

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

**August 22, 2006**

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2006, at the Danville Town Hall.

President Hursel Disney opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members in attendance were:

Hursel Disney	Robert Waggoner	David Whicker
Ed Schrier	Phyllis Palmer	Paul Hardin
Eva Yackey	Daniel Fivecoat	

Members not present were:

Myron Anderson

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Amy Siefertman	Shirley Duncan
Brad Eisenhart	Calvin Davidson	Gary Eakin

### **Approval of Agenda**

Eva Yackey moved to approve the agenda as presented. David Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

David Whicker moved to approve the minutes from the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Paul Hardin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 5-0-3. Eva Yackey, Hursel Disney and Daniel Fivecoat abstained from the vote as they were not present at the July meeting.

### **Adoption of 2007 Budget**

David Whicker then moved to adopt the budgets for the 2007 General Fund and the 2007 Special Projects Fund as presented. Robert Waggoner seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

## **Educator's Report**

Mrs. Sieferman began her report by distributing copies of a brochure entitled "Let's Talk Trash" that outlined all of the in-school programs available through the District. She mailed the brochure to all elementary school teachers as well as consumer science and family science teachers in the upper grade levels. She explained that the mailing was sent out around the middle of August and that 151 programs had already been scheduled. Mrs. Sieferman told the Board that she has added 10 new programs this year and that the teachers seem to be very excited about them. She also mentioned that a promotional postcard for the Billy B. program was included in the mailing and that schools have until Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> to sign-up for that event.

Mr. Disney asked Mrs. Sieferman how the individuals that attended her programs at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair responded. She said that participation varied between the workshops, but that people seemed to enjoy her programs. She mentioned that one of her programs was scheduled at the same time the 4-H participants were showing their hogs. She laughingly reported that her program must have taken second place to the hogs for that particular afternoon since attendance was low.

## **Director's Report**

### *Hendricks County 4-H Fair*

Mr. Detwiler began by reminding the Board that the District had a manned booth on display in the Exposition Hall during the week of the county fair. He said that the response was very good from the public and that 541 copies of the Recycling Guide were distributed as well as 1,911 wrist bands for the kids that came by. Mr. Detwiler reported that the public also seemed excited about the hammock drawing. Many people who stopped by were intrigued by the fact that the hammock was made from recycled soda bottles. Residents were asked to fill out a recycling survey in order to enter the drawing to win the hammock. Mr. Detwiler stated that 272 surveys were filled out. He distributed a handout that outlined the results of the survey to the Board.

### *Tox-Away Day*

Mr. Detwiler went on to report that the Tox-Away Day held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Avon High School was also a success with 271 vehicles passing through the event in five hours. He reported that 781 vehicles have utilized the Tox-Away Days so far this year. He mentioned that at the current rate, the 2006 Tox-Away Day participation figures will eclipse last year's figures by nearly 100 cars. Mr. Detwiler also mentioned that the last Tox-Away Day for 2006 will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Plainfield High School.

### Presentations

Next, Mr. Detwiler reported that he gave a presentation to the Danville Optimists' Club on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the request of Mr. Disney. He mentioned that he used the new laptop computer and projector approved by the Board at the last meeting, and said that it served him well. He also expressed his interest in speaking to more groups in the future. He requested that if anyone belonged to any clubs or organizations that would be interested in having him speak to them, to let him know and he would be happy to oblige. Mr. Detwiler said that he was in the process of contacting some of the organizations himself to see if they would be interested.

### Plainfield Yard Waste Site

Mr. Detwiler informed the Board that he met with Jason Castetter from the Town of Plainfield about moving the existing Yard Waste Recycling Center to property the town recently acquired just north of the Plainfield Recreation and Aquatic Center located on Vestal Road. Mr. Detwiler further explained that the location is very close to White Lick Creek and might be located in a flood plain. If that is the case, approval may be needed from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency before the site could be used as a Yard Waste Recycling Center. He also mentioned that Mr. Castetter stressed the fact that it was a proposed location and that the final decision had not yet been made.

### Discussion

Mr. Whicker asked Mr. Detwiler if he felt the District's presence at the County Fair was worthwhile. Mr. Detwiler answered that he definitely thought so. He explained that the fair was a great way for the District to raise awareness of their mission. In addition, he said that the event gave residents an opportunity to pose questions they might not otherwise ask. Mr. Detwiler also mentioned that the Avon Heritage Festival was coming up at the end of September and that the District would possibly have an exhibit there as well. That event would be another great opportunity to distribute more recycling guides and answer questions from the public.

Mr. Disney said that although there was a small group at the Danville Optimist meeting, that they were very impressed with Mr. Detwiler and the presentation. Mr. Disney encouraged anyone belonging to an organization that might need some "entertainment" to get in touch with Mr. Detwiler. Mr. Detwiler rebutted that he was not sure how 'entertaining' his presentation might be, but he would welcome the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Whicker mentioned that he recently utilized the Recycling Drop-off Center in Coatesville and asked Mr. Detwiler if those sites stay relatively clean. Mr. Detwiler answered that the Recycling Drop-off Centers stay maintained thanks to the efforts of Adopting Groups assigned to them. He explained that those groups monitor the sites and pick-up trash from the locations. The Coatesville site is maintained by the Coatesville Volunteer Fire Department, and the Lizton site is maintained by the Tri-West Middle School Renaissance Group. He explained that each Adopting Group is paid \$100 a month for their services. In turn, the groups maintain the locations and submit a report from the sites each month outlining the time members spent there and the condition of the site. The fees paid to the Adopting Groups then help fund their operations and activities.

### **Financial Report**

Mrs. Haines began her report by mentioning that the Financial Fact Summary generally does not change much from month to month but she did point out that the balance in the bank is \$114,818.47. She recommended to the Board that at least \$60,000 be invested in a short-term CD.

Paul Hardin moved to invest \$60,000 into a short-term CD. Phyllis Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Next, Mrs. Haines explained the report that outlines the year-to-date Budget vs. Actual figures through July, 2006. She pointed out the need to transfer some funds from the Household Hazardous Waste, Danville Yard Waste Recycling Center and Auto Repairs and Maintenance line items to the Office Equipment Repairs and Maintenance, Brownsburg Yard Waste Recycling Center and Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center line items. Mrs. Haines explained that the transfers were necessary because the costs of cleaning out the Brownsburg and Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Centers have exceeded expectations. She also explained unexpected costs arose from maintenance testing that needed to be done on the security system at the District office. In addition, existing fire extinguishers were serviced and three new fire extinguishers were purchased for the Yard Waste Recycling Centers.

Eva Yackey moved to approve the \$16,200.00 of line item transfers in the General Fund as recommended by Mrs. Haines. Paul Hardin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Next, Mrs. Haines highlighted the fact that if the final disposal fee income received by the District does not increase significantly over the next few months that the District will not meet its revenue projection for the year. She explained that if the current trend continues, the revenue from final disposal fees will be about \$30,000 less than what was projected for the year. Mr. Whicker asked Calvin Davidson of Ray's Trash Service, if the waste management businesses commonly experienced seasonal fluctuations in the amount of trash processed. Mr. Davidson explained that the seasons absolutely have an impact on the amount of waste handled and disposed of. He added that recent higher prices for recyclables is also having an effect because the prices are encouraging people to recycle more aluminum, scrap metal and other materials rather than throwing them away.

### Claims

Mr. Whicker moved to approve the pre-paid claims in the amount of \$16,549.46 as presented. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Mr. Whicker also moved to approve the claims to be paid in the amount of \$52,284.82 as presented. Mr. Hardin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Mrs. Haines then explained that Judy from the County Commissioners' office forwarded a bill payable to Advance Recycling Services for the clean up of Mr. Willard Collier's property in Stilesville. The claim had previously been approved by the Commissioners. Mr. Hardin moved to approve the claim from the Special Projects Fund in the amount of \$425.00. Eva Yackey seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

### Old Business

Next, Mr. Schrier asked for the Board to consider an idea he proposed at the July meeting. He reminded the Board that he would like to implement a program to encourage more residents to utilize curbside recycling. He suggested that one possible way the District could accomplish this would be by subsidizing the cost of curbside recycling for new subscribers for a period of time. Calvin Davidson of Ray's Trash Service was asked about the feasibility of such a promotion. Mr. Davidson said that many variables such as demographics, the size of the houses in the area, and the density of other users greatly impact participation rates. He explained that the successes or failures of curbside recycling programs are quite difficult to predict. He added that in his experience some areas in the county where he thought curbside programs would be successful, the programs have done poorly and that the reverse is also true—some areas where he predicted low participation rates have turned out to do quite well.

After some discussion, Mr. Schrier explained that he believes that the District has an opportunity to have a greater impact on the amount of waste being diverted from the landfill by implementing unique programs and approaches apart from the activities the District is currently doing.

Mr. Waggoner then expressed his desire to see the District begin to set money aside into a fund that could be used to generate interest which could support future operations of the District when the landfill is no longer in operation. He explained that the idea was first posed at the Long-Range Planning meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Detwiler explained that the idea was similar to a plan representatives of the Town of Danville have implemented with revenue the town receives from the Twin Bridges Recycling and Disposal Facility.

Mr. Davidson said that he would like to work with Mrs. Siefertman to create a promotional program where Ray's Trash Service could supply the District with some certificates Mrs. Siefertman could distribute to her students to take home to their parents. The certificates would grant the household free curbside recycling service for six months or a year. Mr. Davidson said that the program could be tracked to see if those same households maintain the subscription once they are required to pay for the service themselves.

Mr. Disney then asked Mr. Davidson how badly the Recycling Drop-off Centers at Lizton and Coatesville are abused by people leaving items that are not intended for those locations. Mr. Davidson responded that the sites have been at those locations for a long time and so he was unsure if he is simply used to seeing the contamination or if it is in fact less severe than it has been in the past. He added that abuse of the sites tends to vary based on the time of the year and the prices offered for recycled materials.

Mr. Hardin asked Mr. Davidson why cardboard is not accepted in the curbside recycling program. Mr. Davidson explained that cardboard takes up too much space in the trucks that pick up the materials resulting in the company's costs increasing because the trucks have to make more return trips to the processing facility to unload. Mr. Davidson added that in the near future glass may no longer be accepted via the program because of the damage it does to the machinery that processes the recyclables.

### **Board of Directors' Comments, Concerns & Questions**

Mr. Hardin asked Mr. Eisenhart from Waste Management what happens to the methane gas that is produced and captured at the landfill. Mr. Eisenhart explained that Wabash Valley Power Cooperative owns two electricity generating plants on-site at the landfill. Waste Management sells the methane to Wabash Valley Power Cooperative which then converts that gas into electricity. Mr. Eisenhart explained that Waste Management does make a small amount of revenue from the sale of the gas, but that the greater advantage to the company is the tax credits it receives from the Federal Government for participating in the project.

There being no further business, Eva Yackey moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 pm. Mr. Waggoner seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

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Hursel C. Disney, President

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Robert Waggoner, Vice President

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David A. Whicker, Treasurer

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