

Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District
February 16, 2010

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 7:00 a.m. on February 16, 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	Beverley Austin
Ed Gaddie	William Guarnery
Nancy Johnson	Phyllis Palmer
David Whicker	

Members not in attendance were:

Jeff Martin	Eric Wathen
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Others in attendance were:

Katie Archer	Lenn Detwiler
Dan Devlin	Patricia Knoll
Amy Siefertman	

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Whicker moved to approve the minutes for the January 19, 2010 meeting as presented. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-0-0.

Educators' Report

Outreach Coordinator

Mrs. Sieferman reported that the "Recycle Heart & Sole" shoe collection project was currently underway at seventeen area schools. She said it was originally scheduled to run from February 8th to the 12th, but the collection period was extended due to the recent snow delays and cancellations the schools had experienced. She said she expected to be "knee-deep" in shoes by the end of the week. She said Aya International was the organization the District was working with for the collection and that the shoes would be distributed to Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Mrs. Sieferman went on to say she was also working on updating the District's Recycling Guide, and making preparations for the 2010 Earth Day Festival to be held on April 17th at the Avon-Washington Township Park. She said the festival would be featuring a couple of new things this year. Instead of having just a children's entertainer, local blue-grass bands would be providing music. A geocaching event would also be held. She said participants would geocache into the park trying to find a specific location and would bring out any trash they find as they return. The Earth Day Festival would also have a children's play area with volunteers from the Danville High School assisting. The festival organizers were trying to find organic food vendors, which was proving challenging but they are still working on it. Mrs. Sieferman said any suggestions of particular businesses with a "green" connection would be appreciated. Mrs. Austin suggested contacting local farmer's markets for possible food vendors. Mrs. Sieferman said she would pursue that idea.

Youth Educator's Report

Mrs. Archer followed with her report and said the high number of school delays and cancellations was also impacting her ability to present programs. She noted that she was rescheduling classes for the spring and was confident she could fit all of the requests in.

She also brought to the Board's attention one of the classes she presents, called "Trash to Treasure". She said it was a popular program because it teaches kids how to recycle things instead of throwing them away. For Valentine's Day she had second

graders create puppy dogs and robots from cereal boxes. She had several examples and passed them around for the Board to see.

She went on to inform the Board of a Teacher's Workshop she was planning for March with guest speakers from the Hendricks County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Avon Outdoor Lab.

Director's Report

GreenCycle-McCarty/ Danville Yard Waste Site

Mr. Detwiler began his report by sharing with the Board a conversation he had with Josh McCarty of GreenCycle-McCarty. The company owns a yard waste recycling and mulch facility east of Danville just north of US 36.

He reminded the Board that the subject of the continuation of operation of the Danville Yard Waste Recycling Center had been discussed by the Board for a couple of months. He relayed that Mr. McCarty was open to the idea of amending his company's pricing structure for recycling yard waste to bring it closer to the pricing used by the District at its Yard Waste Recycling Centers. Mr. McCarty followed-up the conversation he had with Mr. Detwiler with a letter outlining the company's willingness to work with the District and residents to provide the service. Mr. Detwiler said that having an alternative to the District's Danville facility for residents in the central part of the county to use was important. He did emphasize that the District would not have any formal relationship with GreenCycle, and would only offer that option as a choice when appropriate.

Next, Mr. Detwiler pointed out a spreadsheet he had developed that showed the per person costs the District incurs to provide the yard waste recycling services. He reminded the Board that the sites are intended to generate a net income and that the revenues received via the Yard Waste Recycling Centers only offset the costs of operating the sites. He said the numbers told the story very well. Last year 761 visitors used the Danville site at a cost to the District of almost \$23 per person. The costs per person for visitors to the Brownsburg and Plainfield sites were closer to \$12 and \$4.50 per person, respectively.

Mr. Detwiler then said he was asking the Board for direction in the matter of the future of the Danville Yard Waste Recycling Center. He said the issue was not strictly about money, the District certainly wants to continue to promote recycling of yard waste. But, in Danville there may be another, more efficient way to do that.

Mrs. Johnson asked why the amount shown in the spreadsheet for clean-up in Brownsburg was so much more than the other two sites. Mr. Detwiler replied that the Brownsburg Department of Public Works utilizes the Brownsburg facility to deposit wood chips from material the workers pick up at residences; meaning more yard waste accumulates at that location resulting in it needing to be cleaned out more often. He said there was usually one additional clean-out per year versus the Plainfield site.

Mrs. Palmer commented that if the District closes the Danville site and refers residents to GreenCycle, it is still accomplishing its mission, but at a much lower cost. She also noted that she thought the GreenCycle facility was conveniently located.

Mr. Whicker asked about the possibility of the District partnering with the Town of Avon to establish a Yard Waste Recycling Center there as was previously discussed. Mr. Detwiler replied he had spoken to Ryan Cannon of the Town of Avon a couple of weeks ago and Mr. Cannon indicated that he was still researching zoning restrictions in the proposed location. Mr. Detwiler said his impression was if the site were to be built in Avon, the District would bear the majority of the cost. He said another hurdle the District and Town would face was related to the need for large equipment to provide push backs at the proposed Avon location. The other towns use their own equipment to come in and push back the yard waste to compact it at the Centers. Avon currently does not own any of that equipment. Mrs. Palmer said one of her greatest concerns was the traffic situations residents of Danville and west of Danville would face if they had to drive into Avon to recycle their yard waste. Mr. Detwiler said those residents would still have the option of GreenCycle in Danville.

Mr. Anderson said he thought the Board should decide if the Danville Yard Waste Recycling Center should be closed. After further discussion, Mrs. Palmer made a motion to close the Danville Yard Waste Recycling Center and authorize Mr. Detwiler to continue to be in contact with GreenCycle-McCarty about the pricing. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0-0. Mr. Detwiler also noted that instead of eliminating one of the five current Yard Waste Recycling Center attendant positions,

he intended to rotate the five attendants between the remaining two locations. He added that he would post a sign at the Danville location with information about the other two Yard Waste Recycling Centers operated by the District as well as information about GreenCycle-McCarty's operation.

Recycling Guides

Mr. Detwiler then moved on to the subject of the new Recycling Guides. He said the Guides were something the District had done every other year in the past, and 2010 was the year for an update. He said in the past the guides were inserted in the Hendricks County Flyer, generally around Earth Day. He noted that this year staff intended to do the distribution around 4-H Fair time. He said he just wanted to let the Board know this was coming up, and he would have more information at a later date.

Hendricks County 4-H Fair

Mr. Detwiler then informed the Board the District was already working on plans for the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. He said the District was planning to partner with the Hendricks County Partnership for Water Quality and the Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force to locate booths side by side and, in addition to other things, promote proper disposal of medicines.

Senate Bill 208

Mr. Detwiler then opened a discussion with the Board regarding Senate Bill 208, which had passed out of the Indiana Senate a couple of weeks prior. The Bill was authored by Senator Beverly Gard of Greenfield. He said the bill would essentially give county councils the power to zero out solid waste district budgets, regardless of how a district was funded. He said under current law, the county councils already have the power to cap district budgets via a binding budget review process. He said SB 208 would give the county councils, who may or may not be familiar with the role of the solid waste districts, power to essentially shut them down; taking away all budgeting authority from the district boards. He added that the bill would also create a very difficult situation for all multi-county districts in the state. Under the new law, a multi-county district's

budget would have to be approved by every county council in the district; up to seven different fiscal bodies every year.

Mrs. Palmer asked if the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts was working to prevent the bill from passing into law. Mr. Detwiler replied that yes, along with the Indiana Recycling Coalition, the AISWMD was working diligently against its passage. He said district directors and board members were being encouraged to contact their legislators in an effort to prevent the bill from passing.

After some discussion, a motion was presented by Mrs. Palmer to draft a letter from the Board to the representatives and senators representing Hendricks County stating that the Board was against this legislation, and to authorize the President of the Board, Mr. Anderson, to sign the letter on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Financial Report

Financial Facts Summary

Mr. Detwiler began with the Financial Facts Summary and pointed out that a certificate of deposit held by the General Fund matured on January 30, 2010. He explained that the funds were reinvested with Monroe Bank at 1.49%. He noted that the new principal balance, maturity date and interest rate would all be reflected on next month's report. Moving on, he noted that in the near future, the 2010 contribution to the District's Rainy Day Fund would be made. He noted that depending on the state of the District's cash flow, he might need to hold some of the certificates that would be maturing before the next meeting and reinvest after the March final disposal fee check is received and deposited.

Income Chart

Mr. Detwiler then moved to the Income Chart where he pointed out that the final disposal fee income for January was less than \$40,000, the lowest amount received since the inception of the District.

Claims Register

Mr. Detwiler presented the Register of Claims. There being no discussion, Mr. Whicker moved that the Register of Claims for February 16, 2010, in the amount of \$38,218.26 be approved for payment. Mr. Guarnery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

New Business

Mr. Guarnery asked Mr. Detwiler how District staff was settling into the new office location. Mr. Detwiler replied that everyone was doing very well. He noted that the District was still waiting for the new sign to be delivered and installed, but that he expected it soon. Mrs. Palmer commented on how nice the building was when she saw it at the open house in December.

Board of Director's Comments, Concerns and Questions

Mr. Whicker commented he had used the Recycling Drop-off Center in Coatesville and drove by the one in Lizton, and that both sites were well-maintained.

Adjournment

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

Myron Anderson, President