, Tom Gustin seconded, motion passed.

The 2010 Budget was presented and all of the Board of Directors signed the document to approve the budget.

Samantha mentioned that Beautification Days went smoothly with the dumpsters on time and replaced when needed. Jon Faust asks if we are getting our moneys worth out of the billboards and radio station. Samantha explained that the radio station is getting the most positive feedback with the weather tags and commercials. Samantha mentioned that she would recommend keeping the event calendar, the radio station advertisements and the advertisements in the Peru Tribune for 2010.

Samantha presented an interest in adding a recycling drop-off site in Erie by some of the citizens in Erie Township. Samantha mentioned for her and Robert from Recycling Recovery to attend an Erie Township meeting in October to answer any questions that they have. Greg Deeds requested having the drop-off site on a trial basis. Robert from recycling recovery added that the winter months are particularly slow, but once the roll off is set out it will take awhile for the people to get used to it being there. Robert also added that they are going to be the steel roll-offs that are easy to pull, and not the old wooden building that were there before. Greg Deeds added that this is new money for the new drop-off site and another expense. Greg Deeds moved to do a 1 year trial at Erie and for Samantha to talk to Erie Township and make the arrangements. Greg Deeds motioned, Tom Gustin seconded, motion passed.

Samantha noted to the board that there is still a problem with illegal dumps around the county and she presented the board with an example of an ordinance from Porter County .

She discussed with the board that Miami County Solid Waste needs to have an ordinance for the illegal dumping problem. Jon Faust asked if a judge can reduce fees. Pat Roberts explained that it depends on the fine, if the person is a repeat offender, what the person dumps. Pat Roberts also mentioned putting a clause in the ordinance that the offender needs to pay back what the cost was to dispose of the dump. Bobbie Dausch mentioned taking pictures of the dump. Pat Roberts explained that you need to take pictures of the person who finds the dump, the name and address of the person who dumped it, if found, and the actual document with the name and address on it. Pat Roberts added that he will make a draft of an ordinance for the next board meeting.

Samantha noted to the board that they might want to make changes to the programs for 2010. Jon Faust asks what the intent of the size of tires was from the beginning of the program. Samantha explains that it was meant for car tires or smaller tires, not tractor tires. Tom Gustin mentioned that Samantha give out the flyer that specifies what kind of tires we will accept at the next Tire Days for 2010. Samantha and the board discussed that 3 Tire Days a year, one in March, May, and October would be sufficient and only a 10 tire limit (up to 22" tire) including only 2 big tires or tractor tires. Greg Deeds motioned, Craig Boyer seconded, motion passed.

Samantha told the board that some of the higher expenses for the Household Hazardous Waste Day are people bringing in chemical laboratory items and businesses bringing in 55 gallons of antifreeze. These are not considered Household Hazardous Waste. The board also decided that we will no longer be accepting alkaline batteries or latex paint due to very high disposal costs, and Solid Waste is instructed to give the people a letter explaining that these items will not be accepted because they are not considered hazardous waste.

Samantha also told the board that there is a question of the legality concerning the old medicine program. Due to time, we were instructed to check into programs and present more details at the next board meeting.

Tom Gustin motioned to adjourn at 9:04 A.M., Craig seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,