

## **Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District**

**August 21, 2007**

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 4:00 p.m. on August 21, 2007, at the Danville Town Hall.

Vice 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

David Whicker  
William Guarnery

Phyllis Palmer  
Nancy Johnson

Members not present were:

Hursel Disney

Daniel Fivecoat

Eric Wathen

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler  
Linda Fleming  
Greg Steuerwald

Shirley Duncan  
Debbie Haines  
Terry Guerin

Amy Siefertman  
Ed Gaddie

Mr. Whicker noted that Mr. Wathen was in Phoenix, Arizona attending a conference that he had committed to before becoming Commissioner.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Whicker moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 17, 2007 as presented. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0-0.

### **Educator's Report**

#### **4H Fair Recap**

Mrs. Siefertman reviewed the workshops she led during the Hendricks County 4H Fair. She presented three different programs throughout the week: "Soda Bottle Science," "Ten Kids Crafts for Under Ten Cents" and "Worms Eat My Garbage." She reported that two of the programs were very well attended, while the other one only had

two families attend. She noted that attendance at the programs varies greatly depending on what other activities are underway at the fair that same day and time.

### Education Program Guide

Mrs. Sieferman passed out copies of the Education Program Guide that were recently mailed to Hendricks County teachers. The guide lists the in-school programs that are available for the school year. Mrs. Sieferman pointed out that the latest characterization of Sheldon B. Green as "Super Sheldon" was used in the guide. She explained that one of her focuses for the coming school year is to spur the students to action by encouraging them to be "Eco Action Heroes." She noted that she has already received many requests for programs.

### Environmental Literacy Library

Mrs. Sieferman then showed the Board a recycling bin full of environmental books, games and activities. She explained that she would like to purchase four more of the kits to make available to schools. The kits would travel around to different schools where teachers would be able to utilize the materials as they teach their science curriculum. Each kit costs around \$700. She also mentioned that she spoke with the new naturalist at McCloud Nature Park, and that she is interested in partnering with the District in 2008 to do some kits together.

### America Recycles Day

Next, Mrs. Sieferman stated that American Recycles Day is November 15<sup>th</sup>. She explained that it is a day to remember to recycle, where to recycle, how to recycle, and why to recycle. She said that the District will be holding a contest between all the schools in Hendricks County that have Abitibi bins to see which schools can collect the most material during the month of October. Mrs. Sieferman explained that she would like to reward the two schools that recycle the most material during October with a visit from an environmental performer, Sheldon B. Green and Abitibi-Consolidated's mascot, Pepper the Paper Retriever. She requested permission to spend \$2,000 to hire an environmental performer as the prize for the winners of the America Recycles Day Contest.

Mr. Anderson asked Mrs. Sieferman how much money remained in the School Education line item for this year. She answered that she had verified with Mrs. Haines that \$12,000 remains in that line item.

Mrs. Johnson moved to allow Mrs. Sieferman to spend \$2,800 to purchase four Environmental Literacy kits and to allow \$2,000 to be spent to reward the schools that win the America Recycles Day Contest. Mr. Guarnery seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0-0.

## **Director's Report**

### **Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center**

Mr. Detwiler began his report by updating the Board regarding the future of the Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center. He stated that he attended the Plainfield Town Council meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and informed them that the District was not interested in entering into an arrangement with the Plainfield Re-entry Facility. He said that the Council members seemed to be committed to keeping a Yard Waste Recycling Center in or around the town of Plainfield, but no town property has been made available as of yet.

He then stated that he met with Mick Hickam, the Guilford Township Administrator, and they discussed a parcel of land on County Road 700 East, behind Hummel Park, which the Township owns. After some research, Mr. Hickam realized that the parcel had been given to the Township by the State in an arrangement that dictated that the property could only be used in a recreational capacity.

Mr. Detwiler continued by explaining that the Guilford Township also owns an acre of land on County Road 700 South that could be developed and used. He stated that he attended the Guilford Township Board of Directors' meeting on August 8th, and presented information to that body about the District and the current situation regarding the Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center. At that meeting he explained that the District would like to recreate the Brownsburg Yard Waste Recycling Center by paving and fencing an area that measures 150' by 150', building bins to hold the material, and locating a small attendant building on the site. He offered them an arrangement similar to what the District has with the towns of Danville and Brownsburg. He said that the Township Board seemed willing to work with the District, but that the Township is unwilling to commit to a long term lease. The Board members indicated that in another three or five years the Township would likely be selling that parcel of land.

Mr. Detwiler then explained that he met with John Ayers, Hendricks County Engineer to get an idea of the approximate cost of developing a parcel such as the one Guilford Township owns on 700 South. Mr. Detwiler explained that at the very least the District would need to spend \$20,000 to get a Yard Waste Recycling Center operational on an undeveloped parcel. Mr. Detwiler asked for input from the Board as to how the members wanted him to proceed.

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Detwiler if the land on 700 South was prohibitively expensive and Mr. Detwiler answered that the Township had the property appraised two years ago for \$75,000. Mrs. Palmer mentioned that she was concerned about the safety of residents trying to turn left from 700 South onto State Road 267 traveling back to Plainfield. She added that it seemed unreasonable for the District to invest that much money into a property that might soon be sold.

After some more discussion, Mrs. Duncan asked Mr. Gaddie if Mr. Groninger owned some property near the Vine Street location. Mr. Gaddie indicated that he

believed that Mr. Groninger did own some property there, and he would talk to him about the District leasing a portion of it to locate a Yard Waste Recycling Center.

It was the consensus of the Board to not pursue an agreement with Guilford Township to lease the property on 700 South due to the investment required as compared to the projected length of the lease.

#### Letter

Mr. Detwiler reported that the District had received a letter from the Commissioners requesting, if possible, that the District cover the disposal costs for trash that is picked up during roadside cleanups. Previously such costs were paid from the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund. The letter also requested that money be allocated in the District's 2008 General Fund Budget to cover similar costs in the future. Mr. Detwiler explained that a 'Community Clean-Up' line item has been included in the proposed budget for 2008. Mr. Detwiler added that covering the expenses associated with the roadside clean-ups is appropriate use of the District General Fund money and that money is available to cover those costs. Mr. Anderson clarified that the claims the District would receive would cover the disposal of the material collected, not the cost of picking that material up. Mr. Detwiler agreed.

After some more discussion, Mrs. Austin moved to reimburse the county \$1902.63 for a current claim that covers the disposal of trash collected during a recent roadside clean-up and to pay all such expenses for the remainder of 2007. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

#### Brownsburg Yard Waste Recycling Center

Next, Mr. Detwiler reported that following the recent severe thunderstorm the Town of Brownsburg is utilizing the Brownsburg Yard Waste Recycling Center as a staging area as it works to clear away downed trees and limbs around the community. He noted that District employees were at the Yard Waste Recycling Center on Monday and Tuesday to help direct residents and private contractors as they deal with the debris. He added that the only additional expense the District was bearing was the wages paid to the attendant that worked the location on Monday.

#### Tox-Away Day

Mr. Detwiler then reported that the most recent Tox-Away Day was a success with 500 participants utilizing the event on August 18<sup>th</sup>. That particular day was the largest Tox-Away Day so far in 2007 and the third largest overall. He noted that it was a very busy day at Avon High School because there was also a cross-country meet, a soccer match, and a football game going on throughout the morning. The additional traffic did pose a bit of a challenge for the workers and participants.

### Hendricks County 4-H Fair

Mr. Detwiler quickly added that the District participation in the 4-H Fair was again beneficial. He noted that a good deal of information was distributed and those staffing the District's display were able to answer questions from the public. It was also a great opportunity to introduce more people to Sheldon B. Green.

### Be Green! Fest

Mr. Detwiler closed his report by reminding the Board that the Be Green! Fest is coming up on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Metropolis in Plainfield. He noted that that plans are falling into place quite nicely and that the word is getting out in the community about the event. He added that Hendricks Power Cooperative included a very nice article about the Be Green! Fest in their August newsletter. He mentioned that newspaper ads, radio spots, and post cards were still to come to encourage people to come enjoy the event. Mr. Detwiler mentioned that some of the Recycled Art Contest entries are arriving in the office and it appears that the contest is going to be rather popular. He did ask the Board for a volunteer to be a judge for the Recycled Art Contest.

Mrs. Palmer noted that the Quaker Day Festival was also happening in Plainfield on the same day as the Be Green! Fest. She suggested that Sheldon could participate in the Quaker Day Festival parade to promote the District. Mr. Detwiler stated that he thought that was a good idea, but that Sheldon's schedule that day was too full to participate in the parade as well.

After some more discussion, Mrs. Austin agreed to judge the Recycled Art Contest entries. Mr. Detwiler thanked her and concluded his report.

### **Financial Report**

Mrs. Haines began her report by mentioning that it had been a couple of months since she had presented the Financial Report to the Board. She noted that she was glad to be back. She highlighted the Financial Facts Summary and explained that the Rainy Day Fund CD was purchased and would mature in February of 2008. She noted that at that time the District combine the money from that matured certificate with the Rainy Day Fund contribution for 2008 and purchase one CD that would mature around the same time in 2009.

Next, Mrs. Haines highlighted the Income Chart which showed another disappointing month regarding the District's Tipping Fee income. She mentioned that the Yard Waste Income was down as well with Plainfield providing the bulk that income. Mr. Guarnerly asked Mrs. Haines if she knew why revenue from the landfill was down. She stated that Mr. Davis might be able to provide more insight, but that she felt the construction industry slow down was part of the reason.

As Mrs. Haines was reviewing the Budget verses Actual comparison she prepared she asked the Board members to also look at the sheet outlining some budget transfers that she and Mr. Detwiler had reviewed and were requesting. After explaining the requests and some discussion, Mrs. Palmer moved to allow the transfers as requested in the amount of \$33,500. Mrs. Austin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

Mr. Whicker then moved to approve the pre-paid claims to date in the amount of \$85,132.63 as presented. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

Next, Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the claims to be paid to date in the amount of \$56,243.18 as presented. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

### **CAC Report**

Mr. Gaddie provided the Board with an update regarding the grant program. Mr. Gaddie asked the Board members if they intended for the CAC to collect and evaluate the grant application and then provide the Board with recommendations regarding which grants should be approved. Mr. Anderson answered that he thought that was a wonderful idea for the CAC to make recommendations to the Board but that the Board should see the guidelines before the CAC begins using them. Mr. Detwiler said that the CAC wanted to make sure they were on the right track as to what the Board wanted before finishing the guidelines. He said they were very close to completion.

Next, Mr. Guarnerly mentioned that Mr. Waggoner was resigning from the CAC committee. Mr. Guarnerly added that he was unsure if Mr. Waggoner had informed the District of his resignation but that he would no longer be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Anderson expressed his thanks to the members of the CAC for their work on the Grant Program. He added that he felt it is a wonderful way that the committee can stay involved with the District and accomplish something very useful.

### **Public Hearing on the 2008 Budget**

Mr. Anderson opened the public hearing and asked if there was any comment from the public regarding the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District's 2008 General Fund Budget. Hearing no response, Mr. Anderson closed the public hearing.

Mr. Anderson noted that the next meeting would include the adoption of the 2008 General Fund Budget and will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Danville Town Hall.

There being no further business, Mrs. Palmer moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

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