

Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District

February 20, 2007

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District met at 4:00 p.m. on February 20, 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	David Whicker	Daniel Fivecoat
Phyllis Palmer	Ed Schrier	Nancy Johnson
Bill Guarnerly	Beverley Austin*	

(*arrived after roll call was taken)

Members not present were:

Hursel Disney

Others in attendance were:

Lenn Detwiler	Shirley Duncan	Amy Siefertman
Debbie Haines	Gary Eakin	Greg Steuerwald
Cathy Grindstaff	Jennifer Gabaree	Troy Smith
Mark Matthews		

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Fivecoat moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Before a motion was made to approve the minutes of the January meeting, Mr. Guarnerly noted that Robert Waggoner's name was omitted from the attendance list for the January meeting. Mr. Guarnerly then moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0-1. Mr. Schrier abstained from the vote as he was not present at the meeting.

At this point Mrs. Austin joined the meeting.

IWM Presentation

Mark Matthews began his organization's presentation by introducing himself and Troy Smith of the IWM Consulting Group and explaining that the proposal distributed to the members of the board was the same proposal the company recently made to the Commissioners. The proposal involves the study and identification of areas within Hendricks County that are, or could potentially become, brownfields. Mr. Smith noted that the company has done similar studies for other communities, including the City of Indianapolis. He defined brownfields as abandoned or unutilized properties that are, or are perceived to be, contaminated. Mr. Smith explained that the survey the company is proposing would create an inventory of real or possible brownfield sites within Hendricks County. The information gained via the survey could then be combined with existing GIS mapping systems in use in the county.

Mr. Matthews noted that the cost of the project would be \$75,000. He further explained that having the brownfield inventory would be beneficial to developers as they consider moving into or expanding in an area. The information would also help bolster any grant applications the county or towns might submit for clean-up of contaminated sites. Once such sites are cleaned up they could again be added to the county's tax rolls.

Mr. Whicker asked if the survey would cover all of Hendricks County, or simply the unincorporated portions. Mr. Matthews answered that the cost of the proposal was based on a survey of all portions of Hendricks County, including areas within the towns.

Mr. Schrier noted that if the project goes forward, he believes the study should focus on areas that are known to be contaminated and less on sites that could possibly be brownfields. His concern is that labeling sites as a possible brownfield would have an adverse effect on the market value of those properties.

After further discussion and more questions from the Board, Mr. Whicker asked Mr. Detwiler if the money to fund the project could come from the District's General Fund. Mr. Detwiler replied that he had discussed the issue with Mr. Steuerwald and that in his opinion, according to the Indiana Code, funding this project would not be an appropriate use of money from the District's General Fund. Mr. Steuerwald was then asked if money from the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund could be used to fund the project. Mr. Steuerwald stated that the Commissioners and Board Members are given more discretion regarding use of the Special Projects Fund money than the General Fund money.

Mr. Whicker then asked how much money was in the Hendricks County Special Projects Fund. Mrs. Haines answered that the fund had in excess of \$59,000 in a checking account and a \$100,000.00 CD that would mature in

November. She did note that the Commissioners could ask for additional appropriations from the General Fund if needed.

After more discussion, Mr. Schrier moved to proceed with the project proposed by IWM Consulting Group, with proper interlocal agreements between the county and municipalities, referring the project to the Commissioners for a decision and being careful to concentrate on known sites in the county. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the motion. Before the vote was taken, Mr. Eakin explained the he called a representative from the State Board of Accounts to get an opinion regarding proper use of the District's General Fund money. He also stated that he sees this project as an opportunity for the District to utilize the money in the General Fund to have an economic redevelopment impact in the community. After further discussion and clarification of Mr. Schrier's motion the vote was taken. The motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Educator's Report

Mrs. Sieferman began her report by distributing calendars showing her schedule for February and March. She also invited the Board members to attend any of her programs. She reported that by the end of February she will have seen about 1,000 kids for the month. She anticipates that the next few months will be even busier as spring approaches. She explained that she will be at the Lawn and Garden show and will be doing some projects there regarding composting, worm composting and grass cycling.

Mr. Schrier asked Mrs. Sieferman if she takes recycling containers to the schools. Mrs. Sieferman explained that she does take recycling containers to the schools and explains to the students what can and can not be recycled. Then Mr. Schrier asked her if she asked the kids how many of their parents have subscribed to curbside recycling. She said she does ask that during some of her programs and that the number of families that do participate in that program varies depending on what town she is in.

Mrs. Johnson then asked Mrs. Sieferman why the same schools tended to show up on her schedules multiple times. Mrs. Sieferman answered that she was presenting to a number of different classes at the same school and that all of her programs are scheduled by requests from teachers.

Mr. Guarnerly mentioned that he would like for people to be more careful about materials blowing out of their recycling containers when they are placed at the curb. Mrs. Sieferman explained that she is currently working on an 'anti-littering' campaign that would focus on those kinds of issues.

Mr. Fivecoat mentioned to Mrs. Sieferman that he would like to attend her program on March 15th at the Central Elementary School in Plainfield. She said that would be great.

Director's Report

Mr. Detwiler began his report by passing around a screenshot from the District's website with the Board members' contact information listed. He asked that each member review the information and note any corrections that need to be made.

Outdoor Furniture Grant Program

Next, he distributed information about benches and picnic tables produced from recycled plastic. He explained that he would like to expand the current grant program to allow local organizations such as municipalities, churches, schools, businesses, etc. to apply for grant funds to purchase outside furniture made from recycled materials. The District could then affix plaques to the pieces identifying that the furniture was made from recycled plastic and provided through a grant. He noted that the program would not require the applying organizations to provide a cash match to get the furniture, but would require them to expand a current recycling program or begin a new one.

Mr. Detwiler requested approval to allocate \$10,000 to the program. He explained that each application would be capped at \$2,000 and that the money could simply be moved from the Public Education line item. He also requested approval to purchase two benches to use as examples for organizations that may be interested in applying for the grant money.

Mrs. Palmer moved to approve Mr. Detwiler's request to expand the current grant program and to purchase two benches for the District to use as examples. Mr. Fivecoat seconded the motion. Mrs. Palmer said that she thinks the program would be a good tool to let the residents see what recycled items look like. Mr. Fivecoat mentioned that the Town of Plainfield was discussing benches to be placed along the Town's walking trail. Mr. Detwiler explained that the current program is capped at \$2,000 per applicant, but the Board could certainly consider larger projects in the future. Mrs. Austin asked that Mr. Detwiler make Ryan Cannon of the Town of Avon aware of the program as the Town is considering purchasing some benches in the near future.

Mr. Anderson called for a vote on the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Recycling Container Loan Program

Next, Mr. Detwiler explained that he would like to begin a program to make recycling containers available to groups organizing large functions. He brought along a ClearStream CycleMax recycling system to show the Board members. The CycleMax unit consists of a steel frame, plastic lid with holes and a clear plastic bag. He explained that the containers could be loaned out for

school functions, company picnics, family reunions, church activities, festivals, etc. Event organizers would be responsible for maintaining the recycling units during the event and finding an appropriate recycling outlet for the materials collected. He mentioned that he had talked with several other solid waste district directors about the units and that similar programs have worked well. After some questions and discussion, Mrs. Palmer moved to allow Mr. Detwiler to purchase 50 of the CycleMax units to begin the loan-out program. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion. Mr. Anderson then asked if Mr. Detwiler had contacted Jim Parker about some containers that he had offered the District. Mr. Detwiler answered that he was not familiar with the bins Mr. Parker has, but would be happy to look into them. Mr. Schrier moved to table the action until Mr. Detwiler had time to research the bins Mr. Parker has. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion and it was passed 6-2-0 with Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Fivecoat opposing.

Lenticular Cups

Next, Mr. Detwiler passed around an example of a cup produced with lenticular printing that could be used as a give-away at the county fair. He explained that the idea would be to promote 'reuse' at the fair and encourage residents to reuse a cup over and over again rather than using bottles and cans that require recycling or disposal. Mr. Detwiler noted that he would like to have the cups printed with a motif similar to that of the *Guide to Being Green*. He explained his desire to provide an eye-catching, useful give-away rather than another item that may end up in the trash. Mrs. Palmer asked if the cup was dishwasher safe. Mr. Detwiler replied that it was dishwasher and microwave safe. He was also asked if the cup was made out of recycled material. He replied that it was not made out of recycled material nor was the cup itself recyclable.

Mr. Detwiler continued by noting that he would like to put a slip of paper in each cup explaining that the point of the cup was to promote the idea that reuse is better than even recycling. After more discussion, Mr. Whicker moved to allow Mr. Detwiler to purchase 4,000 cups at a cost of \$8,300. Mr. Schrier seconded the motion and the motion was deadlocked 4-4-0 with Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Whicker and Mr. Anderson opposing.

Magnets

Next Mr. Detwiler requested approval to purchase magnets displaying Tox-Away Day information. The magnets would be made available to the public at the Tox-Away Days, the fair and the Yard Waste Recycling Centers. Mr. Detwiler explained that he would like to also have removable labels made in conjunction with the magnets. The labels would display information on the current year's Tox-Away Day dates and locations; then the magnets could be useful from year to year.

Mr. Fivecoat moved to approve the purchase of 10,000 magnets in the amount of \$4,500. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved 7-1-0 with Mrs. Palmer opposing.

Mr. Detwiler then quickly updated the Board that he was still researching options to upgrade the District's website. He informed the Board that one of the Yard Waste Recycling Center attendants would not be returning this year, but without a definite plan and timeline for the future of the Plainfield site, he would not be hiring any additional staff at this time. He explained that he would be meeting with another contractor about making improvements to the attendant buildings at the Danville and Brownsburg Yard Waste Recycling Centers. Lastly, Mr. Detwiler reported that there was a Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting on February 8th. Topics at that meeting included the establishment of a fund to save for the District's future and possibly relocating the District office. Mr. Detwiler closed by mentioning that the next Long-Range Planning Committee meeting would be held on March 13th.

Discussion

Next, Mr. Schrier moved that the District fund a program to provide curbside recycling to every household in Hendricks County. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion. Mr. Fivecoat said he would work with Mr. Detwiler to research such a possibility. Mr. Anderson called for the vote and the motion was defeated 1-7-0.

Financial Report

Before Mrs. Haines began her report, Mr. Anderson pointed out that a CD would be maturing on February 27, 2007. Mrs. Haines suggested adding money from the checking account to that instrument, raising the value to \$275,000. Mrs. Palmer moved to approve Mrs. Haines' recommendation. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Next, Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the pre-paid claims in the amount of \$13,419.93 as presented. Mr. Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Mr. Fivecoat then moved to approve the claims to be paid in the amount of \$17,650.56 as presented. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Discussion

Next, Mr. Schrier asked the members to note that the Financial Fact Summary dated January 31, 2007 showed the District's total cash and investments at \$1,072,139.17. Mr. Schrier explained that he believes more

needs to be done to reach the adults in the community. Mr. Eakin expressed his opinion that if the District does not spend some of its money, that the Board should consider lowering the tipping fees at the landfill. Mrs. Haines reminded the Board that the Long-Range Planning Committee is having active discussions regarding uses of the District's money.

CAC Report

Mr. Eakin said there was no CAC report but asked that our thoughts be with Jim Davis, who recently lost his mother.

New Business

Resolution 2007-01

Mr. Fivecoat moved to approve Resolution 2007-01 to appoint and re-appoint members to the District's Citizens' Advisory Committee as presented. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Board Members' Comments, Concerns & Questions

Mr. Fivecoat informed the Board that the Town of Plainfield was approached by the Re-Entry Program now underway where the old Boys' School was located. Mr. Fivecoat explained that the administrators of the Re-Entry Program would like to take over the yard waste recycling operation currently underway at the District's facility on Vine Street to provide the program's enrollees hands-on, real world job skills they can market after they finish serving their sentences. The Re-Entry Program would staff the site and process the material collected there. They are asking that the District buy the necessary equipment to process the material collected. Mr. Schrier asked Mr. Fivecoat if he had an estimate as to how much the equipment might cost. Mr. Fivecoat explained that he did not know and that many details still needed to be worked out.

Mrs. Palmer requested that Mr. Detwiler be kept abreast of any proposals made by the Re-Entry Facility. Mr. Fivecoat agreed to keep Mr. Detwiler informed during the process.

There being no further business, Mrs. Palmer moved to adjourn at 5:35 pm. Mr. Guarnerly seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved 8-0-0.

Hursel C. Disney, President

Myron C. Anderson, Vice President

David A. Whicker, Treasurer

Daniel W. Fivecoat, Secretary

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