

**Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District**

**December 15, 2009**

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 7:00 p.m. on December 15, 2009 in Eaton Hall, located at the Brownsburg Town Hall in Brownsburg, Indiana.

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

Board Members in attendance were:

Myron Anderson	Beverley Austin
Ed Gaddie	Bill Guarnery
Nancy Johnson	Jeff Martin
Phyllis Palmer	David Whicker

Board Member Eric Wathen was not in attendance.

Others in attendance were:

Mr. & Mrs. Lenn Detwiler	Mr. & Mrs. Allan Knoll
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Archer	Amy Siefertman
Fred Palmer	Pat Gaddie
Tom Featheringill	Mr. & Mrs. Donn Jackson
Larry Westfall	Calvin Davidson
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Parker	Mr. & Mrs. Doug Morris
Jim Waggoner	Walt Duncan
Jack Swalley	Robin Drew
Hursel Disney	

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Guarnery moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2009 Board Meeting as presented. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved 8-0-0.

## **Educators' Report**

### Youth Education Coordinator

Mrs. Archer opened her remarks by informing the Board that she had returned in late October from her maternity leave. She said she was finishing her scheduled programs and beginning to schedule programs for the spring. She also thanked Mrs. Sieferman for providing programs to the schools during her absence.

Mrs. Archer said even though Mrs. Sieferman would be discussing the Big GREEN Give, she wanted to highlight a portion of the event that she was particularly involved in, the Christmas Tree Contest. She said nine second grade classes volunteered their time to make ornaments from recycled items. Those ornaments were then used to decorate Christmas trees. Mrs. Archer passed around pictures of the completed Christmas trees for the Board to see. She said the students used items like bottle caps, old CD's and telephone book pages. She said the work the students did was amazing. She finished by informing the Board that the District again partnered with Healthy Families of Hendricks County and the decorated Christmas trees were donated to families in the community that would not have been able to afford Christmas trees on their own.

### Outreach Coordinator

Mrs. Sieferman informed the Board of the results of the Big GREEN Give. She said most of the vendors involved really liked the idea and did a wonderful job presenting their organizations. She said, however, even with the featured area choirs involving a lot of people, the donation levels were not what they were looking for. Because of that she did not think the District would repeat the event in the future. She said discussion and review would continue to be held, and the event could possibly be

presented in a different manner. She went on to say she and Mrs. Archer had discussed continuing the Christmas Tree Contest because the local area schoolchildren had enjoyed the concept so much.

## **Director's Report**

### **Year End Review**

Mr. Detwiler presented a slide show reviewing the past year and anticipating the year ahead. He began with the Yard Waste Recycling Centers. He said the Brownsburg and Plainfield centers continued to see strong participation, but Danville was still the least utilized location. He noted that GreenCycle had begun operating a new facility just east of Danville that also accepts yard waste from members of the public.

Mr. Detwiler reported that the usage of the Recycling Drop-off Centers continued to climb, with an overall increase of households participating in recycling. He said the service arrangement with Ray's Trash for service of the Lizton site was adjusted to better ensure the recycling bins do not become overfilled.

Participation in the District's Tox-Away Days continued to grow, with almost 2,500 residents utilizing the four events in 2009. Over 304,000 pounds of household hazardous waste, tires, electronics and appliances were collected. HHW constituted 145,000 pounds of that total figure. Mr. Detwiler said that in 2007 only one of the events had 500 or more participants; in 2008, three of the four events had over 500 participants. He noted in that in 2009 all four of the events had more than 500 households participating.

Mr. Detwiler then reminded the Board that in 2009 the District partnered with the Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force in holding unwanted medicine collections at four events; over 500 pounds of unwanted medicines were collected. The collections also reinforced the message that pharmaceuticals should not be disposed of by pouring them down drains or flushing them down toilets.

Regarding the District's Community and School Grants, two school grants were awarded in 2010, one to Avon High School and one to Brownsburg East Middle School. Mr. Detwiler said over \$30,000 was awarded to eleven different community organizations for projects that further the mission of the District.

He also mentioned that the District's in-school programs continued to be in very high demand, with the District receiving more requests than could be immediately filled.

Next, Mr. Detwiler explained that the District's website continued to be a great source of information for the public. He showed a graph that illustrated how traffic on the website peaked in the weeks leading up to each Tox-Away Day.

Something else new for 2009 was the publication of the Hendricks County EcoNews, an environmental newsletter wrapped around the Hendricks County Flyer and delivered to county businesses and residents. The newsletter was published around Earth Day and America Recycles Day and was met with positive reviews from the community.

Mr. Detwiler said another big project completed in 2009 was the successful relocation of the District's office from Danville to Brownsburg. He invited all in attendance to come over to see the building after the meeting and share dessert made by the staff.

He finished his presentation by quickly highlighting some plans for the future: the prospect of relocating the Danville Yard Waste Recycling Center to Avon, adjusting to the increasing participation at the District's 2010 Tox-Away Days, continued involvement in local events and exploring the possibility of initiating an ongoing sharps collection program.

## **Financial Report**

### *Financial Facts Summary*

Mr. Detwiler informed the board that two of the District's CD's recently matured and the funds were reinvested with Monroe Bank. He noted that he surveyed about nine different banks and Monroe Bank had the highest interest rate. He said the District's total income as of the end of November was approximately \$641,000 and that expenditures were less than \$506,000.

### *Income Chart*

Mr. Detwiler noted that the Final Disposal Fee income for November was almost \$52,000. He went on to say that the total Yard Waste Recycling Center income for the

year was \$27,058. He reminded the Board that \$24,000 was budgeted for Yard Waste Recycling Center income for the year, so the final figure was a little more than expected.

#### Requested Budget Transfer

Mr. Detwiler then moved to a budget transfer request that would move \$800 from the Postage line item to the Travel Reimbursement line item to cover mileage reimbursements from staff. Mr. Whicker moved to make the transfer as requested, and Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

#### Register of Claims

Mr. Detwiler then discussed the Register of Claims. He noted that the purchase of the new CD was reflected in the register. Mr. Whicker moved that the December 15, 2009 Register of Claims in the amount of \$150,915.93 be approved as presented, with Mr. Guarnerly seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

#### **Board of Director's Comments**

Mrs. Palmer thanked the District for the wonderful meal, and said that when Mr. Davidson informed the Board that Ray's Trash would begin accepting recyclables numbered one to seven, Mr. Wathen commented that Mrs. Palmer would undoubtedly need a second recycling bin. She explained that Mr. Wathen had, in fact, been correct. She does now need another bin at her house.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mrs. Palmer moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

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**Myron Anderson, President**