

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**District Office**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2004**

**6:30 PM**

### **Agenda**

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of January 13, 2004
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. Executive Committee Report
  - Budget Report
  - Operations Update
  - Annual Report
  - Legislative Update
- ⇒ 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  
February 10, 2004**

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began February 10, 2004 at 6:30 PM. Harold Gingerich, President presided over the meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chuck Ort, Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Phillip Curtis, Richard Strayer, Harold Gingerich, Mark Pankop, Harold Uhl, Suzanne Handshoe, Danny Putnam and Mayor Richard Hickman

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Connie Miles, James Hess, Terry Helmer, Richard Winebrenner, Hal Stump, F. Mayo Sanders, Dick Dodge and Rod Wells

**CAC PRESENT:** None

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Andrew Kruse

**DISTRICT CONSULTANT:** Not Present

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Chris Himes and Steve Himes with Borden WasteAway

**STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Christman, Pam DeCamp, Joe Baysinger and Linda Zirkle

Noting a **quorum present for the meeting**, Harold Gingerich called the meeting to order. Harold introduced Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe attending her first Board of Directors meeting.

**MINUTES:** Hearing no corrections or additions to the minutes for the January 13, 2004 Board of Directors meeting, a motion to approve minutes was made by Mayor Richard Hickman. Seconded by Harold Uhl, motion carried. 12 yeas, 0 nays

**REGISTRY OF CLAIMS & TREASURER'S REPORT:** Steve Christman reviewed the financial reports. A motion to approve the Registry of Claims and the Treasurer's Report was made by Richard Strayer. Seconded by Harold Uhl. Motion carried 12 yeas and 0 nays.

Harold Gingerich announced the annual checks from the shoe collection for the animal shelters are \$190.08, and those checks have been mailed to all 4 counties.

**Executive Committee Report:**

**Annual Report:** The 2003 annual report is complete and Steve reviewed the 2003 Financial Statement from the report with the Board. Steve also asked the Board to look at the chart showing where the money goes.

**Budget Report:** Tim Newby with the Farmers State Bank LaGrange met with Steve and reviewed updated financial information requested from the bank. Tim Newby explained to Steve the renewal of the line of credit for \$800,000 would be at 3.48%. Interest due on the current line of credit would be due in March. After the bank's financial loan committee meets, Tim Newby will call Steve with confirmation for renewal.

Removal of Kendallville Scott's drop-off and two Ligonier drop-off stations should help to see some relief in the Borden Waste-Away bill, regarding the rural recycling drop-off program.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Programs/Operations Update:** Since the removal of Kendallville (Scott's) and two Ligonier stations, everyone involved has experienced numerous phone calls. Steve has had communication with the cities of Ligonier and Kendallville to help with the impact and to help work through the problems. At the Ligonier meeting Steve was unable to get past the level of understanding that, "residents pay their taxes, therefore, this should include recycling".

Steve explained the budget cycle, 18 months, cash flow (incoming and outgoing) and the need for the District to change outgoing cash to help with an immediate effect.

Harold noted Chris Himes is present for the meeting tonight. Steve is working with Chris Himes from Borden Waste-Away and has had discussion with response to the letter received this week from Borden with reference to "breach of contract".

Much discussion took place regarding, user fees, more program cut, raising tax levies, and ways to reach the next level of program service delivery.

Mayor Norm Yoder explained he feels poor decisions have been made with regard to removing recycling stations in the larger cities. He feels by doing that not all residents receive fair treatment from the District. Mayor Yoder also feels there should be better representation of the cities and towns on the Board.

Don Kaufman remarked he was surprised at the decision of the Board last month to remove 7 drop-off recycling stations. Much discussion regarding this matter took place and continued discussion will follow in the next several months for positive solutions to this very difficult issue.

Harold Gingerich reminded the Board in January his statement for the necessity to address this serious cash flow problem immediately.

Mayor Richard Hickman believes this is a great wakeup call to the citizens in the counties and perhaps also to the representatives of this Board that financially it is not possible to do all the successful programs they would like to do.

Mayor Suzanne Handshoe thanked the District for the assistance given to her and with her community coming together and help from local contractors, feels Kendallville can continue to recycle on a lessor level without cost from the District.

The consensus of the Board is not to pull any more stations and slow down for further discussion and possible solutions next month.

Harold Gingerich gave Chris Himes/Borden Waste-Away time to address the Board of his concerns with the Board's decision last month.

The past 7 years have been great and the partnership has truly been a partnership. Chris stated the cost from his company is low even though he knows his company is the biggest expense to the District. Chris stated financially, the changes made by the Board are devastating to his company. The demographics and their effects were then explained. Chris expressed to the Board his company's need for a quick mutual resolution to this dilemma. A picture of the new system his company is using was presented for review.

Meeting with Chris Himes for further discussion is scheduled for February 19, 2004 at 3:30 PM here at the District office.

**OTHER ITEMS PENDING:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Mayor Norm Yoder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Chuck Ort.