

**Solid Waste District of La Porte County
Joint District Board/CAC Meeting**

**September 10, 2025
1:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

CHAIRMAN Councilman Przybylinski

APPROVED

Pledge

Roll Call District Board

Mayor Dermody
Councilman Mollenhauer
Councilman Przybylinski
Commissioner Haney

Absent

Commissioner Gramarossa
Commissioner Holifield
Commissioner Haney

Roll Call CAC

Amy Feikes
Chris Havens
Amber Seiler

Absent

Juli Charlesworth
Jim Micheals
Samantha Joll
Paul Brooks
Jim Irwin
Jodi Ducek

Others Present

Clay Turner, Executive Director
Robin Havens, Office Manager/HR
Lyn DeGroote, Controller
Douglas Biege/Attorney

MINUTES DISTRICT BOARD – August 20, 2025

Mayor Dermody made a motion to approve the April 10, 2025 District Board Special Meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Haney seconded the motion. Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion approved.

CLAIMS – August, September 2025

After review, Councilman Mollenhauer made a motion to approve the August and September claims as presented. Mayor Dermody seconded the motion. Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Balances through August 31, 2025

Councilman Mollenhauer made a motion to approve the Financial Reports through August. Mayor Dermody seconded the motion. Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 2026 Budget

Mr. Turner informed the Boards that the budget is still on track. He stated the public hearing would still be on the fourth Monday of September but he still has not received a time. He explained a tentative hearing would be September 22nd and an adoption hearing with the Council would be on October 22nd.

B. Payloader Update

Mr. Turner reminded the Board that in the prior District Board meeting it was voted on for a Resolution to Obtain a Loan for a payloader. Mr. Turner explained the Resolution is ready and can be signed by the Board after the meeting. He further explained that he would like to wait until closer to the end of the year to see if the District has enough money leftover to purchase the payloader outright. He further explained the District has \$50,000 at the moment and he would only need another \$150,000 to purchase a payloader without a loan. Mr. Turner also explained that he has a trade in offer, for the current payloader, at \$32,000.

NEW BUSINESS

A. HHW Proposal

Mr. Turner explained that the District, as well as the Lake and Porter County Districts, requested proposals for the HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) collections which the District holds 6 times per year, as the current contract is expiring. He further explained the process began in June with a pre-bid meeting in July there was a RFP due date in July as well, with the opening on July 11th. After review, Tradebe Environmental Services has received the award of the proposal. Mr. Turner then asked the Board for approval to begin negotiation of the contract terms with Tradebe Environmental Services. **Mayor Dermody made a motion to approve contract negotiations with Tradebe Environmental Services. Commissioner Haney seconded the motion. Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion approved.** Mr. Turner also added this contract is a one year contract with 2 extensions which typically gives the District 3 years.

B. Electronics Proposal

Mr. Turner informed the Board the electronics contract was coming to an end as well. He stated the three counties, Lake, Porter and LaPorte, also requested RFP's for electronics pick-up/removal with the same timeline. Mr. Turner explained, Greenwave, which is the current electronics contract holder, was the most responsive and the lowest proposal. Mr. Turner explained he would need Board approval to move forward with negotiations regarding the contract terms with Greenwave Recycling Services. **Commissioner Haney made a motion to approve contract negotiations with Greenwave Recycling Services. Councilman Mollenhauer seconded the motion. Voice vote taken. All in favor. Motion approved.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.