

## Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District

September 26, 2006

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 4:00 p.m. on September 26, 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 A. Whicker
Phyllis Palmer	Paul Hardin	Eva Yackey
Daniel Fivecoat		

Members not present were:

Ed Schrier	Myron Anderson
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Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Amy Siefertman	Shirley Duncan
Calvin Davidson	Jim Davis	Greg Steuerwald
Nevada Matthews		

### **Approval of Agenda**

Eva Yackey moved to approve the agenda as presented. Daniel Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Eva Yackey moved to approve the minutes from August 22, 2006, with a noted correction. David Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

### **Educator's Report**

Mrs. Siefertman began her report by distributing September and October calendars showing the programs she had both done and scheduled. She reported that so far this school year she has visited 10 different schools and presented to 890 students in 35 classes. Mrs. Siefertman informed the Board that most of the school year is already booked, but that she is still getting requests for programs. She indicated that she is trying to accommodate those new requests as best she can.

### Education Advisory Board

Mrs. Sieferman continued by telling the Board that she has assembled an Education Advisory Board that she will begin to work with to garner feedback on her current programs. In addition, she is seeking input from the group as she develops future programs and activities. The first meeting of the Education Advisory Board is on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the District office.

### Billy B Program

Next, Mrs. Sieferman informed the Board that some changes had to be made regarding the Billy B program scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>. Most of the schools that were interested in attending the performance were unable to schedule additional field trips for the current school year. Many teachers must now schedule field trips up to a year in advance. Mrs. Sieferman reported that to better accommodate the schools, the performer will be traveling to Pittsboro Elementary and Sycamore Elementary in Avon. North Salem Elementary and St. Suzanna School in Plainfield are willing and able to travel to Pittsboro for the program, so those students will be able to enjoy the performance as well.

### Storm Drain Marking Project

Mrs. Sieferman then reminded the Board that she is working with Christine Curtis of the Hendricks County Clean Water Department on an upcoming Storm Drain Marking Program. She distributed some magnets and information about the project to the Board.

### Hendricks County Fairgrounds

Mrs. Sieferman continued by mentioning that Gary Emsweller, Executive Director of the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, expressed interest in placing recycled-content benches at the fairgrounds. She said that Mr. Emsweller asked her if the District would be interested in participating in such a project. Mrs. Sieferman reported that she told him that money from the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund could possibly be used in that manner. The board asked Mr. Steuerwald to determine if such a purchase would be an appropriate use of money in the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund.

## **Director's Report**

### **Scheduled Meeting Dates**

Mr. Detwiler began his report by informing the Board that he would be attending the National Recycling Coalition Annual Congress and Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia on the date of the October meeting. He asked the Board members if they wished to reschedule the meeting to another date or leave it scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup>. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the October meeting as scheduled. He said that he was looking forward to attending the conference and felt it would be a great opportunity to learn a lot.

Mr. Detwiler continued by highlighting the dates for the November and December Board meetings. He suggested that since the meetings are currently scheduled near Thanksgiving and Christmas that perhaps the meetings could be combined into one dinner meeting which could be scheduled on a more convenient date. Such a meeting would allow District Board members, CAC members, staff and spouses to enjoy a meal together to wrap up the year. Mr. Disney asked Mr. Steuerwald what steps would need to be taken to handle the changes in meeting dates and locations. Mr. Steuerwald said that staff would need to notify the newspapers of the change of date and location and post a meeting agenda at the Town Hall where the Board meetings are generally held.

Mr. Disney requested that the decision regarding the November and December Board meetings be handled during the October Board meeting.

### **Yard Waste Recycling Center Pricing**

Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board members that in July a resident of Plainfield addressed them concerning the prices being charged to residents bringing small amounts of material to the District's Yard Waste Recycling Centers. Mr. Detwiler said that he had spoken to a number of Board and CAC members about the issue. He requested the Board's permission to draft a memo to the Yard Waste Recycling Center attendants instructing them use their best judgment when assessing charges on small amounts of material brought to the facilities and to make the prices proportionate to the fees assessed for larger loads of material. Such a step would save the District from having to restructure the pricing guidelines currently being advertised. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Detwiler should draft the memo and forward it to the attendants.

Mr. Detwiler continued by informing the Board that in order to reduce the cost associated with processing the material collected at the Yard Waste Recycling Centers, that the leaves brought into the sites will be kept separate from the other material and handled by a different contractor. Mr. Detwiler explained that he established an agreement with Don Lookabill of Look-E Farms whereby Mr. Lookabill will be loading and hauling the leaves from the Yard Waste Recycling Centers to his composting facility. In addition, Mr. Detwiler explained that he has made an agreement with the Town of Plainfield to take their leaves directly to Mr. Lookabill, bypassing the Yard Waste Recycling Center altogether. While the District will still be paying to have those leaves processed, bypassing the Yard Waste Recycling Centers will reduce the cost of the program. Mr. Detwiler added that he is having signs produced to put at the Yard Waste Recycling Centers to instruct the public to keep the leaves separated from the other material.

Next, Mr. Detwiler mentioned that the District will be hosting the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Indiana Household Hazardous Waste Task Force at the Plainfield Recreation and Aquatic Center and the Recyclers of Central Indiana meeting at the Brownsburg Community and Recreation Center on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

He also added that the District would have a display at the Avon Community Heritage Festival at Washington Township Park on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that the final Tox-Away Day of the year will be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Plainfield High School from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **Financial Report**

Mrs. Haines began the monthly Financial Report by pointing out that the Financial Facts Summary reflected the purchase of the newest CD approved by the Board at the August meeting. The \$60,000.00 certificate was purchased at Huntington National Bank at a rate of 5.40%. Then she briefly covered the year-to-date figures reflected on the Budget verses Actual report.

Mrs. Haines then asked Mr. Detwiler how many more clean-outs he anticipated the Yard Waste Recycling Centers would need before the end of the year. He explained that the Plainfield and Brownsburg Centers were scheduled to be cleaned out near the first part of October and again after the Christmas tree collection. Mrs. Haines pointed out that \$50,000.00 was budgeted for the clean-outs and that year-to-date the District had spent \$37,880.45. Mrs. Haines then mentioned that we were 8/12ths through the year and had spent about half of the budget. Next, she pointed out that the tipping fee for August was up as compared to last year but she said the District still may not meet the budgeted amount of \$800,000.00.

David Whicker moved to approve the claims due in the amount of \$21,057.89 as presented. Daniel Fivecoat seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

David Whicker moved to approve the pre-paid claims in the amount of \$71,096.88, as presented. Eva Yackey seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

### **Public Comment**

Calvin Davidson asked the Board to consider thinking a little differently about how the solid waste district could have an impact in the community. He said that he recently spoke to Phil Giddens, Director of the State's Greening the Government program and that Mr. Giddens adopts an environmental view that considers more than just recycling. For example, Mr. Giddens recently visited some of the correctional institutions across the state. He expressed his desire to convert the machines used in the laundry and kitchens facilities in those prisons to more energy efficient machines. Such a conversion would save money and energy over the long-term. Mr. Davidson expressed that while such projects might fall outside of the original intent of the solid waste districts, maybe this District should look for similar such opportunities.

Mr. Fivecoat then asked Jim Davis if he knew of any vehicles that were being powered using methane gas from landfills. Mr. Davis explained that Waste Management is researching a project underway at a university in California where methane gas is being converted into diesel fuel. Mr. Davis also mentioned that a bio-diesel plant is being built at the Liberty Landfill in Buffalo, Indiana, that will use methane captured from the landfill to power the plant.

Mr. Whicker mentioned that perhaps a grant program could be developed to allow different institutions to apply for grants to purchase recycled-content items.

Mr. Fivecoat asked Mr. Davidson if he had seen any difference in the amount or types of recycled materials collected in the Plainfield area since the town inserted recycling guidelines in its water bills. Mr. Davidson said that he had not looked at that particular information, but that he would do that.

**Board members' comments, concerns & questions**

Mr. Whicker explained that since the last meeting he visited the Lizton Drop-off Recycling Center and found some recyclables and trash around the site. He said that he called the District office to report the problem. Mrs. Duncan said that the District's contractor was scheduled to service the site the same day Mr. Whicker was there and that the site was quickly cleaned up.

Mrs. Yackey then mentioned that she had recently learned of a recycling program where citizens are provided with mail pouches to send ink cartridges and cell phones to a company for processing. Mr. Davis said that Waste Management had started a similar program in Noblesville last summer and that the company has had incredible participation and response to it. Waste Management is considering expanding the program statewide and possibly then nationwide.

There being no further business, Eva Yackey moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Paul Hardin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

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