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PUBLIC NOTICE NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

DISTRICT OFFICE

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

6:30 PM

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of March 13, 2007
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:45 p.m. Executive Committee Report
 - Part – time help
 - Electronics Fee Resolution
 - Operational Issues
 - Legislative Update
- ⇒ 7:20 p.m. Other Items Pending
- ⇒ 7:25 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Adjourn



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Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes April 10, 2007

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began April 10, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Norm Yoder, President, presided with a **quorum present**.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kaufman, Mayor Norm Yoder, Phil Curtis, Fred Brown, Mark Pankop, Don Moore, Ron L. Smith, Sara Tuburgen, Mayor Richard Hickman and Loretta Smart

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Donald VanWye, Mayor David Wiant, Terry Helmer, Yvonne Eash, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe and Mayor Gary Bishop

CAC PRESENT: None

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Andrew Kruse

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jim Measel, WLKI

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

MINUTES: **ACTION ITEM #1 Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of March 13, 2007, a motion was made by Don Kaufman to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Loretta Smart. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays**

REGISTRY OF CLAIMS AND TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Christman reviewed the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report for April 10, 2007. **ACTION ITEM #2 A motion was made by Mayor Richard Hickman to approve the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Loretta Smart. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays**

Executive Committee Report:

Budget – The line of credit with Farmers State Bank has been renewed. This money will be available if a delay in tax levy distribution makes it necessary to borrow funds for the District to continue operations.

At the request of George Helton, Department of Local Government Finance, Budget Division, the 1782 Notice for DeKalb County has been signed and faxed to the State. Due to reassessment delays each of the four Counties will be handled separate again this year; DeKalb is the only one received to date.

Part-time Help – Mayor Norm Yoder read from the September 12, 2006 minutes a motion stating “no additional part-time or full-time employees may be hired without board approval; however, current employees may be replaced”. Steve Christman asked the Executive Committee for authorization to hire additional part-time help. The Executive Committee feels this motion wording is an impairment to the District and recommends to the Board, revising the 9-12-06 motion by removing the words “part-time or”, to allow hiring of part-time help. Steve Christman explained the District needs part-time help and the number of part-time employees varies from year to year.

ACTION ITEM #3 – Don Moore made a motion to amend the 9-12-06 motion by removing the words “part-time or” and added authorization to hire part-time help, with no part-time employee number limitation, as long as the 2007 budget of \$74,000. for part-time help is not exceeded. Motion seconded by Mayor Richard Hickman. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays

Electronic Fee Resolution – Resolution 2007-2 (replacing Resolution 2001-4 & 2001-1) establishing Electronic Recycling Fees, as reviewed at the March 13, 2007 Board of Director’s meeting, has been legally advertised and a Public Hearing held on April 10, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. Hearing no public comment, Andrew Kruse, Legal Counsel read Resolution 2007-2 and called for a vote. Mayor Norm Yoder noted the District did a survey of other Indiana District’s to help establish the new fees. These fees are not the lowest or highest, but somewhere on average of the other Districts’ fees. **ACTION ITEM #4 – A motion was made by Phil Curtis to adopt Resolution 2007-2 (replacing Resolution #2001-4 & Resolution #2001-1) with Electronics & Computer Recycling Schedule of Fees dated April 2007 for restructuring the Fees for Electronic Recycling. Motion seconded by Don Kaufman. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays** The new fees become effective immediately.

Legislative Issues – State of Indiana, all solid waste issues have been referred to the summer Environmental Quality Service Council study committee. On a National level, railroads that currently operate solid waste transfer operations at railroad sightings are exempt from State and Federal regulations, causing concerns from several organizations. This is a major problem in the East with dumping next to the rail yard. The United States Supreme Court is hearing an issue having to do with solid waste authority in New York that required all the solid waste generated within the jurisdictional borders of that authority, to go to the authority’s publicly owned facility. This is being challenged by the private sector.

Operational Issues – Steve Christman is drafting and making modifications to the Request for Bid for the Rural Recycling Drop-off Contract. This current contract ends 12/31/07. The five year contract currently services 21 unmanned rural drop-off locations throughout the four counties. Steve Christman asked J.W. Spear, Sr. to do some number crunching and re-visit service areas. J.W. Spear, Sr. has prepared a presentation with strategy for enhancing the recycling drop-off to recover as much material as possible for the least amount of money. Using data from a survey conducted by the District in 2000, results were to eliminate low volume drop-off stations and add an additional station in high volume areas. Locations losing their drop-off stations could perhaps find sponsors to pay for services through the contractor or to the District. These locations are Fremont, Howe, Cromwell, Ligonier, Prairie Heights and Shipshewana.

Mayor Norm Yoder explained history from the 1990’s regarding the rural recycling program and changes to the program and the cost associated in the past 5 years. The rural recycling drop-off program cost is approximately 1/3 of the annual District budget. The Execs set the date to finalize this bid document by July or no later than August 2007, advertise to receive bids in September 2007 and let bid in October, 2007. Mayor Yoder encouraged all Board members to ask lots of questions and express their thoughts; so decisions made can be favorable for all Board members to stand firm and not be revoked or changed under public pressure.

Mayor Yoder asked for volunteers to form a committee to meet prior to next month to work on ideas for the rural recycling solutions. The District will set a meeting date and notify volunteers. Volunteers are Don Moore – Noble, Ron Smith – Steuben, Phil Curtis – LaGrange and Mayor Norm Yoder – DeKalb.

Other Items Pending – None

Public Comment – None

Adjourn – ACTION ITEM #5 – Phil Curtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.