# Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District Board of Director's Meeting Minutes January 22, 2019

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 7:00 a.m. on January 22, 2019, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center.

Vice President Dan Bridget opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Detwiler introduced the two new Board Members, Chris Gearld from the Danville Town Council, and Dawn Lowden from the Avon Town Council.

Roll call was taken and members in attendance were:

Dan Bridget Caleb Brown
Chris Gearld Dennis Dawes
Bob Gentry\* Dawn Lowden
Matt Whetstone\*\* Phyllis Palmer

Board member Brad Whicker was not in attendance.

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler Ed Gaddie
Bill Guarnery Patty Knoll
Jim Parker Amy Sieferman

**Greg Steuerwald** 

#### **Election of Officers**

Mr. Bridget then opened the process of electing board officers for 2019. Mr. Dawes made a motion to nominate Mr. Bridget as President. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

Mrs. Palmer then nominated Mr. Dawes as Vice-President. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

Mrs. Palmer nominated Mr. Whetstone as Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Palmer moved to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2018, Board Meeting as presented. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

## **Outreach Coordinator's Report**

# 2018 Youth Program Results

Mrs. Sieferman opened her remarks by informing the Board that in 2018 she visited all school districts in the county as well as some private schools. Over the course of the year, she presented programs to 12,375 students.

## Recycle Heart & Sole- Shoe Recycling Program

She then shared that the Recycle Heart & Sole Shoe Recycling event would be coming up in February. She said last year 4,264 pairs of shoes were collected and distributed by Changing Footprints to people in need locally and for disaster relief. Fifteen county schools have already signed up to participate.

## **Environmental Educator of the Year Award**

Mrs. Sieferman then reminded the Board that Saint Susanna Catholic School was selected as the Environmental Educator of the Year. Mrs. Sieferman explained that every year that she has provided environmental programs, since the beginning of the District, the school has participated, and also schedules her to present day long series of programs to all grades in the school during their school year.

Mrs. Sieferman said the award would be presented to the school on January 28 at a school wide convocation at 8:30 am. A coffee and smoothie bar would be provided earlier for staff and teachers of the school. She extended an invitation to the Board Members to also attend.

### **Upcoming Programs**

Mrs. Sieferman said her schedule is already filling up fast, and expects another busy year.

## **Director's Report**

### Annual Anti-Nepotism Certificates

Mr. Detwiler asked the Board to complete the Annual Anti-Nepotism Certificates included in their packets and to please turn them in to him.

(\*Mr. Gentry entered at this time.)

#### 2018 Program Results

Mr. Detwiler opened his remarks by sharing a handout that outlined the programming and services accomplished by the District in 2018. The report covered Outreach, Community Grants, Tox-Away Days, Yard Waste Recycling Centers, Unwanted Medicine Collection Boxes, and the Recycling Drop-Off Centers.

# **Apple House Updates**

Mr. Detwiler informed the Board he attended the Plainfield Town Council's work session on December 14 to begin a discussion about the Apple House as a future home for the District. He introduced the District's mission and presented a letter of intent to the Town Council. The Town of Plainfield later sent a letter with updated renovation estimates, not including any build-out for the District's needs. The Town indicated they would expect the District to share in the financial obligations.

After discussion, it was agreed that the building committee would be comprised of Mr. Bridget, Mr. Dawes and Mr. Detwiler, including the possible addition of one more committee member to be announced later.

Mr. Detwiler said he expects the Building Committee and the Town of Plainfield to meet within the next month to work out more details.

Mr. Dawes informed the Board that there would probably not be a need to move from the current location of the District for at least the coming year.

#### Waste Management Facility Tour

Mr. Detwiler then said he would like to host another tour of waste management facilities to include the Twin Bridges Landfill, ERI and Ray's MRF. Staff has identified May 8<sup>th</sup> as the likely tour date. He explained that he intended to open the tour up to anyone interested in going and would be formally inviting Board and CAC members and other local leaders. The Board was in favor of another tour.

# **Board Member Spotlight Feature**

Mr. Detwiler went on to let the Board know he would be offering a new feature in the District's twice-monthly email newsletter called "Spotlight", where staff and board members would be featured, to show the readers a little more about what the District is and what we do.

## **Volunteer Requests**

Mr. Detwiler also said in planning for 2019, some opportunities for help from the Board and CAC have been noted. One of them was the 4-H Fair, where this year the District would have a booth for the week of the Fair and would appreciate some help in staffing the booth. He would contact them as the time approaches to see if there would be interest to help.

### Legislative Update

Mr. Detwiler then informed the Board that there were two bills before the legislature concerning Solid Waste Management Districts. SB 314 concerns Lake County SWMD's ability to levy property taxes, and SB 375 would remove the requirement for a waste hauler to collect solid waste management fees and remit them to the local district. The Boone County SWMD is currently the only district that bill would impact. Mr. Detwiler said although the bills would not affect Hendricks County, they would be eroding the funding ability of districts. AISWMD will be tracking the progress of the bills. Mr. Detwiler said he would keep the Board informed of any developments.

Mr. Gentry moved to approve the Director's Report. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

## **Financial Report**

Mr. Detwiler presented to the Board the Financial Facts Summaries dated November 30, 2018 and December 31, 2018. There was no discussion.

#### **Income Charts**

Mr. Detwiler then shared the Income Chart, through December 2018. There was no discussion.

#### Fourth Quarter Reports

Mr. Detwiler then presented Fourth Quarter Reports. There was no discussion.

#### Registers of Claims- General Fund 12/26/18 & 1/22/19, Special Projects Fund 12/26/18 & 1/22/19

Mr. Detwiler presented the Registers of Claims for the General Fund dated December 26, 2018, in the amount of \$48,236.88, and January 22, 2019 in the amount of \$54,504.92. He also presented the Register of Claims for the Special Projects Fund dated December 26, 2018 in the amount of \$468.95, and for January 22, 2019 in the amount of \$3,689.78. Mr. Gentry moved to approve all the Registers of Claims as presented and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0. (Mr. Whetstone entered at this time.)

## **New Business**

## Execution of Service Contracts for Tox-Away Days- NuGenesis

Mr. Detwiler then explained that the new contract between the District and NuGenesis for the Tox-Away Day Services for 2019 was written to allow for multiple extensions, rather than just the one-year extension as previously agreed to. Mr. Steuerwald, the District counsel, said there would be no objection from his point of view as long as the Board approved the extension annually. After some discussion, Mr. Dawes made a motion to have the Tox-Away Day Service Contract to allow one-year extensions through the 2022 events. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

## Resolution 2019-01: 2019 CAC Appointments

Mr. Detwiler then presented the Resolution 2019-01: 2019 CAC Appointments. Mr. Detwiler said Mr. Eakin and Mrs. Haan had both recently retired and opted not to continue to serve on the CAC. Mrs. Lynch and Ms. Stafford, past Board members, had both agreed to serve on the committee. Mr. Gentry motioned for approval of the presented list. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

# Resolution 2019-02: Payment of Designated Claims

Mr. Detwiler then presented Resolution 2019-02: Payment of Designated Claims, noting that the resolution allows the District to pay claims during those months where no Board Meetings are held. Mr. Gentry moved to approve Resolution 2019-02. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

## **Announcements**

Mr. Detwiler then announced the coming events;

- Yard Waste Recycling Sites opening on April 1
- o First Tox-Away Day of 2019, April 6 at the Brownsburg High School, 8am to 1pm
- o Next Board Meeting, April 23, 2019, 7am in Commissioners Meeting Room

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Whetstone moved for adjou	urnment at approximately 7:58 a.m. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.	
Dan Bridget, President	