

Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District

January 20, 2009

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 7:00 a.m. on January 20, 2009 in the Commissioner's Room at the Hendricks County Government Center.

Secretary/Treasurer David Whicker opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were:

Phyllis Palmer	William Guarnery
Nancy Johnson	David Whicker
Beverley Austin*	Eric Wathen

Members not in attendance were:

Myron Anderson	Ed Gaddie
Jeff Martin	

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Amy Siefertman
Katie Archer	Lisa Disbrow
Patty Knoll	

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Palmer moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wathen moved to approve the minutes for the December 16th, 2008 meeting as corrected. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0-0.

Outreach Coordinator's Report

Reuse-A-Shoe

Mrs. Sieferman reported that eleven schools had already registered to participate in the upcoming Reuse-A-Shoe Program and she expected more entries before registration ended. Schools from five of the six area school districts had signed up.

Resource Conservation Stewardship Task Force

She was also excited to tell the Board about a new committee formed in the Brownsburg School Corporation called the Resource Conservation Stewardship Task Force; of which she is a member. The group's purpose is to save taxpayer money and promote environmental concerns. She noted that she would keep the Board informed of the group's actions.

Youth Educator's Report

Mrs. Archer started by stating that she was back in the schools after the holiday break, and was glad to report that all of the teachers that were on the spring waiting list now had programs scheduled.

She went on to extend an invitation to the Board members to come visit any of her classroom presentations. Several of the members indicated they might be interested in attending. Mrs. Archer said she would forward a schedule of upcoming programs to them.

(*Mrs. Austin joined the meeting at this point.)

Director's Report

Mrs. Sieferman's Award

Mr. Detwiler opened his remarks by informing the Board that Amy Sieferman, the District's Outreach Coordinator, was recently selected to receive the Donald L. Lawson

Award for Conservation Education from the Hendricks County Soil and Water Conservation District. The Educator of the Year distinction is given annually to the person whose work has best exemplified the goal of helping the people of Hendricks County understand the environment and the need to protect it. The Board and all attendees congratulated Mrs. Sieferman on receiving the award.

Suspension of IDEM Grants

Mr. Detwiler then explained that in December the Indiana Department of Environmental Management announced that all grant and loan programs aimed at promoting recycling, pollution prevention, and household hazardous waste management were suspended. He noted that the move sparked a lot of interest and concern across the state and articles had been written in the Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis Business Journal and Gary Post-Tribune regarding the situation. All told, about \$3,000,000 worth of funding will be suspended for at least eighteen months. Mr. Detwiler went on to explain that the State is arguing that the suspension is necessary to protect Hoosier taxpayers. Mr. Detwiler noted that the money from which the grants and loans are paid is generated through tipping fees assessed at each final disposal facility in the state, not from tax revenues. He added that the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District would not be impacted by this change, but that many other districts in the state will be weakened by the move. He said he would continue to keep the Board apprised of this and other issues that might impact this district and other in the State.

Direct Deposit

Mr. Detwiler continued by explaining that he researched the possibility of offering District employees the option of direct deposit for their payroll checks. He said he anticipated that doing so would cost the District about \$200 a year. After some discussion, Mrs. Johnson made a motion to allow direct deposit payroll processing for all Solid Waste District employees. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

District Newsletter

Lastly, Mr. Detwiler briefly reviewed past discussions regarding the production of a District newsletter. He explained that he and Mrs. Sieferman met with a representative from the Hendricks County Flyer regarding the development of a newsletter that would be published twice in 2009- once around Earth Day in April, and once around America Recycles Day in November. Mr. Detwiler said that to have the newsletter formatted, printed and distributed twice to 45,000 households would cost approximately \$11,000. After some discussion, Mr. Wathen made a motion to allow Mr. Detwiler to proceed with the project. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

Financial Report

Financial Facts Summary

Mr. Detwiler began the Financial Report by reviewing the Financial Facts Summary. He noted that the first two CD's listed, for First National Bank and State Bank of Lizton, both matured at the end of December. Those investments were combined into a single CD in early January and will appear on next month's Financial Facts Summary. He said the next three CD's are set up to be combined in early March.

He also highlighted the portion of the Summary that showed that the District's expenditures in 2008 came in well under the budgeted amount.

Income Chart

Next, Mr. Detwiler reported that the Final Disposal Fee Income for the month of December was less than in years past, but that the lower total was not unexpected due to the struggling economy. He noted that \$700,000 was budgeted for the Final Disposal Fee Income line item for 2009 as compared to the \$725,000 that was budgeted for 2008.

Budget Transfer Request

Mr. Detwiler then presented a budget transfer request to move \$100 from the Office Supplies line item to the PERF Expense line item. Mrs. Palmer moved to accept the request and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

Budget Comparison for Fourth Quarter 2008

Mr. Detwiler then moved on to a spreadsheet that compared the budgeted and actual revenue and expenditure amounts for all of 2008. He highlighted the fact that the total revenue the District realized in 2008 was just under the budgeted amount. He noted that most of that shortfall was due to the fact that the District became ineligible to receive IDEM grant funds during the year.

Comparison of Yearly Revenues and Expenditures for 2005 through 2008

Mr. Detwiler then moved on to a spreadsheet that compared yearly revenues and expenditures for the years 2005 through 2008. Mrs. Johnson noted that the steady drop in final disposal fee income was quite evident over the time period. Mr. Whicker asked Ms. Disbrow from Waste Management if she believed that trend would continue. She confirmed that it probably would.

Claims Register

Mr. Detwiler then moved to the Register of Claims. After some discussion, Mrs. Palmer moved to approve the Register of Claims in the amount of \$313,409.19 as presented. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

Old Business

Mr. Whicker asked Ms. Disbrow if Waste Management had the new methane-to-electricity generators up and running at the Twin Bridges Recycling and Disposal Facility. Ms. Disbrow said that the generators came online January 1st.

Mr. Guarnery then asked Mr. Detwiler if he had ever settled a question from the January 2008 meeting as to whether or not combining the District's secretary and treasurer positions was permissible. Mr. Detwiler indicated that he thought he had determined that combining the positions was allowable, but said he would confirm that and report back. It was agreed by the Board that the outcome needed to be recorded in the District's meeting minutes.

New Business

Election of Officers

After some discussion, Mrs. Palmer made a motion to select Myron Anderson as the new President of the Solid Waste District Board. Mrs. Austin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, 6-0-0.

Mrs. Palmer then made a motion to select Mrs. Austin as the District's Vice-President. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

Mrs. Palmer then made a motion to select Mr. Whicker as the District's Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0-0.

Resolution 2009-01

Mr. Whicker brought to the Board's attention Resolution 2009-01, which appointed and re-appointed the District's Citizen's Advisory Committee members for 2009. He said the resolution before the Board added Mr. Hursel Disney to the committee as an interested citizen. Mrs. Austin moved to adopt Resolution 2009-01 as presented. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved, 6-0-0.

Mr. Detwiler added that he had confirmed with all the current CAC members that they would be willing to serve for 2009. He noted that the CAC would be meeting quarterly and would present a report to the Board after each of those meetings.

Mr. Whicker said that would be acceptable and thanked Ms. Disbrow for attending the Board meeting and sharing her comments. Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Johnson both added their thanks.

Board of Director's Comments, Concerns and Questions

Mrs. Palmer stated that she thought the December Dinner Meeting was very nice and hoped the District could continue with that in the future.

Adjournment

Mr. Wathen moved to adjourn at 7:55 a.m. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

David A. Whicker, Secretary/Treasurer