

Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District

November 18, 2008

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 7:00 a.m. on November 18, 2008 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center.

Secretary-Treasurer David Whicker opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and members in attendance were:

Phyllis Palmer	William Guarnery	Eric Wathen
Nancy Johnson	David Whicker	Ed Gaddie
*Beverly Austin		

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Patty Knoll	Katie Archer
Amy Siefertman	Gary D. Eakin	Dan Devlin

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Wathen noted corrections to the October meeting minutes.

Mr. Wathen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2008 as corrected. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0-1, with Mr. Gaddie abstaining as he did not attend the October meeting.

Director's Report

Mr. Detwiler opened his report by stating that the Yard Waste Recycling Centers were closing for the season on November 29th. He reported that 2008 had been a good year for the Centers and that participation at the Plainfield Yard Waste Recycling Center was strong despite its new location. He added that an unforeseen positive result of the closure of the old Plainfield location was increased participation and awareness of the Danville Yard Waste Recycling Center, resulting in the best year to date for that

location. He noted that Brownsburg Yard Waste Recycling Center was having its best year to date as well.

(*Mrs. Austin joined the meeting at this point.)

Mr. Detwiler reported that all of the current Yard Waste Recycling Center attendants were planning on returning to their positions next year. He also noted that the Yard Waste Recycling Centers would be open for Christmas Tree Recycling from December 19th to January 19th. Ads would be placed in the local newspapers to inform the public.

Next, Mr. Detwiler proceeded to discuss the recent report on the television program "60 Minutes" that aired on November 9th. The program highlighted electronic recycling issues relating to cathode ray tubes found in many televisions and computer monitors being shipped overseas for "recycling," a practice which is against Federal Law. Mr. Detwiler said he spoke to Jim Parker of NuGenesis, the District's Tox-Away Day contractor, about the issue. All of the electronics Mr. Parker's company collects are then handled by an Indianapolis-based company called CloudBlue, headed by Mark Vander Kooy. Mr. Parker and Mr. Vander Kooy have both reported that they are working to ensure that none of the materials they handle and transfer to other companies are being mishandled. Mr. Detwiler said he would keep the Board informed.

Mr. Detwiler then continued by inviting the Board members to the District's first-ever Big GREEN Give taking place on Saturday, November 22nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. He said the event would be a good way for residents to support local, state and national charities and get some Christmas shopping done, all the while reducing waste since visitors would be making donations instead of buying more things that would eventually need to be thrown away.

He then related that the Indiana Recycling Coalition was hosting an open house on December 5th, to share their new office space located in Indianapolis. He said this was the first stand-alone office the organization has had in its 19 years of existence. He noted that the Board members were invited to attend the event.

He also reminded the Board of the Dinner Meeting to be held on December 16th, with the dinner beginning at 6 p.m. and the meeting to follow at 7 p.m. at the Plainfield Parks & Recreation Center.

Mr. Wathen then asked if the Board meeting minutes and agendas could be emailed to the members in the future instead of being mailed. After discussion, it was agreed that staff would begin emailing the meeting information to the Board members and that hard copies would be available at the meetings.

Financial Report

Financial Facts Summary

Mr. Detwiler informed the Board that the District holds a CD for the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund that would be maturing in the next week. He asked the Board members if there was any reason why that money should not be reinvested. Hearing no objections to doing so, Mr. Detwiler indicated that he would see that the money was reinvested.

Income Chart

Mr. Detwiler then reported that the District is on track to meet budgeted figures for Final Disposal Fee Income. And, as he had previously reported, the Brownsburg and Danville Yard Waste Recycling Centers both had their best years to date in 2008.

Claims Register

Next, Mr. Detwiler presented the Register of Claims as of November 18, 2008 in the amount of \$30,387.97. Mr. Wathen moved to accept the claims as presented. Mrs. Palmer seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

New Business

Mr. Whicker then moved to the consideration of Resolution 2008-06 dealing with District staff compensation for 2009. Mr. Detwiler explained that Mr. Guarnery had suggested that the resolution use salary ranges instead of exact dollar figures, and in response Mr. Detwiler prepared a resolution similar to the one the members received in

their Board packets with the updated version using a compensation range for each position rather than an exact dollar figure.

Mr. Guarnerly moved to accept Resolution 2008-06 using salary ranges. Mr. Gaddie seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed 6-0-0, with the Board requesting that Mr. Steuerwald review Resolution 2008-06, and that Mr. Detwiler ask Mr. Love to review the compensation ranges of all District staff positions to be sure those amounts were in line with other, similar positions held by County employees.

Mrs. Palmer then suggested that the Board consider adding a \$5,000 stipend for Mr. Detwiler to compensate him for the added responsibility of handling the District's bookkeeping that the District was previously paying an outside contractor to handle. After some discussion, Mrs. Palmer withdrew her suggestion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Guarnerly moved to adjourn at 7:55 a.m. Mr. Wathen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

David A. Whicker, Secretary-Treasurer