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PUBLIC NOTICE NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DISTRICT OFFICE

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

6:30 PM

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of March 14, 2006
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/ Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. Programs/Operations Report
- ⇒ 6:50 p.m. Executive Committee Report
April 2006 Solid Waste Management Planning Session
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Legislative Report
- ⇒ 7:35 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:40 p.m. Other items Pending
- ⇒ 7:50 p.m. Adjourn



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Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting April 11, 2006

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began April 11, 2006 at 6:35 P.M. Mark Pankop, Secretary presided.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Roger Boots, Phil Curtis, Harold Gingerich, Mark Pankop, Harold Uhl, Ronald L. Smith, Dan Putnam and Mayor Richard Hickman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Ort, Connie Miles, George Bachman, Terry Helmer, Jack Herendeen, Hal Stump, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, F. Mayo Sanders and James Crowl

CAC PRESENT: Colleen Hake Boyd

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Andrew Kruse

DISTRICT CONSULTANT: J. W. Spear, Sr., P.E.

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Christman, Pam DeCamp, Jennifer Franz, Rich Caston and Linda Zirkle

MINUTES: Hearing no corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting and the Public Hearing minutes of March 14, 2006, a motion was made by Mayor Norm Yoder to approve both the minutes. Seconded by Don Kaufman, motion carried. 11 yeas, 0 nays

REGISTRY OF CLAIMS & TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Christman reviewed the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report was made by Harold Uhl. Motion seconded by Don VanWye. Motion carried. 11 yeas, 0 nays

Programs/Operations Report: Tonight as reported the \$33,909.63 invoice was for hauling material from the Ligonier, Topeka and LaGrange compost lots. A large volume of material, incidence of spontaneous combustion forced expenditure of \$27,000.00 to empty and secure the LaGrange compost lot. Several hot spots were detected while moving this material so the lot was cleared to avoid an additional fire hazard so close to the school. Some of the compost was brought to the District and all the wood mulch has been moved from LaGrange.

Rich Caston reported the rolling or (on the road) equipment is in pretty good shape. The oldest is a 1995 Volvo tractor with 302,000 miles and it is in very good shape. The 1992 Case loader is getting worn out and will need to be replaced. Several repairs have been made recently and it continues to overheat and is lacking power. The tub grinder is also showing wear and will need some structural repairs as the season continues. All other equipment is in pretty sound condition.

Due to program growth all the equipment is seeing more use and has more than doubled from the past. Rich Caston and Steve Christman will put together a bid document for a replacement loader

in the near future. Also the District is shopping for maintenance software to implement a preventative maintenance program.

Last month Harold Gingerich requested information to review the District health insurance expenses. Jennifer Franz prepared and presented a spreadsheet with health insurance expense for the past 5 years.

Pam DeCamp reports the Steuben and DeKalb compost lots will open April 17, 2006 with the same hours as last year. The office has received numerous calls with requests for compost. The Household Hazardous Waste program begins on April 21, 2006 and will be every Friday from 8:00 AM thru 12:00 PM. (unless Friday is a Holiday) thru November 17, 2006.

April 2006 Solid Waste Management Planning Session – J Spear Associates/ NISWMD Staff: JW Spear, Sr. presented a review of the material covered in the Workshop III today. The District's charter and mission were reviewed. Green waste, compost, recycling, budget funds available, reduction of white goods, tires, and program cost cuts for education, grants programs, additional staff were all part of the Workshop III today. JW Spear, Sr. prepared and illustrated several allocation expense and percentage costs from the past 5 years for each of the compost locations in all four Counties.

Mark Pankop turned the meeting over to Harold Gingerich at 7:45 P.M.

At the end of the Workshop presentation much discussion followed with regard to continuing service of the compost lots on the West side of the District not registered with the State. Operating standards in compliance with State regulations and responsible party issues were discussed.

Harold Uhl stated he thinks the District should raise taxes. **“Steve Christman referred to the last paragraph in the March 30, 2006 Citizens Advisory Committee minutes stating all four members present recommended the Board of Directors raise taxes and “get it done”. They felt we have wasted enough time in discussion. They all felt residents would not have a problem with a 2-4 cent increase once they understood that the current tax is only a penny per hundred assessed.”**

Mayor Norm Yoder made a motion to do a feasibility study of establishing a compost lot in each of the four Counties, minimum of 10 acres with property donated by each County, registered with the State, and operated uniformly in each County. Motion seconded by Dan Putman. Motion carried.
11 yeas, 0 nays

The recycling drop-off contract ends on 12-31-07, not on 12-31-06 as stated in the meeting last month. Making decisions are not as timely as thought last month, however, converting must be done in a timely manner so cities and towns can include any necessary funds needed in their budgets. Steve Christman reviewed the grants program and its three options. Decisions from the Board of Directors must be made regarding future of the program before anymore time is spent on developing the grants program.

Legislative Report - Harold Gingerich read information from House Bill 1001 recently passed that will have an effect on property taxes and could have an effect on the District's incoming funds.

Other Items Pending – None

Public Comment – None

Adjourn – Dan Putman made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.