

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

Monday, January 12, 2026

The meeting of the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Walls on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. at the Johnson County Courthouse Annex Auditorium, 86 W. Court Street, Franklin, IN 46131

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Walls, Councilman David Lekse, Councilwoman Susie Qualls, Councilman John Ditmars

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Brian Baird, Mayor Mark Myers, Commissioner Ron West

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman Kevin Walls asked for a motion to elect officers to the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District Board for 2026. **Susie Qualls made a motion that the slate remain the same as in 2025: Kevin Walls remains Chair, Mark Myers remains Vice Chair, and Ron West remains Secretary.** David Lekse seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Lekse made a motion to approve the minutes of the **September 8, 2025, meeting.** Susie Qualls seconded the motion. This was voted on and passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT: Angela Coy

Angela Coy requested that the Board approve the following line-item transfers: Transfer is requested from 5110 Executive Director to 5111 Deputy Director for .04 cents; 5113 Hourly Wages to 5117 Recycling Supervisor for .12 cents; and 5370 Rent to 5340 Insurance for \$5,434.61 (due to the Box Truck/Building). **John Ditmars made a motion to approve the line-item transfers as stated by Angela Coy.** David Lekse seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Approval of the check register dated September 9, 2025, to January 9, 2026. **John Ditmars made a motion to approve check registers, auto pay deductions, and claims.** Susie Qualls seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

A discussion was held by the Board regarding the need for the comptroller to attend meetings in person. The Board decided that they were fine with the comptroller not attending meetings in person, but to be available if needed.

CAC COMMITTEE REPORT: Jessie Biggerman

Jessie informed the Board that the CAC will be meeting on January 13, 2026.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jessie Biggerman

Jessie informed the board about the number of people we saw and the volume of recycling we received during the holidays. She informed the Board that she feels we could benefit from changing our hours to Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and ALL Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Board agreed.

District Nationwide Plan: Lynn Gray and Angela Coy

Lynn spoke to the Board to give a history of the Nationwide 457B Plan that the District has. She spoke about how money is deposited into that account and who is eligible to participate in the plan. She also described what a 401A plan is. She described that the employer's portion of an employee's Nationwide deposit goes into 401A, while the employee's portion goes into 457B. Angela informed the Board that, under the One Big Beautiful Bill, a Roth component must exist, and our current plan does not include one. **David Lekse made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the plan documents for 401A, as well as any necessary changes to the 457B plan to facilitate Roth contributions.** Susie Qualls seconded the motion. This passed following a unanimous vote.

LEGAL REPORT: Lynn Gray

Ms. Gray presented the Board with two Anti-Nepotism policies. One of which states that you are not in a direct line of supervision over any family members, and the other states that you are not involved with any company with which the District contracts. She also presented the Board with two resolutions. Resolution 2026-01, Resolution Complying with Anti-Nepotism Law, and Resolution 2026-02, allowing the District to pay regular bills. Kevin Walls addressed the Board regarding his recommendation that all payments eligible for ACH processing be handled in that manner. The Board discussed the proposal and agreed that this would be a good approach. **Susie Qualls made the motion to approve Resolution 2026-01, Resolution Complying with Anti-Nepotism Law, and Resolution 2026-02, Permitting prepayment of designated claims.** John Ditmars seconded the motion. This passed following a unanimous vote.

Ms. Gray presented the Board with Legal and Accounting contracts for 2026, which the Board signed. **David Lekse made the motion to approve the accounting and legal contracts for 2026.** Susie Qualls seconded the motion. This passed with a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wes Harrison updated the Board on the progress of the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wes spoke to the Board about our snow removal process. He spoke about how beneficial a UTV would be on the grounds of the District. There was a discussion on the availability of the excess bond funds and their permissible use. The Board asked Jessie to get quotes for an enclosed UTV with all the specs and bring them back. They also wanted her to bring a list of reasons that would justify the purchase of the UTV.

Next meeting is on March 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

David Lekse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Ditmars seconded the motion.

Annual Finance Board Meeting:

The meeting of the Annual Finance Board of Johnson County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Walls on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 3:02 p.m. the Johnson County Courthouse Annex Auditorium, 86 W. Court Street, Franklin, IN 46131

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Walls, Councilman David Lekse, Councilwoman Susie Qualls, Councilman John Ditmars

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Brian Baird, Commissioner Ron West, Mayor Mark Myers

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Susie Qualls made a motion to elect the same officers as elected to the Solid Waste Management Board to the Finance Board by acclamation (Chairman Kevin Walls, Vice Chairman Mark Myers, and Ron West as Secretary). David Lekse seconded the motion. This passed with a unanimous vote.

Angela Coy communicated to the board members that our funds are in an account at First Merchants. Lynn Gray asked for the disclosure of anyone on the Board who holds a position on the Board of Directors for First Merchants. No conflict was voiced. **David Lekse made a motion to approve the continued use of First Merchants.** Susie Qualls seconded the motion. There was a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

David Lekse made a motion to adjourn. John Ditmars seconded the motion.

Kevin Walls, Chairman

Karla R. Coffey, Recording Secretary