



Lawrence County  
**REGIONAL SOLID WASTE BOARD**

**Date:** Thursday, March 5, 2026 | **Time:** 5:00-5:08 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioners:** Chris Sutherland, Denny Gillespie, Travis Cauwels, **Solid Waste Director** Gary Wayne Hyde, **Assistant Solid Waste Director** Zac Fralix, **Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator** Blake Sherrell, **SCTDD's** Misti Baker, **Committee chair** Mindy Markus, Keith Smith, Jim Ward, and David Uzbasic.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Mindy Markus, Travis Cauwels, Keith Smith, Jim Ward, Gary Wayne Hyde. **ABSENT:** Will Burnett

- **Mindy Markus** called the meeting to order, then asked Hyde to present the 2025 report for Solid Waste, which was distributed to all members.

**Hyde reported:**

- New industries added to the cardboard pickup route include Craig Manufacturing, Flexco, NMI, and Magna. Magna has the potential to produce very big numbers.
- Recycling percentage in 2025 was 77% of total waste stream. This is down slightly from last year, but still far above the 25% mandated by the state.

**Fralix reported:**

- Recycling numbers from the South Lawrence Convenience Center have gone up every week since it opened August 28, 2025.
- Only positive comments have been received about the South Lawrence operation.
- **Smith**, who lives in Loretto, agreed that everyone is pleased with it. He said most comments are about how courteous the employees are.

**Motion to Approve the Solid Waste 2025 Report.**

**Motion:** Hyde. **Second:** Smith.

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

**Motion to adjourn**

**Motion:** Hyde. **Second:** Cauwels.

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously, 5/0.

**Minutes Submitted By:** Nancy Brewer

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