

## Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District

March 20, 2007

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 4:00 p.m. on March 20, 2007, at the Danville Town Hall.

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

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were:

Hursel Disney	Daniel Fivecoat
David Whicker	Nancy Johnson
Beverley Austin	

Members not present were:

Phyllis Palmer	Ed Schrier
Myron Anderson	William Guarnery

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Shirley Duncan
Amy Sieferman	Gary Eakin
Greg Steuerwald	Jim Davis
Ed Gaddie	Robert Waggoner
Calvin Davidson	Brad Eisenhart
Troy Smith	Greg Scarpone

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Fivecoat moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Whicker moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 20, 2007 as presented. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0-1. Mr. Disney abstained from the vote as he was not present at that meeting.

## **Educator's Report**

Mrs. Sieferman began her report by distributing calendars showing her schedule for April. She invited the Board members to attend any of her programs. She pointed out that she has many scavenger hunts scheduled in the next few weeks. She explained that the scavenger hunts are popular with the classes in the spring and provide a good way to review the topics she has taught them in the classroom.

Next, Mrs. Sieferman stated that the Hendricks County Lawn & Garden Show will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> and that the District plans to have a display at the show. The display will focus on grasscycling, composting and worm composting. Mrs. Sieferman also reminded the Board that Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Arbor Day is April 27<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that the Hendricks County Clean Up Event through the Clean Water Partnership will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Sieferman then explained that she and Mr. Detwiler had been discussing an Anti-Litter Campaign they would like to kick-off in the fall. As part of that campaign, they are planning a one day event at Metropolis in Plainfield on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Tentatively, the event would consist of a recycled art contest, an exhibit of some of the trash picked up during the clean up event held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and presentations from raptor rehabilitators, Billy B. and the Zoomobile from the Indy Zoo. She said she hopes to also have roadside cleanup kits that resident can borrow to clean up areas around the county. She explained that they were still in the planning process and would welcome suggestions from Board members regarding the event. She said that they plan to have more specifics at the next meeting.

Mrs. Austin offered to help in the planning of the Anti-Litter Event and suggested that the District display the winning recycled art submissions at some other local events like the Avon Heritage Festival and the art show held by the Central Indiana Artists.

### **Director's Report**

#### **Resolutions**

Mr. Detwiler began his report by reminding the members that a memo and copies of two resolutions were mailed out with their packets. He explained that the resolutions pertain to grants held by the Indiana Household Hazardous Waste Task Force, of which the District is a member. In order to be eligible for the grant funds IDEM requires that district boards pass resolutions agreeing to participate. As an example, Mr. Detwiler explained that he purchased 96 digital thermometers to exchange with residents bringing mercury thermometers to Tox-Away Days this year. The Mercury Hub Grant available through the Task Force will pay for 75% of the cost of the digital thermometers.

Mr. Whicker then moved to approve Resolution 2007-02 as presented. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

Next, Mrs. Austin moved to approve Resolution 2007-03 as presented. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

#### **Long-Range Planning**

Mr. Detwiler then explained that the Long-Range Planning Committee met on March 13<sup>th</sup> to further the discussion of saving money now for the District's future. He went on to say that after getting input from the State Board of Accounts and Greg Steuerwald, the committee believed that establishing a Rainy Day Fund would be the

most appropriate way to set money aside for the future. Under current state code, 10% of an organization's annual budget could be set aside. He explained that the committee considered a few different investment scenarios and that such a fund could grow to 3 or 4 million dollars over the next 20 or 25 years. Mr. Detwiler stated that he was asking the Board for authorization for the committee to begin drafting a resolution to establish the Rainy Day Fund.

Mr. Disney said that he would like for the Long-Range Planning Committee to bring some suggestions to the Board as to how the fund could be set-up. He explained that he believes that Hendricks County is fortunate to have this Board that is planning for the future and that providing revenue for the District to operate without burdening the tax payers is vitally important.

Mr. Fivecoat moved to give the Long-Range Planning Committee approval to develop plans to establish the Rainy Day Fund. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

### CycleMax Containers

Mr. Detwiler then reminded the Board that at the February meeting he was asked to research recycling containers that Jim Parker had offered the District. The containers would be made available to organizations to use to collect recyclables during events. Mr. Detwiler brought one of the containers that Mr. Parker had offered the District. He explained that the containers offered by Mr. Parker would work well in semi-permanent settings like a gymnasium, break room or fellowship hall, but are not conducive to being transported, set-up and torn-down on a regular basis.

Mr. Detwiler explained that the CycleMax containers were much easier to handle and more convenient to transport. He provided the Board with a page outlining three purchase options. He explained that the prices listed on the sheets did include shipping and the number of units shown on the page would be in addition to the five units the District already owns. Mr. Whicker asked Mr. Detwiler which option he was recommending. Mr. Detwiler answered that Option 2, which called for purchasing 25 more CycleMax units and 300 bags, would provide enough containers for the District to handle some medium-sized events and that if necessary more units could be added later.

Mr. Whicker asked Jim Davis and Calvin Davidson if Waste Management and Ray's Trash Service pick up recyclables at special events where the CycleMax units might be used. Mr. Davis and Mr. Davidson both answered that their companies are able to pick up recyclables at such events.

A discussion then followed regarding managing recyclables that are in bags. Mr. Davidson explained that while plastic bags are very recyclable, they present a problem when they are placed in recycling bins full of bottles and cans because then those bags must be broken open in order to process their contents. He added that clean bags, shrink wrap and other films are recyclable, but that bags that have contained bottles and cans are generally too contaminated with liquids to be recycled.

Mr. Whicker then moved for the District to purchase 25 CycleMax containers and 300 bags in the amount of \$1373.00. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

### Updates

Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that the first Tox-Away Day of 2007 would be held on March 31st at the Brownsburg High School from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. He explained that he purchased advertising space on a billboard in Brownsburg advertising the Tox-Away Day and that the office had received several calls as a direct result of the billboard. He said that he plans to purchase more billboard space in the other towns hosting Tox-Away Days later in the year. He passed around one of the digital thermometers that will be used in the exchange program and explained his hope that the exchange will drive some first time visitors to Tox-Away Days.

Mr. Detwiler mentioned that the Yard Waste Recycling Centers will open the first week of April. Mr. Disney asked if all of the Yard Waste Recycling Center attendants would be returning. Mr. Detwiler explained that one of the attendants would not be returning. He noted that the schedules of the other attendants had been adjusted to cover for the vacancy for this year. Mr. Fivecoat then explained that once the Plainfield Center was relocated to the Re-Entry Facility that the District would still need to staff the center. In addition, Mr. Fivecoat noted that the Town would be purchasing two new backhoes in the near future. He said that he intended to make a motion at an upcoming Town Council meeting that would authorize the Town to donate of its used backhoes to the yard waste recycling program.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Detwiler then delivered the Financial Report since Debbie Haines was not able to attend the meeting. He began by explaining that a CD at Union Federal Bank matured on February 27th in the amount of \$187,650.09. Additional funds were added

and a new CD was purchased at Sky Bank in the amount of \$275,000 for 24 months at a rate of 5.20%.

Mr. Detwiler then moved onto the Income Chart and highlighted the fact that tipping fee income for the month of February was substantially lower. Mr. Eisenhart explained that the majority of the drop-off was due to the poor weather conditions that closed the Twin Bridges RDF for more than a day during the month.

Mr. Whicker moved to approve the claims to be paid in the amount of \$26,275.46 as presented. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

Next, Mr. Detwiler presented the register of paid claims. He noted that the register reflected the additional funds that were added to the CD that was renewed at the beginning of the month. Mr. Whicker moved to approve the claims paid in the amount of \$94,694.45 as presented. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

Lastly, Mr. Detwiler mentioned that two claims to be paid from the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund were received shortly before the meeting. One of the claims was to pay Waste Management for roadside clean up in the amount of \$106.36. The other claim, in the amount of \$3013.20, was to provide T-shirts to volunteers participating in the Hendricks County Clean Up Event being held in April. Mr. Detwiler explained that with the Board's permission Mrs. Haines could pay the claims. Mrs. Johnson moved to approve those claims to be paid from the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund. Mrs. Austin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

## **Old Business**

### **IWM Consulting Group**

Mr. Disney explained that he felt the Board should receive a legal opinion from the State Board of Accounts as to whether the District should even consider funding the Brownfields Survey proposed by IWM Consulting Group.

Mr. Eakin explained that Todd Austin at the State Board of Accounts referred him to the state statute outlining the powers of the solid waste district boards and suggested that the District's attorney, Mr. Steuerwald, advise the Board further. Mr. Eakin continued that he believes that the statute leaves room for interpretation. He added that when he pressed Mr. Austin regarding what the State Board of Accounts would do if the Board allowed an expense the SBOA did not approve of that Mr. Austin responded that he did not know what action the SBOA would take. Mr. Eakin explained that he feels that Brownfields Survey is a worthwhile project, that there is sufficient money in both the District's General Fund and the Special Project Fund to purchase the Brownfields Survey. Mr. Disney asked Mr. Eakin if he was speaking as a resident of Hendricks County, Danville Town Manager or a member of the CAC. Mr. Eakin answered that he was speaking as a resident of Hendricks County.

Mr. Disney stated that he would like Mr. Steuerwald to further research the situation and provide the Board with a report outlining the legality of funding such a project. He added that he believes the Board needs to be particularly careful as it moves forward and that he does not intend to repeat past experiences involving grand jury investigations. Mr. Steuerwald agreed to give the Board an analysis of the situation.

Mr. Whicker highlighted the fact that the motion that was passed regarding the Brownfields Survey during the February meeting referred the project to the Commissioners for a decision about the proper funding source. Mr. Whicker noted that Mike Graham was to research whether or not the County Health Department already had some of the information that would be obtained via the survey. He added that the Commissioners had not made any decisions regarding the project.

Mr. Disney reiterated that he did not want to again be involved in a situation where the use of funds is questioned. Mr. Whicker stated that he would vote 'no' on any motion where the appropriateness of any expenditure could be questioned.

There being no further business, Mr. Fivecoat moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

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