

PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

District Office

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

6:30 PM

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of March 11, 2003
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. FY2003 Budget Report
- ⇒ 6:50 p.m. Executive Committee Report
 - Engineering Report – Composting – Re-zoning
- ⇒ 7:00 p.m. Director's Report
 - Programs Update – Drop Off – HHW et.al.
 - Legislative Update
 - Citizens Advisory Committee
- ⇒ 7:20 p.m. Other Items Pending:
- ⇒ 7:25 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2003**

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began March 11, 2003 at 6:40 PM. Harold Gingerich, President presided over the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Ort, Connie Miles, Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Phillip Curtis, Richard Strayer, Harold Gingerich, Mark Pankop, Harold Uhl, Dick Dodge, Danny Putnam and Mayor Richard Hickman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James Hess, Terry Helmer, Richard Winebrenner, Hal Stump, Mayor Larry McGahen, F Mayo Sanders and Rodney Wells

CAC PRESENT: None

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Absent

DISTRICT CONSULTANT: Absent

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Christman, Pam DeCamp and Linda Zirkle

Noting a **quorum present for the meeting**, Harold Gingerich called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

MINUTES: Hearing no additions or corrections a motion to approve minutes for the March 11, 2003 meeting was made by Don Kaufman. Seconded by Connie Miles, motion carried.

REGISTRY OF CLAIMS & TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Christman reviewed the financial reports. Harold Gingerich noted in the claims a check to Trophies & Awards is for a Pete Green service award that will be presented to Virginia Green for Pete's years of service to the District. A motion to approve the Registry of Claims and the Treasurer's Report was made by Mayor Richard Hickman. Seconded by Harold Uhl. Motion carried 13 yeas and 0 nays.

FY2003 Budget: Steve Christman updated the Board regarding the line of credit with Farmer's State Bank of LaGrange. The final papers will be signed on April 17th and the line of credit will be available when it becomes necessary.

Executive Committee Report: An extended conversation and meeting with Jerry Richter, Garden Ridge Nursery took place during the Executive Committee meeting today. Jerry, as you will recall from last fall, is very interested in receiving mulch from the compost lots. This could be a good possibility for a private/public partnership that would solve the needs for both parties. Steve has worked the numbers and will continue to work on what the transportation costs would be to transport this material to Defiance, Ohio. Harold Uhl asked if Garden Ridge Nursery would pay the trucking if this material were something they need to make the end product their selling? If not the trucking, maybe the fuel cost will help to make the process more feasible for the District. Harold Gingerich suggests when the District has satisfied the re-zoning, the private/public partnership could work to establish an operation at the District. This would be a possibility for revenue incoming to the District. Harold Gingerich stated in order to haul brown

material to Garden Ridge, a trailer with a walking floor would have to be purchased or Klink Trucking would have to be contracted. Richard Strayer asked Steve if selling the regrind material would pay for the power screen? Steve told Richard we are not selling any of the material from the compost lots at this time. This year we will be selling the finished compost. Harold Gingerich stated after this afternoons meeting and the vast amount of information, we will continue to update the Board and discuss the solution to handle these large volumes of material. Harold asked for some guidance from the Board as to where the Executive Committee should go, realizing no decision will be made until it comes to this table for the Board to make a final decision. Harold Uhl told Steve crossing the state line might mean filing consider-able paper work. Harold Uhl advises Steve to put some numbers together and report back to the Board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Programs Update: Steve Christman told the Board to access the web site www.niswmd.org. This will tell you about the programs and explain what the District does. J.W. Spear, Sr. handles the web site for the District. Steve and JW Spear, Sr. work together over the Intranet from their laptops and are currently working to complete the revisions to the Solid Waste Plan for resubmission to IDEM.

The DeKalb lot has electricity and is ready to go. Due to the weather, the road at Steuben compost lot is not complete and will be done as soon as feasible. No word has been received regarding the Grant Application to fund construction of surface water control structures at the DeKalb & Steuben compost lots.

The LaGrange Drop-off unit needs a new location due to expansion at the wastewater department. Steve is working on a new location and pricing out improvements needed at a new location. Also Auburn is in desperate need of a second and third station and the District is working hard to find a location. Mayor Norm Yoder has been asked to help in finding a suitable location.

HHW Friday collection begins this Friday 4/11/03 and operates through 11/14/03. Fees now apply to the HHW program and all towns have been notified. A new mercury program has been sent down from the State to handle all the dental waste with no funding available to the Districts.

Legislative Update: Most of the bills at State level are dead. This has been a pretty quiet year.

Citizens Advisory Committee: The first meeting for the year was held last week. We are short of members and if anyone has any recommendations, please let Steve know. Colleen Hake Boyd has offered to serve as President for now until someone else comes forward. The committee was brought up to date on all the current and past projects.

Pam DeCamp would like to remind the Board it is time again to receive and begin to select a winner for the Waste Minimization Program. Three entries have been received and next month Pam will present the entries to the Executive Committee and then to the Board to select a winner.

Steve Christman spoke to the Steuben County Lakes Council last Saturday and they are very pleased with the plans at the Steuben compost lot and other programs at the District.

Dick Dodge asked about the plastic bags and the recycle symbol and if these are accepted at the drop-off units? Pam explained that plastic bags are not and continues to work... with the local stores in minimizing the continued misuse at the drop-off units.

OTHER ITEMS PENDING: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Dan Putnam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.