

Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District
March 17, 2009

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 7:00 a.m. on March 17, 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	Beverley Austin
Ed Gaddie	Nancy Johnson
Jeff Martin	Phyllis Palmer
Eric Wathen*	David Whicker

Board member William Guarnery was not in attendance.

Others in attendance were:

Lisa Disbrow	Gary Eakin
Jeff Healy	Calvin Davidson
Dan Devlin	Lenn Detwiler
Amy Sieferman	Katie Archer
Patty Knoll	

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2009 meeting as presented. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Outreach Coordinator's Report

Reuse-A-Shoe Collection

Mrs. Sieferman reported that the Reuse-A-Shoe Collection had resulted in 7,000 pounds of shoes being collected for reuse. She considered it a great success, especially since all of the schools in the county did not participate. She was happy to make the report of that many shoes going to people in need around the globe.

(*Mr. Wathen joined the meeting at this point.)

Resource Conservation Stewardship Task Force

Mrs. Sieferman continued by reporting that the Food Waste Committee she is working with, within the Resource Conservation Stewardship Task Force in the Brownsburg School Corporation, is moving ahead with collecting food in the school cafeterias, thereby diverting it from the landfill. The program will divert about 50 pounds of food per week from each school. The Plainfield Correctional Facility has agreed to collect the food and compost it at their location. Mrs. Sieferman said the District would be giving the different schools grants to help with their efforts. Mr. Whicker inquired as to what they would be doing with the compost, and Mrs. Sieferman said she has not heard yet about that. Mr. Detwiler commented that in years past, a local landscaping company would purchase the compost for their use. He did not know if that was the current situation.

Earth Day Festival

Mrs. Sieferman went on to report that several organizations have come together and planned an Earth Day Festival on April 18th, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Avon-Washington Township Park. She said the "Paw Park" would also be opening that day, and Billy B., who performed at the District's Be GREEN Fests in the past, would be performing at the festival. She noted that there would be a drum circle, bird walk, fishing, and kids' activities, along with other demonstrations. She added that there would be lots of things going on that day, and invited all the Board Members to come. She said there would be VIP parking for the Board Members.

Youth Educator's Report

Mrs. Archer began her report by stating that she is continuing with many school programs, in fact, April was going to be a very busy month for the District. She went on to say that not only were their education programs continuing to be in very high demand, but teachers were taking the initiative to present environmental programs to their students.

White Lick Elementary contacted her to share about a one week recycling program they did to teach the children about respecting the earth. She passed around a report and pictures of the results. For one week the children collected different items each day. On Monday they collected 174 pounds of newspapers, on Tuesday they collected 395 pounds of magazines, Wednesday the students collected plastics #1 and #2, and they collected 114.5 pounds of those. On Thursday aluminum was collected, resulting in 93.5 pounds. Overall for the week, the students collected a total of 777 pounds. The purpose was to teach the children about respecting the earth, and how all of the items collected were then prevented from going to the landfill. The teachers were also using the data to create grade appropriate charts, utilizing math skills. The District helped the teachers by providing information and ClearStream recycling containers. She said many schools are doing this kind of thing. She added that she was encouraged to see the teachers taking the initiative to undertake these projects themselves instead of relying on the District's personnel to deliver the message.

Director's Report

Mr. Detwiler began his remarks by informing the Board of Mr. Guarnery's recent surgery, and expressed hope that he would have a swift recovery and return soon to the Board Meetings.

Lizton Recycling Drop-Off Center

Mr. Detwiler then reported to the Board that he had talked to Calvin Davidson of Ray's Trash about ways to ensure that the recycling bins at the Lizton Recycling Drop-off Center do not get overfilled. After speaking with some of the drivers that service the

location, it was determined that an extra weekly pickup of the comingled bin at the location would likely alleviate the overfilling problem for the time being, though Ray's expressed willingness to revise the schedule in the future if necessary. Mr. Detwiler went on to say that if any of the Board noticed any problems again at that site, please let him know and the situation would again be reviewed.

Mr. Detwiler then reported that he had researched the ownership information for the land on which the Lizton Recycling Drop-Off Site was located. He said there were actually two parcels there, and he had the owner information. He reminded the Board that improvements to the site were discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Detwiler said that he had contacted Mr. Steuerwald for some input on how to move forward before any major improvements were made. Mr. Detwiler explained that a year ago the owner of the property had no objections to adding gravel to the lot, but since the Board was interested in possibly doing more permanent kinds of improvements, he felt Mr. Steuerwald should weigh in on subject.

House Bill 1589

Mr. Detwiler then updated the Board about House Bill 1589, the Electronics Producer Responsibility Bill. He said this Bill had widespread support from members of the waste industry, the Indiana Manufacturing Association, the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts and many others. He reported the Bill had passed unanimously out of the House of Representatives on the 25th of February, indicating there was a good chance of it passing in the Senate. He said the Bill had been referred to the Committee on Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Indiana Recycling Coalition

Mr. Detwiler then explained that the Indiana Recycling Coalition had again made a request from the District for additional monetary support. He said the District had provided support last year, and was asking the Board if they wanted to do that again this year. He said the IRC had been working very hard to spearhead the Electronics Producer Recycling Bill, and that the Coalition monitors and opposes legislation that would negatively impact solid waste districts.

After some discussion, Mr. Whicker moved to donate an additional \$500 to the IRC. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

Mr. Detwiler also mentioned that the IRC's Annual Conference is coming up June 3rd and 4th and extended an invitation to the Board to attend. He asked that if any Board Members were interested that they please contact him.

Upcoming Events

Mr. Detwiler informed the Board of upcoming events in which the District will be involved:

- Tox-Away Day at Brownsburg High School on March 28th
- Yard Waste Recycling Centers opening on April 1st
- New District Newsletter set to be published April 14th
- Mrs. Sieferman is scheduled on April 15th to do an interview on Radio Brownsburg to promote the Earth Day Festival
- The District, in conjunction with the Hendricks County Sherriff's Department, will be holding an Unwanted Pharmaceutical Collection at the Earth Day Festival on April 18th.

Financial Report

Financial Facts Summary

Mr. Detwiler began the Financial Report by noting that the first three CDs shown on the list had been combined and reinvested on March 5th. He explained that the new investment will be included in April's Financial Report.

Mr. Detwiler then highlighted the fact that money was now available in the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund and that another deposit would be made following the meeting.

Mr. Detwiler went on to point out that the 2009 contribution of \$77,150.00 was made to the District's Rainy Day Fund. That amount, plus the interest earned over the last year brings the total in the fund to \$225,927.85.

Income Chart

Moving to the Income Chart, Mr. Detwiler pointed out that the Final Disposal Fee for February was \$42,854.00. He said that in years past the Final Disposal Fee amount for February was usually the lowest amount of the year. He noted that he anticipated more activity as the weather warmed up.

Claims Registers

Mr. Detwiler then moved to the Register of Claims for the General Fund. He mentioned that the register reflected some large checks that went out to purchase CDs.

Mr. Whicker then moved that the Register of Claims as of March 17, 2009 in the amount of \$788,412.79 be approved as presented. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Mr. Detwiler then asked the Board if it would be possible, at Mr. Parker's request, to pay the invoice for the March 28th Tox-Away Day before the April Board Meeting. He said the District has done so in the past.

Mrs. Palmer moved that the Board pay the invoice before the next Board Meeting, and Mr. Whicker seconded the motion. In discussion following the motion, Mr. Wathen asked if the District would be given a discount for paying the invoice early. Mr. Detwiler said he would certainly ask Mr. Parker if he would do so. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

Citizen's Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Eakin then presented the CAC Report. He said the Committee reviewed the spring round of Grant Applications carefully at their March 13, 2009 meeting. A summary of the review was distributed to the Board. Mr. Eakin explained that the Committee recommended funding \$23,528.29 worth of grant requests. He reminded the Board that \$25,000.00 had been set aside for the spring round of the Community Grants Program. The Committee's recommendation would provide funding for seven of the nine requests.

Mr. Whicker moved to accept the recommendation of the CAC regarding the grant applications. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

Mr. Anderson then thanked the CAC for their work on the grant review. He added that the members' service in that capacity was greatly appreciated.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wathen moved to adjourn at 7:55 a.m. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Myron Anderson, President