



NOTICE & AGENDA
LCSWMD BOARD
Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm
 8695 Broadway, Merrillville, Indiana

Cedar Lake Nick Recupito 2026	Crown Point Robert Clemons 2026	Dyer Jenna Ogrizovich 2026	East Chicago Monica Gonzalez 2026
East Chicago Vacant	Gary Lori Latham 2026	Gary Michael Suggs 2026	Griffith Rick Ryfa 2026
Griffith Jim Marker 2026	Hammond Dan Spitale 2026	Hammond William Emerson 2026	Highland Tom Black 2026
Hobart Mark Kopil 2026	Lake County Jerry Tippy 2026	Lake County Pete Lindemulder 2026	Lake County Christine Cid 2026
Lake Station Richard Long 2026	Lowell Phillip Kuiper 2026	Merrillville Rhonda Neal 2026	Munster Dave Nellans 2026
Munster Chuck Gardiner 2026	New Chicago Brenda Swallow 2026	St. John Michael Bouvat 2026	Schererville Robin Arvanitis 2026
Schneider Kevin Gray 2026	Whiting Tom Michniewicz 2026	Winfield Tim Clayton 2026	

PRELIMINARY:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence
- Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of April 16, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Vouchers – Vouchers dated 4/11/2026-5/15/2026

PUBLIC COMMENT: We ask that all comments be limited to 1 ½ minutes per individual. Please keep your comments civil, constructive, and related to agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS:

3. Board and Committee Reports:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Executive Director
 - c. Citizens Advisory Committee
 - d. Grants & Finance Committee
 - e. Legal/Legislative
4. Materials Management Plan update: Danni Schaust GT Environmental (25-30 minutes)
5. Bag of Bags Campaign Kickoff

NEW BUSINESS:

6. 2027 Proposed Budget
7. Resolution 2026-2: Third Modification District Loan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8. The next Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting is July 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the district office.
9. The next Solid Waste Board meeting is July 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm. at the district office.



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2026

PRELIMINARY:

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

Roll Call:

Board Member	Present	Absent
Cedar Lake: Councilmember Nick Recupito	X	
Crown Point: Appointee Councilmember Robert Clemons		X
Dyer: Councilmember Jenna Qgrizovich		X
East Chicago: Appointee- Monica Gonzalez	X	
East Chicago: Representative VACANT		X
Garv: Appointee Councilmember Lori Latham	X	
Garv: Representative Michael Suggs	X	
Griffith: Councilmember Rick Ryfa		X
Griffith: Councilmember Jim Marker	X	
Hammond: Appointee-Councilmember Dan Spitale	X	
Hammond: Councilmember Bill Emerson	X	
Highland: Councilmember Tom Black	X	
Hobart: Appointee-Councilmember Mark Kopil		X
Lake County: Commissioner Jerry Tippy		X
Lake County: Councilmember Pete Lindemulder (Ron Brewer)		X
Lake County: Councilmember Christine Cid	X	
Lake Station: Appointee-Councilmember Rick Long	X	
Lowell: Councilmember – Phillip Kuiper		X
Merrillville: Councilmember Rhonda Neal	X	
Munster: Councilmember Dave Nellans	X	
Munster: Councilmember Jonathan Petersen	X	
New Chicago: Councilmember Brenda Swallow		X
St. John: Councilmember Michael Bouvat		X
Schererville: Councilmember Robin Arvanitis (Tom Schmitt)		X
Schneider: Councilmember Kevin Gray	X	
Whiting: Appointee-Councilmember Tom Michniewicz	X	
Winfield: Councilmember Tim Clayton	X	

A quorum was established with **16** members.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of January 15, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes** – **MOTION** to approve January 15, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes by Councilmember Michniewicz, seconded by Councilmember Nellans. **Motion passes** by unanimous voice vote.
2. **Approval of Vouchers** – Vouchers dated January 10, 2026, through April 10, 2026. - **MOTION** to approve vouchers by Councilmember Black, seconded by Councilmember Spitale. **Motion passes** by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments

OLD BUSINESS:

3. Board and Committee Reports:

- a. **Chairman** – Welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out.
- b. **Executive Director** – Please see the attached report.
MOTION to approve the January 15, 2026, Director's Report by Councilmember Nellans, seconded by Councilmember Spitale. **Motion passes** by unanimous voice vote.
- c. **Citizens Advisory Committee** – Clair Hoeksema reported nothing new to report.
- d. **Grant and Finance Committee** – Vice Chairperson Cid informed the Board they have not met and nothing to report.
- e. **Legislative and Legal Report** – Attorney Touchette recapped the statewide legislature. This does not affect the District at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Resolution 2026-1: Front office lease-Lake County Historical Society Front office lease. **MOTION** to approve lease with Lake County Historical Society by Councilmember Nellans, seconded by Councilmember Michniewicz. **Motion passes** by unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

5. The next Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** at the District office.
6. The next Solid Waste Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm.** at the District office.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION to adjourn the meeting made by Councilmember Nellans and seconded by Councilmember Cid. **Motion passes** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Dora Mantis, Office Administrator.



Education

Bag of Bags-

Part of the original plan for this building was to create an outdoor education space. After speaking with staff, we think we could do that by simply adding a deck-like structure to the back of the building. This would allow for additional green space for environmental education for all programs including water quality, healthy homes, and composting and food waste. With the board's permission, I would like to explore the possibility and bring more information to the next meeting.

Field Operations

Our first 2 HHW collections were very busy and ran smoothly. Our next collection is in Hobart on May 13.

We are going to focus on educating residents on the differences between latex and oil-based paint. This is the 7th year that we have not been taking latex paint at our HHW collections (because it is not hazardous), yet we still have residents come with a car full of latex. So, we are thinking that most don't know the difference between the two. Latex paint is water based and cleans up with soap and water. 95% of paint is latex.

This marks our 3rd year of the compost giveaway program and residents are loving it. Participation continues to increase. Any Lake County resident can come to the compost site and get up to 1 cubic yard of compost.

Administrative Report -

After a few delays, our new website is up and running. Please check it out if you have not already. Von and Dora are also working on a quick reference guide to send to the communities and public work departments so that they have accurate information to give to residents when they call with questions.

The 2025 Annual Report is in front of you. Participation numbers across all our programs are up which means we are reaching more residents all the time.

I sent the mileage claim form with the board packet, but we do have extras printed if you need one. I would prefer to do one check per person at the end of the year for all claims if there are no objections to that. We are following the county and using the federal rate of \$0.725 per mile. Mileage should be calculated from the member's city or town hall where your meetings are held.

We have found an organization that would like to lease the front office. The Lake County Historical Society has been looking for new office/museum space since late last year. They are a registered 501c3 and we feel having them in that space is a perfect fit. A copy of the draft lease was included in the board packet for your review.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTER SUMMARY

Lake County Solid Waste Management Distric

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APV Register Batch - 5/21/2026 Board Meeting

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Check Date	Vendor	Name of Claimant	Office Department	Amount of Voucher	Amount Allowed	Warrant	Check/Memorandum (See Note (2) Above)
04/15/2026	169	Amazon Capital Services	GEN - OFFICE SUPPLIES	329.89	329.89	13236	office supplies
04/15/2026	25	Barnes & Thornburg	GEN - Professional Services	5000.00	5000.00	13237	special lobby counsel
04/15/2026	8	Comcast	GEN - Utilities	375.73	375.73	13238	phones and internet
04/15/2026	30	Green Wave Electronics	GEN - Special Waste (E-Waste, Tires)	1011.31	1011.31	13239	electronic recycling-3/25/26
04/15/2026	162	Neises Lawn Care &	GEN - Professional Services	635.00	635.00	13240	turf repair-drainage issues
04/15/2026	18	NIPSCO	GEN - Utilities	1597.05	1597.05	13241	utilities
04/15/2026	14	Phil and Son, Inc.	GEN - Professional Services	122.40	122.40	13242	monthly security
04/15/2026	16	Pulse Technology	GEN - Other Supplies	239.03	239.03	13243	2026 Q1 copies-downstairs copier
04/15/2026	34	Rhodes Plumbing	GEN - Building Maintenance	558.00	558.00	13244	replace leaky faucets
04/15/2026	106	Secure Shred	GEN - Miscellaneous Recycling	800.00	800.00	13245	paper shredding-Munter HHW
04/15/2026	66	Working Well	GEN - Professional Services	612.00	612.00	13246	Healthaccess program-February 2026
04/17/2026	180	Blinds Unlimited	GEN - Building Maintenance	2547.00	2547.00	13247	blinds-west wing
04/22/2026	1	Payroll Fund	GEN - Executive Director	21771.77	21771.77	13248	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
04/22/2026	169	Amazon Capital Services	GEN - OFFICE SUPPLIES	123.30	123.30	13249	soap-bathrooms
04/22/2026	154	FISH Window Cleaning	GEN - Building Maintenance	260.00	260.00	13250	window cleaning
04/22/2026	175	K & S Tire Recycling	GEN - Special Waste (E-Waste, Tires)	1430.00	1430.00	13251	tire recycling
04/22/2026	174	Keystone Cooperative, Inc.	GEN - Instruction/Travel/Collection Fuel	1515.12	1515.12	13252	fuel-district vehicles
04/22/2026	60	Lake County Treasurer	GEN - Other Services	120.00	120.00	13253	Merrillville storm water assessment
04/22/2026	58	Modern Tech Equipment, LLC	GEN - Compost & Leaf Collections	2340.46	2340.46	13254	service-trommel
04/22/2026	149	Preyon Pest Control	GEN - Other Services	150.00	150.00	13255	pest control
04/22/2026	29	Principal Life	GEN - Insurance	1139.98	1139.98	13256	life insurane premiums
04/22/2026	3	Staff Source	GEN - HHW	156.75	156.75	13257	laborer-Munster HHW
04/22/2026	157	Total Disposal	GEN - Compost & Leaf Collections	1401.75	1401.75	13258	leaf drop-spring
04/22/2026	123	INPRS	Payroll - INPRS	2082.54	2082.54	EFT2082	employee retirement 4/24/26 payroll
04/24/2026	116	Net Wages	Payroll - Net Wages	14406.43	14406.43	EFT2080	Net DD Entry
04/24/2026	124	IRS	Payroll - FICA/MED/FED	4300.09	4300.09	EFT2081	4/24/26 payroll taxes-fica, med, fed
05/01/2026	12	americaneagle.com	GEN - Professional Services	75.00	75.00	13259	monthly website hosting
05/01/2026	11	Chase Credit Card	GEN - Printing Advertising	151.83	151.83	13260	facebook advertising-HHW
05/01/2026	21	Evorik Electric	GEN - Other Services	300.00	300.00	13261	label electric lines
05/01/2026	181	Glass Doctor	GEN - Building Maintenance	306.46	306.46	13262	repair window
05/01/2026	161	GT Environmental, Inc	GEN - Professional Services	493.00	493.00	13263	solid waste plan update payment
05/01/2026	124	IRS	GEN - Social Security	120.14	120.14	13264	underpayment-2025 Q4
05/01/2026	7	Indiana American Water	GEN - Utilities	190.93	190.93	13265	water usage-district building
05/01/2026	41	McCann Industries	GEN - Compost & Leaf Collections	1820.08	1820.08	13266	service-trommel
05/01/2026	34	Rhodes Plumbing	GEN - Building Maintenance	300.00	300.00	13267	plumbing services
05/01/2026	20	Service Sanitation	GEN - Compost & Leaf	168.30	168.30	13268	service-compost site bathroom

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Check Date	Vendor	Name of Claimant	Office Department	Amount of Voucher	Amount Allowed	Warrant	Check/Memorandum (See Note (2) Above)
			Collections				
05/01/2026	51	William Touchette	GEN - Professional Services	2500.00	2500.00	13269	legal services March and April 2026
05/01/2026	102	Identity Links	GEN - Education	7538.20	7538.20	13270	reusable sandwich bags-education programs
05/01/2026	119	AFLAC	Payroll - AFLAC	342.72	342.72	EFT2104	supplemental insurance
05/06/2026	1	Payroll Fund	GEN - Executive Director	21752.66	21752.66	13271	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
05/06/2026	169	Amazon Capital Services	GEN - OFFICE SUPPLIES	108.00	108.00	13272	office supplies
05/06/2026	12	americaneagle.com	GEN - Professional Services	985.00	985.00	13273	retainer hours-website
05/06/2026	15	Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield	GEN - Insurance	15228.32	15228.32	13274	health insurance premium June 2026
05/06/2026	117	Fulget Cleaning Company LLC	GEN - Professional Services	1320.00	1320.00	13275	building cleaning-April
05/06/2026	181	Glass Doctor	GEN - Building Maintenance	306.46	306.46	13276	replace window-downstairs kitchen
05/06/2026	30	Green Wave Electronics	GEN - Special Waste (E-Waste, Tires)	1026.90	1026.90	13277	electronic recycling
05/06/2026	10	Homewood Disposal	GEN - Professional Services	135.00	135.00	13278	garbage service-district office
05/06/2026	162	Neises Lawn Care &	GEN - Professional Services	505.00	505.00	13279	lawn maintenance-april
05/06/2026	152	Puritan Springs Water	GEN - Other Services	75.51	75.51	13280	drinking water
05/06/2026	182	TechRadium	GEN - Other Services	200.00	200.00	13281	text message service-annual
05/06/2026	157	Total Disposal	GEN - Compost & Leaf Collections	934.50	934.50	13282	leaf drop off
05/06/2026	22	Trust Tech	GEN - Professional Services	736.25	736.25	13283	monthly server management
05/06/2026	66	Working Well	GEN - Professional Services	612.00	612.00	13284	Healthaccess March 2026
05/06/2026	122	Indiana Department of Revenue	Payroll - STATE/LOCAL TAX	1648.55	1648.55	EFT2108	state/county taxes April 2026
05/06/2026	124	IRS	Payroll - FICA/MED/FED	4230.37	4230.37	EFT2109	Payroll taxes 5/8/26
05/06/2026	123	INPRS	Payroll - INPRS	2082.54	2082.54	EFT2110	employee retirement 5/8/26 pay
05/08/2026	116	Net Wages	Payroll - Net Wages	14218.15	14218.15	EFT2107	Net DD Entry
05/13/2026	183	Michael Gallagher	GEN - HHW	247.50	247.50	13285	Hobart HHW police officer
05/13/2026	71	Cedar Lake Storage	GEN - Compost & Leaf Collections	400.00	400.00	13286	leaf vac storage-June 2026
05/13/2026	8	Comcast	GEN - Utilities	375.73	375.73	13287	phone and internet-district office
05/13/2026	175	K & S Tire Recycling	GEN - Special Waste (E-Waste, Tires)	1430.00	1430.00	13288	tire recycling 5/8/26
05/13/2026	14	Phil and Son, Inc.	GEN - Professional Services	122.40	122.40	13289	monthly security monitoring
05/13/2026	3	Staff Source	GEN - Compost & Leaf Collections	171.00	171.00	13290	laborer-compost site programs
05/13/2026	22	Trust Tech	GEN - Professional Services	190.00	190.00	13291	battery replacement-server
05/13/2026	18	NIPSCO	GEN - Utilities	1302.63	1302.63	13292	utilities-district office
		Checks: 0- 13292		149676.73	149676.73		

I hereby certify that each of the above listed vouchers and the invoices, or bills attached thereto, are true and correct and I have audited same in accordance with IC 5-11-10-1.6

Fiscal Officer

ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Lake County Solid Waste Management Distric

We have examined the Accounts Payable Vouchers listed on the foregoing Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers consisting of _____² pages and except for accounts payables not allowed as shown on the Register such accounts payables are hereby allowed in the total amount of \$ 149676.73 .

Dated this _____ day of _____.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Signatures of Governing Board

Lake County Solid Waste Management District 2027 Proposed Budget

CATEGORY	APP#	TITLE	2027 PROPOSED	2026 ADOPTED
PERSONAL SERVICES	112	Executive Director - Controller	\$100,000	\$100,000
	113	Public Information Coordinator	\$60,000	\$60,000
	115	Office Administrator	\$60,000	\$60,000
	116	Field Operations Manager	\$85,000	\$80,000
	118	Driver/Operator	\$60,000	\$60,000
	119	Environmental Education & Outreach Coordinator	\$60,000	\$60,000
	120	Driver/Operator	\$60,000	\$60,000
	124	Environmental Education & Outreach Coordinator	\$60,000	\$60,000
	126	Environmental Education & Outreach Coordinator	\$60,000	\$60,000
	127	Education Admin. Assistant (PT)	\$30,000	\$0
	151	PERF	\$72,500	\$72,500
	153	Health/Life/Dental/ST & LT Disability & Vision Insurance	\$240,000	\$215,000
	154	Unemployment	\$4,200	\$4,200
	155	Overtime	\$2,000	\$2,000
	159	Social Security	\$50,000	\$50,000
Subtotal			\$1,003,700	
SUPPLIES	210	Office Supplies	\$8,000	\$3,134
	240	Other Supplies	\$8,240	\$8,240
	321	Instruction/Travel/Collection Fuel	\$31,271	\$31,271
	322	Printing Advertising	\$30,000	\$30,000
	331	Property Casualty Insurance	\$65,000	\$65,000
	341	Utilities	\$50,000	\$50,000
	392	Dues & Subscriptions	\$12,210	\$7,210
Subtotal			\$204,721	
SERVICES & CHARGES	241	Education	\$133,532	\$133,532
	301	Professional Services	\$250,000	\$206,860
	303	Miscellaneous Recycling	\$229,000	\$229,000
	304	HHW	\$290,000	\$290,000
	305	Special Waste (E-Waste, Tires)	\$257,200	\$257,200
	306	Compost & Leaf Collections	\$300,000	\$300,000
	383	Other Services	\$250,000	\$200,000
	384	Recycling Grants	\$2,501,040	\$2,501,040
Subtotal			\$4,210,772	
DEBT SERVICE	397	Debt Service (HHLF)	\$608,000	\$608,000
	Subtotal			\$608,000
CAPITAL OUTLAYS	361	Vehicles	\$82,702	\$82,702
	442	Contingency	\$400,000	\$400,000
	443	Machinery and Equipment	\$100,000	\$100,000
	444	Building Maintenance	\$74,287	\$74,287
	Subtotal			\$656,989
GRAND TOTAL			\$6,684,182	\$6,521,176

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