

Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District
April 21, 2009

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 7:00 a.m. on April 21, 2009 in the Commissioner's Meeting 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	Bill Guarnerly
Nancy Johnson	Jeff Martin
Phyllis Palmer	Eric Wathen
David Whicker	

Board members Beverley Austin and Ed Gaddie were not in attendance.

Others in attendance were:

Barry Ledbetter	Lenn Detwiler
Amy Siefertman	Katie Archer
Patty Knoll	

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Whicker moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Palmer moved to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2009 meeting as presented. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0-1, with Mr. Guarnerly abstaining since he did not attend the March meeting.

Outreach Coordinator's Report

Hendricks County Earth Day Festival

Mrs. Sieferman reported on the success of the Hendricks County Earth Day Festival. She said it went very well and that the weather was great. Evaluations were turned in from all the vendors and most felt the festival went well for a first time event. She said the planning committee agreed to hold the event again next year.

Hendricks County 4-H Fair

Mrs. Sieferman went on to talk about plans for the Hendricks County Fair. She explained that instead of the District simply handing out inexpensive promotional items to anyone stopping by the booth, she was working on creating a learning experience where people could "earn" something useable. She went on to explain that she was working to develop a quiz that would require people to visit other booths in the exposition area to learn the answers. The quiz might cover topics such as how to keep the water supply clean, advantages of drinking tap water over bottled water and the health benefits of drinking water. Once the quizzes were complete, visitors could turn them into District staff in exchange for a stainless steel water bottle that could be reused again and again. Doing so would require visitors to think about water quality and waste reduction and each person that completes the quiz would leave with a useable item that would help him or her change some habits. She explained that one thousand bottles with the District's logo would cost around \$5,900. Mr. Guarnerly made the motion to approve the purchase of the stainless steel water bottles at a cost of no more than \$5,900, Mr. Martin seconded the motion. After some discussion, Mr. Whicker asked for the vote. The motion passed, 6-1-0, with Mrs. Palmer voting no. She explained she thought the concept was worthwhile, but she had reservations about the cost.

Youth Educator's Report

Mrs. Archer opened her report by sharing a handout that compared the number of children receiving District programs during the 2007/2008 school year to those receiving the program during the current school year. The total number of children the District has reached has almost doubled from 4,943 to 9,782. Mrs. Palmer commented

on the significant increase. Mrs. Archer said the fact she and Mrs. Sieferman both spend time in the schools is having a positive impact.

Mrs. Archer then asked the Board members to save any empty water bottles they might have and bring them to her so she can use them in upcoming classroom presentations.

Director's Report

Tox-Away Day

Mr. Detwiler began by reporting that the District held its first Tox-Away Day of the year on March 28th at Brownsburg High School. He said 600 participants utilized the event; the highest number of participants for the first Tox-Away Day of the year the District has seen. He went on to say that approximately 69,000 pounds of material was collected, forty percent of which was household hazardous waste. Mr. Whicker related that he had sent some items and was pleased with how it went. Mr. Detwiler commented that he thought the contractor had more staff on-hand, speeding up the process.

Mr. Detwiler also mentioned that he had spoken to Bridget Collins of the Hendricks County Work Release Center regarding having offender labor help at future Tox-Away Days.

District Newsletter

Mr. Detwiler then reported on the District's newsletter, the Hendricks County EcoNews, which had been distributed the previous Thursday wrapped around the outside of that day's edition of the Hendricks County Flyer. He noted that he was pleased with the publication and added that the next issue would be due out around November to coincide with America Recycles Day.

Pharmaceutical Collection

Mr. Detwiler went on to report on the Pharmaceutical Collection held during the Earth Day Festival on April 18th, in conjunction with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department. He said drugs were collected from 71 residents, resulting in the collection of 167 pounds of medications in various forms. He related that the District would likely

be reimbursed for fifty percent of the disposal and advertising costs of the collection through a grant from the Indiana Household Hazardous Waste Task Force.

Mr. Detwiler added that he had recently learned of another potential partnership with the Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force. That organization has recently received grant money to, in part, sponsor pharmaceutical collections and promote the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. Mr. Detwiler said he would be meeting with representatives of that Task Force in the near future.

Alternative HHW Processing

Mr. Detwiler then informed the Board that a local company that had accepted household hazardous waste for individuals has changed their policy and now will not accept that material from residents. Since there is now not a local place for residents to take HHW between Tox-Away Days, he is working on a couple of alternatives. The District's Tox-Away Day contractor, NuGenesis, has offered to expand their service to include picking up materials from residents. The expanded service would cost the homeowner \$10 to \$15 and the District approximately \$30 per household.

Mr. Detwiler then explained another potential option similar to what the Johnson and Boone County solid waste districts currently operate under. Those districts have an agreement with the City of Indianapolis where residents obtain a voucher from the District and take the voucher and the HHW to a Tox Drop location in the city. The District would then be billed by the City of Indianapolis for each voucher they process. Mr. Detwiler explained that he will be meeting with representatives of the city soon to see if they would be willing to partner with the District.

Lizton Recycling Drop-off Site

Mr. Detwiler then informed the Board that 23 tons of gravel had been spread at the Lizton Recycling Drop-off Center to improve the condition of the site. He also said the District has not received any recent reports that the site was overfull; so he thought the new pick-up schedule was working.

Yard Waste Recycling Centers

Mr. Detwiler then relayed that the District's three Yard Waste Recycling Centers opened for the season on April 1st.

2010 Budget

Mr. Detwiler next reported that it was time to begin work on the 2010 budgets. He said he was planning to meet with the District's Citizens Advisory Committee in June to review the preliminary budgets. He then asked the Board to inform him if there are programs the members believe should be done that are not currently underway, or vice versa.

Upcoming Outreach Activities

Mr. Detwiler informed the Board he would be doing a radio interview on Radio Brownsburg later in the day. He said Mrs. Siefertman had done an interview last week on the same station regarding the Hendricks County Earth Day Festival.

He then said he would be staffing a table at Brightpoint in Plainfield on Friday, to help promote environmental concerns to their employees.

Mr. Detwiler went on to say May 16, 2009 would be the Geranium Festival in Danville. He noted that the District would be participating, distributing literature and answering questions. He added that tentative plans were in place to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony during the festival to celebrate installation of the new recycling receptacles the Downtown Danville Partnership purchased through the organization's recent grant from the District.

Mrs. Palmer commented that she had recently been to the Avon-Washington Township Park and noticed the benches made from recycled materials with the District's name on them. She said she thought that the benches were great and that they made a strong statement for the District. Mr. Whicker said that he was impressed by a kiosk at the same park that displayed information about the District. Mr. Detwiler said that those items were all purchased through the District's Community Grants Program.

Financial Report

Financial Facts Summary

Mr. Detwiler began the Financial Report by noting that there were five CD's listed on the Financial Facts Summary. He noted that a CD held by Huntington Bank would be

maturing the following week. He said the last item to show up on the list of investments was the newest CD from the State Bank of Lizton. He said that certificate was the result of combining three maturing CD's plus interest into one investment.

Income Chart

Moving to the Income Chart, Mr. Detwiler pointed out that the Final Disposal Fee for March was \$49,283. He said that the amount was similar to the amounts realized in recent months.

First Quarter Reports

Mr. Detwiler then reviewed the reports summarizing the first quarter of 2009. Mr. Detwiler highlighted some areas of interest on the reports. Mr. Wathen noted that income year-to-date has been less than anticipated. He asked Mr. Detwiler what adjustments would need to be made to ensure the District did not exceed its budget for the year. Mr. Detwiler explained that the District has come in under budget each previous year, so he did not anticipate a problem going forward. He noted that he would remain conscientious of expenditures as the year continues.

Mr. Detwiler continued by explaining that when the 2009 budget was approved, only one employee had elected health insurance. Since that time, an additional full-time employee has coverage through the District. Mr. Detwiler explained that he anticipated needing to request a budget transfer to cover the shortage in the health insurance line item in the next few months.

Claims Registers

Mr. Detwiler then moved to the Register of Claims for the General Fund as of April 21, 2009.

Mr. Wathen asked if there was anyone other than Mr. Detwiler verifying that the District credit cards are not being used inappropriately. Mr. Detwiler explained that currently he is the only person that handles the processing and reconciliation of credit card claims. He explained that he was open to having another individual verify that the credit cards are being used appropriately. After some discussion, Mr. Anderson offered

to scan through the credit card claims each month, just to have another person checking usage of the District's credit cards.

Mr. Whicker then moved that the Register of Claims as of April 21, 2009 in the amount of \$68,427.53 be approved as presented. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Hendricks County Special Projects Fund Claim

Lastly, Mr. Detwiler presented a claim against the Hendricks County Special Project Fund from Waste Management for roadside clean-up in the amount of \$518.77. Mr. Wathen moved for approval of the claim and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

New Business

Mr. Wathen brought up the subject of attempting to sell the reusable bags the District recently purchased in local supermarkets. Mr. Detwiler said that he had not considered that before and added that most stores currently sell their own bags. He said he would consider the issue further.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mrs. Palmer moved to adjourn at 7:55 a.m. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Myron Anderson, President