

Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District

April 15, 2008

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2008, 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	William Guarnerly	Beverley Austin
David Whicker	Phyllis Palmer	Ed Gaddie
Eric Wathen *		

Members not present were:

Hursel Disney	Nancy Johnson
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Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Amy Siefertman	Shirley Duncan
Katie Archer	Linda Fleming	Terry Guerin

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Austin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Guarnerly moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 18, 2008 as presented. Mrs. Austin seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0-2 with Mr. Whicker and Mrs. Palmer abstaining as they were not present at the March meeting.

Educator's Report

Hendricks County Clean-up Event

Mrs. Sieferman began her report by reminding the Board about the Hendricks County Clean-up Event scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2008. She mentioned that the event is sponsored by the Clean Water Partnership of which the District is a part. Mrs. Sieferman added that if anyone was interested in participating they could contact Brooke from the Clean Water Department and she would be able to help them.

Be Green! Fest 2008

Mrs. Sieferman reported that preparations are underway for Be Green! Fest, scheduled for May 10th. She reported that the performer has been contracted for, a media release has been distributed and that twelve vendors have already signed up to participate. She noted that Cascade Asset Management will be collecting small, handheld electronic items for recycling during the event. Items such as cell phones, MP3 players, PDAs and cameras will be accepted.

Mrs. Sieferman added that she has been doing some Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs and that the presentations have also been good opportunities to educate the adults that attend the programs with the Scouts.

School Programs

Mrs. Archer then reported that she has continued to work with Mrs. Sieferman to learn the details of the Youth Educations Coordinator position and has recently begun making some presentations on her own. She is very excited about all the programs and how well they are received by the students and teachers.

She added that she recently sent program information to various parks and recreation departments in the county as well as summer camp program to begin scheduling presentations through the summer months.

Education Expense Request

Next, Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Sieferman presented a request to purchase promotional and educational items to be used in both youth education and public education activities. Items included in the request included biodegradable balloons and recycled-content pens, pencils and toothbrushes. After some discussion and questions Mr. Guarnerly moved to approve the request in the amount of \$7,263.93 as presented. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

Director's Report

May Meeting Date

Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that the original May meeting date conflicted with the Indiana Recycling Coalition Conference in Bloomington which he, Mrs. Sieferman and Mrs. Archer would be attending. Mr. Detwiler reported that he emailed all the Board members and requested input regarding an alternate May meeting date. It appeared by the responses that May 13th would be the better day in which to hold the May meeting. He noted that since the meeting was early in the month, the financial information for April would not be complete at the time of the May meeting. The consensus of the Board was to hold the May meeting on the 13th.

Rainy Day Fund

Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that during the March meeting Mr. Anderson explained that the statute pertaining to how money is spent from rainy day funds held by towns had been changed and he was concerned that change also impacted the way the District may spend money from its Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Detwiler reported that he spoke with Mr. Steuerwald about the issue. Mr. Steuerwald explained that rainy day funds for towns are governed by a different statute than the one that governs rainy day funds held by solid waste districts. He did not believe that the new legislation impacted rainy day funds held by solid waste districts in any way.

IRC Support

Mr. Detwiler then explained that the District received a letter from the Indiana Recycling Coalition seeking financial support. Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that during the last legislative session, IRC mounted a successful campaign to protect the State's Solid Waste Management Fund from being opened up to fund projects that would not coincide with the traditional definition of recycling. That language was removed from the bill and the legislation passed in its revised form due to the work of the IRC and a professional lobbyist the IRC paid to work on its members' behalf.

Mr. Detwiler continued by explaining that the IRC is gearing up for the 2009 Legislative Session where there will likely be additional attempts to open up the State's Solid Waste Management Funds for projects unrelated to recycling. He reminded the Board that the fund in question is the one from which IDEM awards grants such as the PEP Grant which the District has received in the past.

Household Hazardous Waste Grants and Recycling Grants are paid from that fund as well.

Mr. Anderson asked what kind of commitment the IRC was looking for from districts. Mr. Detwiler said the letter included giving amounts of \$250, \$500, \$750, \$1000 and "other." Mr. Whicker asked how the membership of the IRC was made up. Mr. Detwiler listed the names of the organizations represented on the IRC's Board of Directors. The list included solid waste districts, for-profit companies, not-for-profit organizations and municipalities. Mr. Anderson remarked that he understood both the importance and the cost of an effective lobbying effort. He asked if the for-profit companies associated with the Coalition were stepping up to support the organization. Mr. Detwiler answered that those companies were contributing to the IRC. Mr. Guerin from Best Way Disposal and Southside Landfill stated that he knows of one private sector company that has donated up to \$5000 and several others that have donated \$2500 in support of the IRC. Mr. Anderson said he felt comfortable donating \$500. Mr. Whicker moved to approve a donation of \$500.00 to the IRC. (*Mr. Wathen entered the meeting at this time.) Mr. Guarnery seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-1 with Mr. Wathen abstaining.

Tox-Away Day

Mr. Detwiler then reviewed the results of the Brownsburg Tox-Away Day on March 29th. He explained that 559 participants utilized the event; the second largest turnout since the District's inception. It was the largest turnout for any Tox-Away Day since the District has been offering four events each year. He reported that

nearly 34,000 pounds of Household Hazardous Waste, 10,000 pounds of electronics, almost 15,000 pounds of appliances and over 13,000 pounds of tires were collected.

Mr. Detwiler also noted that the District's contract with the current Tox-Away Day contractor expires at the end of 2008. He explained that he would be preparing and distributing requests for proposals sometime in the near future.

Pharmaceutical Collection Day

Next, Mr. Detwiler stated that the pharmaceutical collection day at the Gardening for all Ages show at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds on April 5th was very well received. This collection was a partnership with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department. Approximately 60 gallons of medicines were collected including pills, tablets, gels, ointment, creams, inhalers, liquid and patches. At least 52 households utilized the event.

Mr. Detwiler stated that the Sheriff's Department would like to offer another collection during the Hendricks County 4H Fair. He explained that he estimated the District's cost to dispose of the materials collected on April 5th would be approximately \$930.00 with half of that being reimbursed through a grant from the Household Hazardous Waste Task Force. Mr. Detwiler asked the Board members if they were comfortable with the District doing another collection at the Fair this year. He mentioned that \$1,000 was budgeted in the Pharmaceutical and Sharps Collection and Disposal line item for 2008. That amount would likely be exceeded if another collection was done. It was the consensus of the Board to go forward with the collection for the Fair.

Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center

Mr. Detwiler informed the Board that Plainfield DPW had begun preparing the site for the new Yard Waste Recycling Center near State Road 267 and County Road 700 South by clearing some brush and trees, grading the topsoil and spreading gravel.

Tox-Away Day

Mr. Detwiler reminded the Board that the next Tox-Away Day is scheduled for June 7th at the Danville High School. He added that judging from the last event in Brownsburg he feels that this year could be a very busy one for Tox-Away Day participation.

Mr. Guarnerly asked Mr. Detwiler if he felt like there were enough workers during the Brownsburg event. Mr. Detwiler replied that only three of the workers at that event were District employees; all of the others there worked for the contractor. He noted that the contractor does try to bring just enough workers to ensure the lines move efficiently but yet keep his costs down.

Financial Report

Next, Mr. Detwiler presented the monthly Financial Report to the Board and noted that the packets also included some first quarter reports.

In the Financial Facts Summary Mr. Detwiler pointed out that a CD will be maturing on April 27th. He noted that he will be requesting quotes from a number of banks and will renew it at the best rate possible. Next, he highlighted the Income Chart. He reported that even though the monthly final disposal fee income for March

was down, the total of the tipping fees for the first quarter of 2008 exceeded the first quarter total for 2007.

Continuing, Mr. Detwiler moved to the Budget verses Actual Comparison which showed expenditures in January, February, March and Year-to-Date verses the amount budgeted for each line item in 2008.

There being no questions on the preceding pages of the report, Mr. Detwiler moved to the Claims Register. Mr. Whicker moved to approve the claims register as of April 15, 2008 in the amount of \$57,200.37 as presented. Mr. Gaddie seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

New Business

Resolution 2008-04

Mr. Detwiler explained that Resolution 2008-04 was to amend Resolution 2008-01, which appointed and re-appointed the members to the Citizens Advisory Committee, to add a new member to that Committee. He noted that the resolution had been reviewed by Mr. Steuerwald. Mrs. Palmer moved to approve Resolution 2008-04 as presented. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Re-approval of March Meeting Minutes

Mr. Anderson noted that a motion to approve the March meeting minutes earlier in the meeting passed with a vote of 4-0-2. There was concern among some Board members that since a majority of the total Board membership was not attained in that initial vote, that the vote was invalid. With Mr. Wathen now present, Mr. Anderson requested another vote to approve the minutes of the March 18th

meeting. The motion was approved 5-0-2 with Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Whicker abstaining as they did not attend that meeting.

Board Members' Comments, Concerns & Questions

Mr. Wathen mentioned that since the meeting for May has been moved to May 13th he might not be able to attend. Mrs. Palmer noted that the Commissioners have rescheduled their meetings to 8:00 in the morning and she would like to see if the District's Board Meetings could be moved to a different time to better accommodate the Commissioners' schedules. Mr. Anderson asked that a discussion of future Board Meeting times be added to next month's agenda.

There being no further business, Mrs. Austin moved to adjourn at 5:00 pm. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Myron C. Anderson, Vice President