

Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District

January 16, 2007

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 4:05 p.m. on January 16, 2007, at the Danville Town Hall.

President Hursel Disney opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Hendricks County Clerk, Cindy Spence, administered the oath of office to Beverly Austin, Nancy Johnson and Bill Guarnerly; swearing them in as new members of the Board.

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were:

Hursel Disney	David Whicker
Myron Anderson	Phyllis Palmer
Beverly Austin	Nancy Johnson
Bill Guarnerly	Dan Fivecoat

Members not present were:

Ed Schrier

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Shirley Duncan
Debbie Haines	Greg Steuerwald
Jim Davis	Brad Eisenhart
Calvin Davidson	Robert Waggoner

Approval of Amended Agenda

Dan Fivecoat moved to approve the amended agenda as presented. David Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Myron Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting as presented. Dan Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-3 with the three new members abstaining as they were not present at that meeting.

Director's Report

Mr. Detwiler began his report by explaining that Mrs. Siefertman was not able to be at the meeting. Mr. Detwiler then reminded the Board members that contact sheets had been distributed to them. He asked that the members review the information listed for them and notify staff if corrections were needed.

Next, he distributed a one-page 'snapshot' of the District. He explained that the information sheet was put together specifically to help the new members better understand the District but, he thought other members of the Board might also find the concise information helpful.

Next he presented a letter written by Mr. Brad Hartz which stated that he had accepted a new job and with his new responsibilities he would be unable to continue serving on the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Mr. Detwiler then presented a letter from Representative Ralph Foley stating that if he was given the opportunity he would support legislation allowing compensation for the Board members when they attend Board meetings.

Then Mr. Detwiler presented a thank you note from his family for the lovely planter sent to them from the Board of Directors and staff upon the birth of their new baby girl.

Danville Rotary Club Presentation

Next, Mr. Detwiler reported that he had given a presentation the previous week to the Danville Rotary Club and was very pleased with the attendance and the questions the club members asked. Mrs. Palmer, who attended that meeting, said she was very proud of his presentation.

Trash Tips Newsletter

Mr. Detwiler then explained that the District will be purchasing space in the Hendricks County Flyer twice a month to run a column entitled "Trash Tips." Mr. Detwiler showed the Board a copy of the first column. The columns will cover a variety of solid waste management topics such as disposal of household batteries, composting, proper disposal of latex paint, etc. The column will be a constant presence for the District and help to answer many common questions members of the public ask.

Maintenance for Recycling Facilities

Mr. Detwiler noted that he would soon be making arrangements to have some gravel hauled to and spread at the Lizton Recycling Drop-off Center to prevent water from standing near the recycling containers. He mentioned plans to make

improvements to the attendant buildings at the Yard Waste Recycling Centers as well as improving signage at those locations. In addition, he would like to add some directional street signs near the Recycling Centers to help direct the public to the locations.

Website Upgrade

Mr. Detwiler then expressed his interest in hiring an outside company to redesign the District's website to make it more user-friendly and appear more professional. He feels the necessary upgrades could be made for about \$500.

Hendricks County Fairgrounds

Next, Mr. Detwiler stated that he has a meeting on Friday, January 19th with Mr. Gary Emsweller, executive director of the Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, about placing some benches at the fairgrounds made from recycled plastic. He mentioned that a number of questions needed to be answered including how the benches would be funded.

Long- Range Planning Committee

Mr. Detwiler mentioned his desire to again meet with the Long-Range Planning Committee to discuss the goals outlined in the District Plan and progress made toward the achievement of those goals. He listed the names of the members of that committee during 2006 and requested that the vacancy left by Mr. Waggoner be filled. Mrs. Palmer suggested allowing a Board member to volunteer to fill the position. Mr. Fivecoat graciously agreed to serve. Mr. Detwiler said that he would soon be contacting the committee members to schedule a meeting.

Mr. Detwiler concluded his report by mentioning that he had spoken with Christine Curtis from the Hendricks County Clean Water Department about a clean-up event they are planning for the end of April. She asked him to make the Commissioners aware that, like in 2006, she will be sending them a letter requesting some funds from the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund to help fund the clean-up event.

Mr. Whicker then asked Mr. Detwiler if benches like are being considered for the fairgrounds, could also be provided for parks in the county. Mr. Detwiler said that benches could certainly be added in other locations. Mrs. Palmer asked Lenn if he was thinking of purchasing the benches from a line item in the District's General Fund. He explained that he thought that would be an appropriate use of those funds as would the funds in the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund.

Before closing, Mr. Detwiler welcomed the new members to the District's Board of Directors.

Discussion

Next, Mr. Disney asked for a motion regarding the appointment of Mr. Fivecoat to the Long-Range Planning Committee. Mr. Whicker moved to appoint Mr. Fivecoat to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Waggoner. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Financial Report

Mrs. Haines then introduced herself to the new members and briefly outlined her capacity at the District. She offered to meet with any of the new Board members so she can answer any questions they might have and explain how she handles the District's finances.

Mrs. Haines began her report by informing the Board that she had been able to close-out the financials for 2006 prior to the meeting. First, she highlighted the Financial Facts Page showing the year-end figures for 2006. Next, she covered the Budget verses Actual printout and highlighted each section of the document. She then presented a printout that compared the revenues and expenditures from the 2006 General Fund with those from the 2005 General Fund. She explained that the Income Chart she provided compared 2006 to 2005. She pointed out that the District received less tipping fee income in 2006 than in 2005, but that the Yard Waste income had increased. Overall, income increased approximately \$4,000 in 2006 as compared to 2005. She pointed out that a copy of the 2007 budget was included in the financial packet for everyone to refer to when necessary.

Mr. Anderson then asked Mrs. Haines if the District had received some money from the West Central Solid Waste District when Hendricks County split from the multi-county district. Mrs. Haines explained that approximately \$100,000 that was in the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund when the separation was effective was then used to begin the Hendricks County Solid Waste District. Mr. Disney reminded the Board that Hendricks County contributed over a million dollars to the other four counties during the county's time with the West Central Indiana Solid Waste District.

After looking at the 2007 budget information, Mr. Guarnerly asked if a policy could be put in place to guarantee that a yearly cost-of-living adjustment would be made to staff wages and salaries. Mrs. Haines explained to him that last year, in order to reward the staff for the hard work they did getting the District established, the Board agreed to a 2% raise effective July 1, 2006 and another 2% raise effective January 1, 2007 in order to allow the employees to enjoy a portion of their raises earlier.

Mr. Whicker then moved to approve the claims paid through December 31, 2006 in the amount of \$23,635.35 as presented. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Next, Mr. Whicker moved to approve the claims paid through January 16, 2007 in the amount of \$4,041.59 as presented. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Mrs. Palmer then moved to approve the claims to be paid as of January 16, 2007 in the amount of \$5,697.44 as presented. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Finally, Mr. Anderson moved to approve the claims to be paid from the Special Projects Fund as of January 16, 2007 in the amount of \$1,032.01 as presented. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Discussion

Mr. Disney then explained to the new members that in 1990 when the solid waste districts were formed, each district was required to implement a plan that would reduce the amount of waste from that district being disposed of in final disposal facilities by 35% before 1996 and by 50% before 2000.

CAC Report

Mr. Davis suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Brad Hartz on behalf of the Board of Directors to recognize his service to the District. Mr. Davis mentioned that Mr. Hartz was instrumental during the initial setup of the District and put in a great deal of time and effort to ensure a smooth transition to a single-county district.

Next, Mr. Guarnerly made a motion to nominate Mr. Bob Waggoner to fill the vacant position on the Citizens' Advisory Committee. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Mr. Guarnerly then expressed his gratitude to Mr. Waggoner for making his transition to the Board easier by explaining the details of the District and introducing him to the District staff.

New Business

Election of Officers

Mr. Whicker opened the nominations for officers of the Board of Directors for 2007 by nominating Hursel Disney as President. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved 7-0-1 with Mr. Disney abstaining.

Next, Mrs. Palmer nominated Myron Anderson as Vice President. Mrs. Johnson seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved 7-0-1 with Mr. Anderson abstaining.

Mrs. Palmer then nominated David Whicker as Treasurer. Mr. Anderson seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved 7-0-1 with Mr. Whicker abstaining.

Mrs. Palmer nominated Daniel Fivecoat as Secretary. Mr. Anderson seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved 7-0-1 with Mr. Fivecoat abstaining.

Board Members' Comments, Concerns & Questions

Mr. Fivecoat mentioned to Mr. Detwiler that a meeting will be coming up with the Plainfield Town Council and the Park Board regarding the relocation of the Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center. He told Mr. Detwiler that the members were considering two or three different sites for the center and that as soon as he knew when the meeting was scheduled he would let him know so he could attend.

Mrs. Palmer told the Board that scheduling the Board meetings for the third Tuesday of each month was working well for the Commissioners. She thanked the Board for accommodating their busy schedules.

Per Mr. Disney's request, Mr. Detwiler brought the Board up-to-date regarding legislation being proposed that could redefine 'recycling' in Indiana to include waste-to-energy processes. He explained that redefining 'recycling' in that way would not only make Indiana the only state to include waste-to-energy processes in the definition, but it would make grant money currently available to solid waste districts from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management available to organizations interested in studying the establishment of waste-to-energy facilities in the state as well. He said that the Indiana Association of Solid Waste Districts and the Indiana Recycling Coalition are watching the legislation closely and he will keep the Board apprised of the legislation as it moves forward. Mr. Detwiler said that the Indiana Recycling Coalition has established a website with considerable information about the legislation. He said that he would send an email to the Board members with more information and a link to the Indiana Recycling Coalition's website.

Mr. Disney asked Mr. Detwiler if he had heard about a move to disband the solid waste districts in Indiana. Mr. Detwiler said that he had heard some rumblings about reorganizing the districts, but that he had not seen anything concrete about such a change.

There being no further business, Mrs. Palmer moved to adjourn at 5:05 pm. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Hursel C. Disney, President

Myron C. Anderson, Vice President

David A. Whicker, Treasurer

Daniel W. Fivecoat, Secretary

Phyllis A. Palmer

Ed Schrier

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