

## Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District

October 16, 2007

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 4:00 p.m. on October 16, 2007, at the Danville Town Hall.

President Hursel Disney opened the meeting and asked Mr. Whicker to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken and members in attendance were:

Hursel Disney	David Whicker	Phyllis Palmer
Beverley Austin	William Guarnerly	Nancy Johnson *
Eric Wathen		

Members not present were:

Daniel Fivecoat	Myron Anderson
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\*at this point Mrs. Johnson joined the meeting

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Shirley Duncan	Amy Siefertman
Debbie Haines	Gary Eakin	Eileen Hack
Jill Hoffman	Bill Hahn	

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Whicker moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Guarnerly moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 11, 2007 as presented. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0-1 with Mr. Whicker abstaining as he was not present at the meeting.

### **Presentation by the Eagle Creek Watershed Alliance**

Mr. Detwiler introduced Mrs. Jill Hoffman of the Eagle Creek Watershed Alliance. He explained that he saw "Recycling for Water Quality" presentation when the Alliance came before the Boone County Solid Waste Management District Board. He noted that he was impressed with the mission of the Alliance and the information Ms. Hoffman had to share and thought this board would find it helpful.

Ms. Hoffmann began her presentation by explaining the makeup and mission of the Eagle Creek Watershed Alliance. Ms. Hoffman noted that common storm

water management practices have had a negative impact on the quantity and quality of groundwater in our communities. She explained how utilizing Low Impact Development (LID) principles in the future could help the watershed as well as utilize recycled products in the construction of the storm water management structures.

She explained that the Alliance recognizes not only the commitment that solid waste districts have to clean water and recycling, but that the district boards are made up of individuals who are leaders serving in other critical roles. She ended her presentation by thanking the Board for their time and stating that she would like to make the same presentation to other decision-making bodies in the community.

### **Director's Report**

#### **Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center**

Mr. Detwiler began his report by updating the Board regarding the Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center. He explained that he was able to meet with Don and Jim Groninger and that they tentatively agreed to lease the District land on north Center street on which to construct a yard waste recycling facility. He noted that they agreed to a five year lease in the amount of \$535 per month.

Mr. Detwiler added that he spoke with Jason Castetter from Plainfield DPW regarding what the Town might be willing to do in exchange for access to the site. Mr. Castetter seemed optimistic that the Town would be willing to share some of the costs, but was unsure of any specifics without conferring with the Town Council.

After some discussion, Mrs. Palmer moved to have Mr. Detwiler draw up a lease for a portion of the Groninger property and to work with the town of Plainfield regarding cost sharing options. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

After the motion was approved Mrs. Austin asked approximately how much would need to be spent to get the site ready. Mr. Detwiler stated that the site is on a hard surface and no gravel would be needed as would be required if the site were to be located on raw ground. He added that getting the bins constructed would be the largest expense and would cost approximately \$8,000.

#### **Tox-Away Day**

Mr. Detwiler then reported that the Tox-Away Day held on October 13<sup>th</sup> was utilized by 495 participants. He noted that the total for the year was 1822 participants; an increase of almost 39% over 2006. This year saw 510 more participants than last year. Mr. Disney asked Mr. Detwiler what kind of remarks he was getting from the residents. Mr. Detwiler answered that people are overwhelmingly thankful for the program.

## **Financial Report**

Mrs. Haines began her report by explaining that a District employee that is enrolled in a flexible spending account program did not spend the entire amount withheld from her paychecks in 2006. Mrs. Haines noted that the District received a refund check in the amount of \$44.58 and wanted permission to refund that money to the employee. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that since the money was deducted from the employee's paycheck on a pretax basis that Mrs. Haines should do some research regarding the appropriate way to handle the refunded amount. Mrs. Haines agreed to do so.

(Mrs. Palmer left the meeting at this time.)

Next, Mrs. Haines highlighted the fact that she had included a section pertaining to the Rainy Day Fund at the bottom of the Financial Fact Sheet and will continue to do that in the future. Next, she pointed out on the Income Chart and noted that for the year the District's Tipping Fee Income is down approximately 10% from the budgeted amount. She also highlighted the fact that she included a Budget verses Actual spreadsheet and a sheet comparing the first nine months of 2007 to the same time period in 2006.

Mr. Whicker moved to approve the pre-paid claims in the amount of \$19,167.38 as presented. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

Next, Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the claims to be paid in the amount of \$48,366.63 as presented. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

## **Discussion**

Mr. Guarnerly mentioned that he was very impressed with the updated grant program outlined in the information sent to the Board for their review. He asked Mr. Eakin if the score sheets used by the review committee would be sent to each applicant after the scoring process was completed. Mr. Eakin stated that if an applicant is rejected, the completed score sheets could be requested so the applicant might identify areas where the application could be improved.

Mr. Whicker then asked Mr. Eakin about the nature of the agreement between the landfill and the Town of Danville by which the town receives tipping fee revenue. Mr. Eakin explained that the Community Host Agreement Mr. Whicker was referring to is by and between the Town of Danville and Waste Management. Mr. Whicker confirmed that the agreement is a matter of public record; Mr. Eakin agreed that it is.

**New Business**

Mr. Detwiler asked the Board Members if they wished to continue to hold the Board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Whicker asked if the Board needed to meet every month. Mr. Disney said he thought so to at least approve the claims. It was the consensus of the Board that the meetings will continue to be held the third Tuesday of each month in 2008.

Mr. Detwiler asked if the Board members would like to again have a dinner meeting in December as a way to wrap up the year and celebrate the holiday season. He noted that the December meeting would be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> as previously scheduled, but that the location would likely be moved to the Plainfield Recreation and Aquatic Center and the time would be moved from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Detwiler should make the necessary arrangements.

Lastly, Mr. Detwiler asked for the Board's approval of the updated grant procedures and application. He explained that if the Board was comfortable with the new guidelines that the District could begin accepting grant applications November 1<sup>st</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup> and make the first round of awards by the end of March. He added that applications could then again be accepted from April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> with the second round of awards announced by September 30<sup>th</sup>. It was the consensus of the Board that the District should proceed with the updated grant program in the timeline Mr. Detwiler outlined.

Mrs. Johnson asked Mrs. Sieferman how her education programs were going. Mrs. Sieferman responded that she was seeing a lot of new faces which must mean that the teachers are talking to one another about the programs.

There being no further business, Mr. Guarnerly moved to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

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