

Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District

March 22, 2011

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 7:30 a.m. on March 22, 2011, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center.

President Beverley Austin opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were:

Beverley Austin

Bob Gentry

Jeff Martin

Eric Wathen*

Ed Gaddie

Nancy Johnson

Phyllis Palmer

Board members Myron Anderson and Bill Guarnerly were not in attendance.

Others in attendance were

Katie Archer

Lenn Detwiler

Amy Siefertman

Calvin Davidson

Patty Knoll

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Palmer moved to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2011, Board Meeting as presented. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Educators' Report

Youth Educator's Report

Mrs. Archer opened her report by sharing details of an event hosted by North Salem Elementary PTO, in which she was recently involved, the "Go Green Night." She said the programs she presented were "How Do They Do That" and a natural resource matching game where players matched commonly used products with the natural resources those items were produced from.

She went on to say that she was working with Mrs. Sieferman on preparations for the Earth Day Festival that would be held on April 16th from noon to four at the Avon-Washington Township Park. She said she was preparing a children's activity area that would include games and a family scavenger hunt.

Outreach Coordinator's Report

Mrs. Sieferman shared in her report that she had been concentrating her efforts on preparations for the Earth Day Festival. She reported that thirty-four booth spaces had been reserved for the day. She also noted that sponsorships for the event were also coming in with two \$500 sponsors, Steel Dynamics and Ray's Trash and that \$250 was donated by NuGenesis, Central Indiana Commuter Services and Waste Management. She added that the day would include live music and entertainment, many green focused vendors and door prizes donated by Hendricks Power Cooperative and CSX. Document shredding would be provided by Ray's Trash for a \$5 per car charge that would be donated to the Hendricks County Parks Foundation. An unwanted medicine collection would also be provided by the Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force.

(*Eric Wathen joined the meeting at this time)

Director's Report

365 Every Day Counts Campaign

Mr. Detwiler opened his remarks by stating that he has been working to lay the groundwork for the new “365 Everyday Counts Campaign.” He reminded the Board that the purpose of the campaign was to connect the adults of Hendricks County with concise, useful information via our e-newsletter, website and Facebook presence. He said that staff has learned that most families are too busy to attend workshops or other meetings—these other ways to disseminate information would be more useful to the public.

He said in conjunction with the campaign, the District has created a new website, 365everydaycounts.com, which is nearly complete. He also noted that staff shot an introductory video, uploaded it onto the District's new YouTube channel, and linked it to the new website. He said the plan was to produce a video every month centered on that month's theme.

He added that staff also had some yard signs produced that include the 365 Every Day Counts logo and website. He said the idea was to get people intrigued as to what the logo means and go to the website to find out more. He said the official launch of the campaign would be at the Earth Day Festival.

Yard Waste Recycling Centers Open

Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that the Yard Waste Recycling Centers were opening next Friday, April 1st. He said he would be meeting with the yard waste attendants next Thursday morning to hand out supplies and get ready for another season.

Tox-Away Day April 2nd

Mr. Detwiler then reported that the first Tox-Away Day for 2011 would be next Saturday, April 2nd, at the Brownsburg High School. He said advertising had started in

several different media outlets. The Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force would be there as in past years to collect unwanted medicines.

Update on Senate Bill 565

Mr. Detwiler then closed with an update on Senate Bill 565. He said the bill would likely be sent to the Environmental Quality Service Council, where the group would study the issue over the summer.

He said the bill, as presented, would remove the ability for solid waste districts to receive funding from property taxes or tipping fees. Instead, the State would apportion funding to districts according to population and population density. Mr. Detwiler said the Indiana Recycling Coalition and the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts were following the developments closely.

Financial Report

Mr. Detwiler then began the Financial Report by reminding everyone that this was the first meeting to be held using the new schedule where a month was skipped. He said the financial reports would reflect that change.

Financial Facts Summary

In the Financial Facts Summaries for January 31st and February 28th, 2011, Mr. Detwiler noted that the CD that was held for the Rainy Day Fund matured on January 12th. Those funds were combined with the 2011 contribution to the Rainy Day Fund. The new Rainy Day Fund CD is with the State Bank of Lizton for twelve months at a rate of 1.00%.

He also pointed out that a CD held by the General Fund matured on February 9th. The interest earned and the principle amount was rolled back into a new CD at the State Bank of Lizton for twenty-four months at an interest rate of 1.50%. He noted that the rates given by the State Bank of Lizton were much better than those quoted by other banks.

He noted that the appropriations and expenditures information shown on the Financial Facts Summaries had been updated to reflect the new budget year.

Mr. Detwiler explained that if the Board members were interested in other information not shown on the current financial reports that they should let him know and he would be glad to add it into his reports.

Income Chart

Mr. Detwiler then moved to the Income Chart. He pointed out that he had removed figures for the Danville Yard Waste Recycling Center, reflecting the closure of that site. He said the Final Disposal Fee Income dipped in February, but is better than last year at the same time.

Register of Claims

Mr. Detwiler presented the February Register of Claims in the amount of \$714,155.12 noting that Mrs. Austin had reviewed the claims and approved payment during the last week of February per the new claims payment arrangement. Mrs. Palmer moved that the February 22, 2011, Register of Claims be accepted as presented in the amount of \$714,155.12. Mr. Gentry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Then Mr. Detwiler presented the March Register of Claims in the amount of \$30,766.52. Mr. Gentry moved that the March 22, 2011 Register of Claims be approved as presented in the amount of \$30,766.52. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

New Business

CAC Report

Mr. Detwiler informed the Board he was unable to attend the CAC meeting to review the grant requests due to a death in his extended family. Instead, he asked Patty Knoll to attend for him and take notes, which she did.

He explained that each Board member had a spreadsheet at his or her seat that outlined each grant application. He said in essence, the CAC recommended funding four of the eight applications that were submitted. The total award amount the CAC was recommending was \$10,000.23.

The applications being recommended for funding were:

- Avon High School Science Club
To purchase three fifty-five gallon receptacles with dollies to support an existing recycling program
\$541.23
- Danville Chamber of Comm. with the Avon, Brownsburg and Plainfield Chambers
To purchase recycled shopping bags to promote local farmers' markets
\$3,340.00
- Hendricks Regional Health YMCA
To purchase recycled lumber picnic tables to place outside new facility
\$4,619.00
- Mill Creek West Elementary School
To purchase a compost tumbler and compost carriers with the remaining funds used toward the purchase of recycled lumber benches and picnic tables
\$1,500.00

After some discussion, Mrs. Palmer moved to accept the recommendations of the CAC for the spring round of the Community Grants program. Mr. Gentry seconded the motion, with the motion passing unanimously, 7-0-0.

Board of Director's Comments

Mr. Wathen asked if the District's office had a programmable thermostat and Mr. Detwiler replied that it did not. Mr. Wathen suggested it might lower the heating bills during the winter, and Mr. Detwiler agreed. He said he would talk to the Town of Brownsburg and see if something could be worked out.

Mrs. Austin then commented that she had accepted a position on the Board of the Indiana Association of Solid Waste Districts.

Adjournment

Mrs. Palmer moved to adjourn at 7:58 a.m. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Beverley Austin, President