

**Hendricks County Recycling District
Board of Director’s Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2021**

The Hendricks County Recycling District met at 7:00 a.m. on August 24, 2021, in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center.

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

Roll call was taken and the Board Members in attendance were:

Dan Bridget	Dennis Dawes	*Steve Eisenbarth
*Bob Gentry	Chris Gearld	Ben Lacey
Phyllis Palmer	Brad Whicker	

*Mr. Eisenbarth and Mr. Gentry entered after roll call.

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Amy Siefertman	Gary Baldauf
Lana Baldauf	Evan Tansy	

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lacey made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2021, Board Meeting as presented. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Director’s Report

Program Results

Recycling Drop-Off Centers

Mr. Detwiler shared that 93.1 tons of materials was collected in July at the Recycling Drop-Off Centers. He noted that year-to-date, the centers have collected about 158 tons more than the average since 2015.

Yard Waste Recycling Centers

Mr. Detwiler reported that July was a busy month at the Yard Waste Recycling Centers and that 182 more users have visited the sites than the year-to-date average since 2009.

Tox-Away Results

Mr. Detwiler shared that the next Tox-Away will be August 28, 2021, at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. He noted it is the fourth event of the year and that it tends to be the least busy of the five Tox-Away Days.

Financial Report

Financial Facts Summary

Mr. Detwiler shared the Financial Facts Summary with the Board. There were no questions or comments.

Income & Expenditures Chart

Mr. Detwiler shared the Income Chart and noted that final disposal fee income for the year is approximately \$14,000 less than what the District collected through the same time last year. He noted that the most recent check was significantly less than the average. He reiterated that July was a busy month at the Yard Waste Recycling Centers with a little over \$4,500 collected at the sites. No questions noted.

Register of Claims

Mr. Detwiler presented the Register of Claims dated August 24, 2021, totaling \$52,317.12. Mr. Dawes made a motion to approve the expenditures. Mr. Gentry seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0-0.

New Business

Lizton Recycling Center Project

Mr. Detwiler reported that there was not a lot of new information to share except what was recently shared with the Board via email.

Mr. Detwiler noted that the District has been working to improve the center since May of 2020 as illegal dumping and increasing costs will continue. He noted that despite the struggles and costs, the site continues to be a valuable service that fits the District's mission and there seems to be consensus from the Board that improvements needs to be made.

Mr. Detwiler explained that after the July meeting, per the Board's request, he researched the prospect of purchasing the land where the center is currently located instead of pursuing the property north of I-74. He shared a spreadsheet that compared a number of decision points related to the two properties. Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that they asked for a proposal from DLZ for a formal comparison of the two properties. He noted that DLZ did develop a proposal to that effect and the cost would be \$5,400. Mr. Detwiler expressed that he did not believe asking DLZ to prepare the formal comparison was necessary.

After discussion and questions from the Board, Mrs. Bridget asked Mr. Detwiler for his recommendation. Mr. Detwiler stated that the District should move forward with the project on the property at State Road 39 and County Road 900 North. Mr. Detwiler noted that the Board approved the contract for DLZ's professional services related to the project at the July meeting so he did not believe any formal action by the Board was necessary. Mr. Bridget received consensus from the Board Members to move ahead with the design of the project noting that being a good neighbor to the surrounding property owners is of utmost importance. Mr. Detwiler assured the Board that we will reach out to the neighbors about lighting and landscaping as the design process moves forward.

Tipping Fees Adjustment

Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that in January he shared data comparing the tipping fee income Hendricks County Recycling District receives to that from other solid waste and recycling districts across the state. He then noted that in April he brought the Board information related to tiered funding structures utilized by other districts and some possible funding structures based on historical data. He suggested that since there are many variables and so much information to consider, the Board should appoint a committee to study the issue and develop a recommendation for the Board to consider.

Mr. Bridget asked the Board if they would support such a study committee. After some discussion and general support for the idea, Mrs. Palmer recommended Mr. Hendricks for the committee. Mr. Bridget asked Mr. Lacy to join the committee and Mr. Eisenbarth volunteered to join along with Mr. Detwiler. Mr. Detwiler stated that he will be in contact with the committee members.

Public Comment

Mrs. Bridget acknowledged the attendance of the neighbors of the High Point Oil property and stated that he appreciated the way they handled themselves at the last meeting.

Mr. Gary Baldorf introduced himself as a neighbor to the High Point Oil Property. He asked if the neighbors would be offered the opportunity to also connect to the Town's sewer via the connection proposed as part of the Lizton Recycling Center project. Mr. Detwiler stated that he expected that that decision would be up to the Town of Lizton's utility department as it is the Town's lift station that will ultimately service the sewer line in question. Mr. Whicker said that he does not believe the connection in question will be large enough to support any additional properties.

Board of Directors' Comments, Concerns & Questions

No questions or concerns noted at this time.

Announcements/Adjournment

Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board of the a Tox-Away Day on August 28th at the Fairgrounds. He also shared that applications for the fall round of the Community Grants program are due on September 24th and encouraged the members to help spread the word. Mr. Detwiler also noted the final Tox-Away Day of the year is October 9th at Plainfield Middle School.

Mr. Lacey moved for adjournment. Mr. Eisenbarth seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 a.m.

Daniel Bridget, President