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

Monday, July 13, 2026

The meeting of the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Kevin Walls on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 2:00 P.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, Mayor Mark Myers, Councilwoman Susie Qualls

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman John Ditmars, Councilman David Lekse

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Susie Qualls made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2026, and May 27 special meetings.** Ron West seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER REPORT: Jessie Biggerman**

Approval of the check register dated May 9, 2026, to July 10, 2026. **Ron West motioned to approve the check registers, auto pay deductions, and claims.** Mark Myers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**CAC COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark Appleton**

The CAC will be meeting at the end of July to discuss the budget. Mark spoke about how the CAC supports the shredding events; the next one will be August 27, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The CAC is also participating in Bloom.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jessie Biggerman**

Jessie informed the Board of how Bloom Johnson County is growing through both sponsors and teams.

Jessie focused on financial updates and the 2027 budget. She Stated we are changing our financial software from SAGE to a government-focused software and hoped for the transition to be completed by September.

Jessie informed the Board that the District has not received clear budget guidance from County Council and on the recommendation of Commissioner Walls, she would wait until this evening council meeting before creating/submitting the 2027 Budget.

**LEGAL REPORT: Lynn Gray**

Jessie informed the Board of the District's transition to a new financial advisor. The new advisor determined that the Annual Disclosure related to the bond proceeds, which was due in 2024, had not been filed in either 2024 or 2025. Lynn advised the Board that she directed the Controller to proceed with completing the required filing. She also reported that the Accounting Services line does not contain sufficient funds to cover the cost of the filing. She discussed using available funds from the Board Discretionary Spending line item to cover the expense.

**Mark Myers made a motion to pay the accounting fees associated with the Annual Disclosure for the bond from the Board Discretionary Spending line item.** Motion was seconded by Susie Qualls; the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jessie discussed the hardness of the facility's water and its impact on the boiler system. The Board reviewed and discussed the advantages of a water softener.

**Brian Baird made a motion to purchase a water softener for the facility.** Ron West seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Next meeting is on September 14, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the Courthouse Annex.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Susie Qualls made a motion to adjourn.** Brian Baird seconded the motion.

Mark Myers, Vice Chairman

Karla R. Coffey, Recording Secretary