

## **Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District**

**July 25, 2006**

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 2006, at the Danville Town Hall.

Vice President Robert Waggoner opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Greg Steuerwald offered a prayer. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Members in attendance were:

Robert Waggoner	David Whicker
Phyllis Palmer	Ed Schrier
Paul Hardin	

Members not present were:

Hursel Disney	Myron Anderson
Eva Yackey	Daniel Fivecoat

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Amy Siefertman	Shirley Duncan
Doug Morris	Greg Steuerwald	Gary Eakin
Ed Gaddie	Cathy Grindstaff	Vonnie Kenney

### **Approval of Agenda**

David Whicker moved to approve the agenda as presented. Paul Hardin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Phyllis Palmer moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. David Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

### **Doug Morris, IT Report**

Mr. Morris began his report by informing the Board that Mr. Detwiler had requested that he re-search the purchase of a laptop computer and a projector for District use. Mr. Morris distributed detailed quotes he obtained from Dell. He added that based on his research and experience, he felt comfortable

recommending the equipment and the pricing offered by Dell.

David Whicker moved to purchase the laptop, software and projector per Mr. Morris' recommendations, in the amount of \$2980.99. Paul Hardin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

### **Director's Report**

#### **2007 Tox Away Days**

Mr. Detwiler began his report by informing the Board that the contractor the District currently uses for its Tox-Away Days, NuGenesis, is interested in scheduling dates for 2007 Tox-Away Days. Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that NuGenesis has agreed to lock-in its current rates with the District through 2008. Mr. Detwiler explained that while a request for proposal could be done to compare services and prices with other contractors, doing so might jeopardize the current pricing offered by NuGenesis. Mr. Detwiler asked the Board members if they wanted him to do a request for proposal for future Tox-Away Days, or if the District should continue to contract with NuGenesis. Mr. Detwiler was asked if he was satisfied with the performance of NuGenesis to this point, he answered that NuGenesis had done a great job and that Mr. Parker was very good to work with.

After a short discussion, Mr. Schrier moved that the District should continue to contract with NuGenesis for Tox-Away Days at the current pricing structure through 2008. Paul Hardin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

#### **Long Range Planning**

Mr. Detwiler began this portion of his report by reminding the Board members that a committee was selected to discuss future plans for the District. The committee met on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Detwiler explained that one of goals of the committee was to better outline the roles and purposes of the Board of Directors, the CAC and District staff. The committee members also believe it would be advantageous to reevaluate the current programs the District is sponsoring to look for ways to improve those that are viable, and possibly eliminate those programs that do not benefit the District or its residents.

Mr. Detwiler also mentioned that the idea of holding a half-day Board member retreat might be beneficial as well. He indicated that the committee plans to consider that idea further.

### Billboards

Mr. Detwiler reported that two billboards from Clear Channel Outdoor were in place and that they will be rotated to different locations throughout the county every 4 weeks. He explained that one of the billboards is currently located near Gilley's Antique Mall on US 40 in Plainfield, and that the other one is located near the Subway store on US 36 in Avon. Mr. Detwiler passed around a picture of what the billboards look like for the Board members to see.

### 4H County Fair

Mr. Detwiler reported that the District did have a booth located in the exposition hall at the fair this week. He invited everyone to come out to see it. He mentioned that Mrs. Sieferman would be giving 3 different adult presentations during the fair. He also explained that people who stopped by the booth during the fair were being asked to complete a recycling survey. Mr. Detwiler stated that he was encouraged by the response to the booth. Mr. Waggoner asked Mr. Detwiler if any of the Board members had been out to the booth yet. Mr. Detwiler responded that a couple Board members had stopped by on Sunday when he was working.

### Discussion

Before Mr. Detwiler was finished with his report Mr. Schrier suggested a topic for the long range planning committee to consider. He explained that he would like the committee to consider the District providing curbside recycling to some households on a promotional basis to encourage more participation in the program. Mr. Schrier asked Mr. Detwiler to include that topic in discussions of the long range planning committee.

Mr. Hardin asked if serious consideration should be given to changing the name of the District to eliminate some of the confusion regarding the District's mission. Mr. Detwiler said he had thought about doing just that, but that since we not only encourage the public to recycle, but also to reduce, reuse and properly dispose of household hazardous waste, a more appropriate and succinct name would be difficult to come by.

## **Financial Report**

Mrs. Haines began her report by explaining the Financial Facts Summary which showed the amount of cash on-hand, in checking, and invested in CD's. Mr. Hardin asked her to explain the cash on-hand. She explained that that figure accounted for the cash the yard waste attendants maintain at the recycling center offices to make change for users of the centers as well as \$100 of petty cash that the Director keeps at the office.

Next Mrs. Haines presented the year-to-date budget verses actual comparison through June 30, 2006. Mr. Schrier asked if the salary increase passed during the June meeting had any effect on the 2006 budget. Mrs. Haines said that no changes needed to be made to the 2006 budget as there was enough money in the Personal Services line item to cover the increases.

Mrs. Haines then pointed out the large expenditure listed for the Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center and explained that since it is the largest and most used of the three sites, it is costing more money to operate. She mentioned that toward the end of the year, money may need to be moved between different line items, but no action was required at this time.

She then explained the General Fund comparison from June 30, 2005, to June 30, 2006. She reminded the Board that the office had only been operating a couple months by this time last year, so the year-to-date expenditures for 2005 were understandably lower.

Next Mrs. Haines presented the income chart for the General Fund showing the tipping fee income and the Yard Waste Recycling Center income so far this year as compared to 2005.

## **Claims**

Mr. Schrier moved to approve the pre-paid claims in the amount of \$13,779.17 as presented. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

Mr. Whicker moved to approve the claims to be paid in the amount of \$20,798.80 as presented. Mr. Hardin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

## **Public Hearing on 2007 Budget**

Mr. Waggoner announced the beginning of the Public Hearing regarding the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District 2007 Budget.

A comparison budget sheet had been prepared and distributed by Mr. Detwiler outlining a proposed budget for 2007. He indicated to the Board that changes recommended by the CAC were reflected in that budget.

A member of the public asked the Board why it was necessary to advertise the District on billboards. Mr. Hardin explained that the billboards are intended to make the public more aware of the mission of the District and services it provides. Mrs. Palmer went on to explain that the District is new and that advertising makes the public aware of where the facilities are located, what information and services are offered and the District's contact information.

There being no further discussion, the Public Hearing on the 2007 Budget was closed at 4:40 p.m.

#### **Public Comment**

Ms. Vonnie Kenney, a resident of Plainfield, addressed the Board regarding the rates charged at the Yard Waste Recycling Centers. She explained that she was concerned that the price charged for a bag of yard waste was disproportionate to the rates charged for a pick-up truck load. She felt that the price charged for a small bag of yard waste should be reduced to encourage more residents to participate in the program. After a short discussion, she asked the Board to reconsider the pricing structure currently used at the Yard Waste Recycling Centers.

Mr. Waggoner thanked Ms. Kenney for taking the time and making the effort to come to the meeting and address the Board on a subject that she feels passionate about. He said that her idea was something to be considered. Mr. Detwiler mentioned that the topic would be considered by the long range planning committee as it reevaluates the District's programs.

There being no further business, Phyllis Palmer moved to adjourn at 4:55 pm. Paul Hardin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

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