

**Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District**  
**April 20, 2010**

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 7:00 a.m. on April 20, 2010 in the Commissioner's Room at the Hendricks County Government Center.

President Myron Anderson opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were:

Myron Anderson	Ed Gaddie
Nancy Johnson	Phyllis Palmer
Eric Wathen	David Whicker

Members not in attendance were:

Beverley Austin	Bill Guarnerly
Jeff Martin	

Others in attendance were:

Katie Archer	Lenn Detwiler
Lisa Disbrow	Hursel Disney
Cathy Grindstaff	Amy Siefertman

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Palmer moved to approve the minutes for the March 16, 2010 meeting as presented. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0-2. Mr. Gadde and Mr. Wathen abstained since they were not present at that meeting.

## **Educators' Report**

### **Outreach Coordinator**

Mrs. Sieferman opened her remarks with a report about the Earth Day Festival. She said it was held on April 17 at the Avon-Washington Township Park, in partnership with the Avon-Washington Township Park and the Soil and Water Conservation District. She said the event went really well, with, by appearances, a larger crowd than they've had previously. She also reported they only spent under \$2,000. She said they provided door prizes, live music, and the characters Indiana Joe and Snakehead Ed. Katie's booth was very popular, and Mrs. Sieferman said there were lots of booths, and lots of information given out. She said she would be attending a recap meeting in the following week, but said based on the success of the event was sure there would be another one held next year.

### **Youth Educator's Report**

Mrs. Archer then followed with her report. She said Mrs. Sieferman had done a wonderful job at the Earth Day Festival. She went on to say she had a Trash to Treasure area, where children made little people heads, using yogurt cups, potting soil and grass seeds, contained inside a piece of nylon hosiery. When watered daily, they would spout grass "hair" after a few days. She said this activity was extremely popular with children. Another activity was a matching game, using an egg carton. They had to match a natural resource with a product found in their home.

## **Director's Report**

Mr. Detwiler opened his remarks by saying because Earth Day was coming up; Mrs. Sieferman and Mrs. Archer have been extremely busy. Teachers always want to do a lot of programs around Earth Day.

### Brownsburg Tox-Away Day

Mr. Detwiler said April 3 was the first Tox-Away Day of 2010. It was held at Brownsburg High School on a very cold, windy, and rainy day. Even though the weather was a challenge, they still had 545 vehicles go through the line. He said over 56,000 pounds of material was collected. The next Tox-Away Day will be on June 5th at the Danville High School. He said the public was very aware of the Tox-Away Days; the District phone lines are very busy with people making inquiries about the upcoming events.

### District Newsletter

Mr. Detwiler went on to say a new project the District has undertaken is emailing a newsletter with upcoming information about the District and its activities. He said Mrs. Knoll was creating the newsletters and maintaining the mailing list. He said they have had a good response so far. A link was provided on the District's website for people to indicate they would like to be on the mailing list, and at the District events people who wanted to participate can sign up. Mr. Detwiler felt it was another way for people to be informed about the District.

### Eco News

Mr. Detwiler then reported the EcoNews was wrapped around the Hendricks County Flyer on Wednesday, April 14th. As a result, the District office received a lot of phone calls on the days following, with various questions about the District and the Tox-Away Days.

### Green Congregations

Mr. Detwiler then said another project he was working on was Green Congregations. He had attended a workshop held in Fort Wayne recently, aimed at individuals and churches that were trying to have their congregations become more environmentally friendly. It was held by an organization called Center for Congregations, a not-for-profit out of Indianapolis. It had been established from a grant from the Lilly Endowment. He said the workshop was well attended and provided good

information. Members from four different congregations made up a panel that discussed everything from geo-thermal heating and cooling, using mugs instead of Styrofoam cups at coffee hour, to starting a recycling program. Mr. Detwiler went on to say he had contacted their representatives to do something similar in Hendricks County, maybe later on in the summer or fall. He said he would keep the Board informed of the progress in planning.

#### Indiana Recycling Coalition Conference

Mr. Detwiler then informed the Board that the Indiana Recycling Coalition was holding their annual conference May 4th, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th, and he and Mrs. Knoll would be attending. Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Sieferman could not attend because of programs scheduled. He said he did want to extend an invitation to the Board if they would like to attend, and please contact him if anyone wants to go. He acknowledged that many members of the Board could not attend on May 4<sup>th</sup> because it was Election Day, but may be able to go on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Director Moving

Mr. Detwiler then said he wanted to let the Board know he would be moving the coming up weekend, and also would be taking part of the next week off. He was closing on their existing home and closing on their new home that afternoon. He said he was informing the Board because when he was hired he had made a verbal commitment that if he ever sold his house he would buy the next one in Hendricks County.

### **Financial Report**

#### Financial Facts Summary

Mr. Detwiler began the Financial Report by stating that the Financial Facts Summary did reflect some items he had discussed earlier- one of them was the \$100 cash on hand for the Danville Yard Waste Site that had been re-absorbed due to the closing of that Yard Waste Site, thereby reducing the Cash on Hand amount by \$100. The other one was the 2010 Rainy Day Fund Contribution that was shown as \$304,340.82.

### Income Chart

Mr. Detwiler moved on to the Income Chart, noting there was a slight uptick in the Tipping Fee Amount, putting the District ahead of where we were last year at the same time. Mr. Anderson asked if Mr. Detwiler thought it had something to do with an increase in construction activity, and Mr. Detwiler replied yes, to a point- Mrs. Disbrow of Waste Management then commented that because businesses are changing the way they handle their trash materials, her conservative opinion was the numbers would never be as high as they were in 2002-2003. Mr. Anderson commented it seemed to him that the small increase might be an indicator of an increase in the economy. Mrs. Disbrow agreed with that, she felt it would be reasonable to see some increases, just not in the amounts from that earlier time period.

Mr. Detwiler said that he also wanted to inform the Board that the District is just now starting to receive income from the Yard Waste Recycling Sites. Mr. Gadde commented about people leaving their yard waste outside the gate at the Plainfield site, and Mr. Detwiler replied it was very frustrating when people did that. He said last fall he had a large, brightly colored sign made up to put on the fence, but it apparently didn't prevent people from illegally dumping. Mr. Gadde said it might be a good idea to put that information in the Town of Plainfield's mailings.

### Budget vs. Actual Comparison

Mr. Detwiler informed the Board that as shown on the Budget vs. Actual Comparison sheet, the Tipping Fee Income is on pace to be around \$541,000, but he pointed out the March Tipping Fee Income was more than the earlier months, and the District is ahead of where it was last year. Mr. Wathen asked why the Insurance figures were so much higher in March. Mr. Detwiler replied the coupons the District had received from Unified Group Health Care Services were for the wrong amount- and the fee shown was the increase for the corrected amount.

Mr. Detwiler then pointed out some other items. Under Utilities; Yardwaste, The Danville Recycled Yardwaste Site has been closed, so there will not be any further utilities charges shown there. Also for the Utilities; Office entry, since the District is in a new-to-the District building, things are still working out for the utility bills, and may have to have some amount moved over before the end of the year. The Office Lease entry

will no longer have an amount; the one shown for January was for the last payment made on the previous lease for the office space in Danville.

Mr. Detwiler closed by saying so far so good, the District was still under budget, but they were watching the Tipping Fees very closely.

### General Fund Revenue and Expenditures

Mr. Detwiler then moved to the General Fund Revenue and Expenditures, 2009 versus 2010. He said the Tipping Fee Income was already a little higher than last year at the same time, as he had previously mentioned. He said the Interest Income was more of a timing issue, with the interest posting when the certificate of deposit's mature. But with the lower interest rates, those final figures would still be down from previous years. Over all Expenditures were up, in part due to changes in the contract with Ray's Trash for pick-ups at the Lizton Drop-Off site. All three of the yard waste sites were cleaned out earlier in the year, which the District had not done last year. He said the Special Projects Fund began again in 2009, but the District did not have to make a deposit to the fund, which was an additional \$4,100 for 2010.

### Claims Register

Mr. Detwiler presented the Register of Claims. He pointed out the payment to NuGenesis for the Tox-Away Day for \$26,700. The last claim shown was for the Health Insurance payment to Unified Group Services for \$4,367.36, catching the billing up to the corrected figure. Mr. Whicker moved that the Register of Claims for April 20, 2010, in the amount of \$70,246.15 be approved for payment. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

### CAC Report

Mrs. Grindstaff then presented the Citizens Advisory Committee report. She opened her remarks by explaining that the CAC met last Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to review the eight applications for the spring round of the District's Community Grant Program. She said the committee did recommend funding for four of the eight applications.

Mrs. Grindstaff then highlighted the projects the committee was recommending to the Board for funding. She began with the application from Our Shepherd Lutheran Church and School requesting \$866.73 for an expansion of that organization's current recycling program. The CAC agreed that the expansion was a worthwhile endeavor based on information of how well the current program was working. The CAC voted to recommend awarding the full amount requested for that application.

The second application the CAC recommended funding was from the Avon Outdoor Learning Center. The money would be used to establish a worm composting program at the center. She said the CAC's recommendation was based on the fact that the project included a strong educational component and the applying organization would take the lead on getting participants in the program. She said the CAC recommended approval of the full amount requested, \$1,512.20.

Scribbles, A Ministry of Pittsboro Christian Church, was the third application Mrs. Grindstaff presented. The daycare organization requested \$4,880.00 to purchase reusable dinnerware and a dishwasher that would be used to significantly reduce the amount of trash produced around meal times. She said the CAC recommended approval of \$1,500 of the requested amount with some stipulations. The grant money would first need to be used to purchase the dinnerware outlined in the application. The balance of the award amount could then be used toward the purchase of a dishwasher.

The last application the CAC was recommending for approval was from the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County which had requested \$5,000 to purchase park benches made from recycled plastic. She said the CAC recommended including a stipulation that the \$5,000 was to be matched dollar-to-dollar from the applicant's funds.

Mrs. Grindstaff said that in total the CAC's recommendation was to allot \$8,878.93 to fund four of the eight grant requests.

After some discussion, Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the requests as presented by the CAC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaddie. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

## **Board of Director's Comments, Concerns & Questions**

Mrs. Johnson noted that she would like to thank the CAC for their hard work and diligence in reviewing and making recommendations for the Grants. She said she felt it was important for the Hendricks Solid Waste Management District to show they supported the community's efforts to recycle. Mr. Anderson added his thanks to the CAC, also.

## **Adjournment**

Mrs. Palmer moved to adjourn at 7:37 a.m. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

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Myron Anderson, President