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

DISTRICT OFFICE

Tuesday April 14, 2009

6:30 P.M.

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of February 10, 2009
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Treasurer's Report/Registry of Claims
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. Executive Committee Report:
 - Proxy Issue – IC 13-21-3-6(f)
 - Re-visit Project Review Policy
 - Truck Scale Permit Status
 - Programs & Operations Report
 - Legislative Issues
- ⇒ 7:25 p.m. Other Items Pending
- ⇒ 7:27 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Adjourn



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Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting April 14, 2009

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting began April 14, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. Ron Smith, President, presided **noting a quorum present.**

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT: Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Phil Curtis, Jack Herendeen, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, Ron Smith, Mayor Richard Hickman and Loretta Smart

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor David Wiant, Fred Brown, Terry Helmer, Yvonne Eash, Don Moore, Mayor Patty Fisel and Sara Tubergen

CAC PRESENT: Colleen Hake Boyd

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Andrew Kruse

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

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

MINUTES: ACTION ITEM #1 – Donald VanWye made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2009 Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded by Mayor Suzanne Handshoe. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays

TREASURER'S REPORT AND REGISTRY OF CLAIMS: Treasurer's Report and Registry of Claims were reviewed for April 14, 2009. The District payroll for the month is listed on page one of the claims at the request of the District Controller, a savings of three or four pages monthly by not listing each paycheck as a single payable check. **ACTION ITEM #2– A motion was made by Loretta Smart to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Registry of Claims. Mayor Richard Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays**

Executive Committee Report:

Proxy Issue – IC 13-21-3-6(f) – A Resolution to Amend the Interlocal Agreement has been drafted for the Board's review to help set guidelines within Indiana Code to address Board members designating a proxy to attend a meeting in their absence.

After review and hearing questions regarding the Mayor Proxy procedure, it was decided to request legal counsel to get additional information and revisit at the next meeting.

Project Review Policy – The Project Review Policy was drafted some time ago to give the District guidelines when a service provider comes into the District and proposes to establish a solid waste facility. Steve Christman believes these requirements are overly restrictive and would like the Board's help to modify this policy. Board discussion followed.

Ron Smith, President, asked if any Board member would move to make changes to the Project Review Policy. The need for the policy at all was questioned and suggested it not be used. Hearing no changes or support the Project Review Policy is hereby tabled.



Recycled Paper

Truck Scale Permit Status – The District purchased a truck scale from the State bid list several years ago. The concept drawings for the project were about ninety percent complete when the engineer’s contract was terminated. Construction season is coming and in order to install the truck scale a building improvement permit is necessary from the Steuben County Plan Commission. The Steuben County Plan Commission requested additional selected information on the drawings in order to issue the permit.

Steve Christman will be meeting with Professor Tim Tyler at Trine University to see if assistance from engineering students would be available for the details needed on the existing drawings.

Ron Smith noted that Steuben County is now in compliance with the State of Indiana and Ron Nagle is the weights and measurers enforcement officer.

Programs & Operations Report – The District purchased two 1994 fifty-three foot trailers to replace the 1982 and 1983 deteriorating trailers. These trailers were purchased for \$2,100.00 each from Hoosier Truck and included salvage of the 1982 and 1983 trailers.

The 2009 Unit Maximum Levy Worksheet from the Department of Local Government Finance was received on April 7, 2009, for the first time all four Counties are on one sheet, and is \$925,865.00.

On Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. DeKalb County will celebrate Earth Day at Rieke Park in Auburn. This event is sponsored by: Nucor Building Systems, Nucor Vulcraft, Nucor Fastener, Hoosier ReLeaf, Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District, City of Auburn Parks & Recreation and Water Pollution Control.

June 20, 2009 from 8:00 A.M. thru 12:00 P.M. the District has scheduled a Household Problem Waste collection for LaGrange County at Lakeland School. Phil Curtis will check into utilizing community service participants to help.

The Household Hazardous Waste program starts this Friday; compost is selling fast and will probably be gone after this Friday morning. Wood mulch is becoming easier to move and several companies are showing interest to purchase clean material to stain and market.

Ron Smith would like to compliment Rich Caston after observing the customer skills shown while working with the residents coming to purchase compost, and notes he is a good employee. Steve Christman added both Rich Caston and Joe Baysinger do a great job, for just two of them, running the compost program with the help of all the part-time employees, they are a great bunch of guys.

Legislative Issues – The March 2009 SWANA update of the Federal Legislative issues affecting Management of Municipal Solid Waste is a good monthly summary. Going Green and climate change issues are popular at the moment, as well as, ongoing debate over cap and trade.

At the State level HEA 1589 is an electronics waste bill requiring electronic manufacturers to register with the State of Indiana and pay for electronics recycling. It appears HEA 1589 will pass both houses.

OTHER ITEMS PENDING - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Colleen Hake Boyd thinks a lot of good things were covered tonight.

ADJOURN – **ACTION ITEM #2 – A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Norm Yoder at 7:40 P.M. Motion seconded by Don Kaufman. Meeting adjourned.**