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

DISTRICT OFFICE

Tuesday February 10, 2009

6:30 P.M.

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of December 9, 2008
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Treasurer's Report/Registry of Claims
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. Executive Committee Report
 - Director's Report, Programs & Operations
 - FY2008 Annual Report
 - Requested Capital Projects/Equip. Review
 - 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 February 10, 2009

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting began February 10, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. Ron Smith, President, presided **noting a quorum present.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Phil Curtis, Fred Brown, Terry Helmer, Jack Herendeen, Don Moore, Ron Smith and Mayor Richard Hickman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor David Wiant, Yvonne Eash, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, Mayor Patty Fisel, Sara Tubergen and Loretta Smart

CAC PRESENT: Colleen Hake Boyd

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Not Present

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

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

MINUTES: ACTION ITEM #1 – Don Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008 Joint Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting. Motion seconded by Donald VanWye. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays

TREASURER'S REPORT AND REGISTRY OF CLAIMS: Treasurer's Report and Registry of Claims were reviewed for February 10, 2009. **ACTION ITEM #2 – A motion was made by Mayor Norm Yoder to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Registry of Claims. Donald VanWye seconded the motion. Motion carried 9 yeas, 0 nays (Note Terry Helmer arrived after vote)**

Steve Christman noted February 1, 2009 is the start of the new Health Insurance Plan and because the Board did not meet in January 2009, the District wishes to adopt Resolution 2009-1 dated January 30, 2009 effective February 1, 2009 - Section 125 Premium Conversion Plan Benefit that would follow Internal Revenue Code to enable participating employees to elect to pay their share of the group insurance premiums on a pre-tax salary reduction basis. This would save the District tax dollars as well. **ACTION ITEM -#3 – A motion was made by Phil Curtis to approve Resolution 2009-1 Section 125 Premium Conversion Plan Benefit. Motion seconded by Fred Brown. Motion carried. 10 yeas, 0 nays (Note Mayor Richard Hickman left after the vote)**

Executive Committee Report

Director's Report/Programs & Operations – IDEM sent a letter to the District stating that it is temporarily suspending state grant and loan programs for business and local government recycling and pollution prevention projects for at least a year or possibly longer.

In December 2008 Allen County received severe damage from trees and brush due to an ice storm. Allen County asked the District for assistance in grinding large quantities of the material. The February receipts include a check from Allen County Solid Waste District for \$7,000.00 to cover equipment/operators for fourteen hours at \$500 per\hour to grind wood debris.

Jennifer Franz is in the process of making the website available in Spanish. It was noted the District may be the first in the State to provide this service.

A resident from the area made a \$300.00 cash donation to the District. This \$300.00 donation will be deposited in the Pete Green Scholarship Fund at the donors request to use wherever needed.
ACTION ITEM #4 – A motion was made by Mayor Norm Yoder to deposit the \$300.00 cash donation in the Pete Green Scholarship Fund. Motion seconded by Don Kaufman. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays

The District received an e-mail that effective February 9, 2009 the new Department of Local Government Finance Budget Director is Karen Large.

An updated spreadsheet calculating cost of each program is posted in the Board room, one of many accountability tools provided by the District.

FY2008 Annual Report Released – Board members present received a copy of the 2008 Annual Report. Copies will be mailed to all Board members not attending tonight and is also available on the website.

A receipts and disbursements report showing 2008 vs. 2007 reveals the District spent \$51,430.51 less in 2008 than 2007. Also in spite of higher fuel costs for 2008 the income from fees totaled \$90,464.13 or \$38,588.55 more than in 2007. Selling compost was a large portion of the increased fees.

Fiber rebate figures were received from Recycling Works, Inc. for October 2008 thru January 2009 totaling \$2,331.50. The previous four months totaled \$8,895.48 due to per ton prices dropping from \$100.00 per ton to \$20.00 per ton. Rural recycling drop-off station tons are approximately the same as the last four years even after reducing the number of drop-off locations.

The FY2008 budget order was received from the Department of Local Government Finance on January 9, 2009 for \$1,539,244.00. On December 9, 2008 the controller recommended, and the Board adopted an Appropriation Reduction Resolution/Ordinance reducing the FY2008 budget from \$1,856,688.00 to \$1,520,000.00, a difference of \$19,244.00 than the State approved.

A February 2009 updated NISWMD Cost/Benefit Analysis Report is complete and on the Board table for Board members. This report provides information detailing funds received versus services provided to cities and towns in the District.

Requested Capital Projects/Equipment Review – In November 2008 the Executive Committee requested an update of Capital Improvement Projects. The update provides information on projects already complete, projects underway and future projects for Board approval, as funds are available.

The District hopes to install the truck scales this spring as approved by the Board last fall.

Ron Smith addressed the possibility of the District connecting to the Town of Ashley waste water treatment plant. Ron Smith would like to bring DeKalb and Steuben Counties along with the Town of Ashley together to discuss infrastructure improvements of the I-69/ CR800 S corridor prior to the reconstruction of 800 S scheduled to begin December 2011.

Legislative Issues – Federal: Two year extension of the production tax credits will help with regard to landfill gas projects, capital purchases for recycling equipment and the EPA recycling guidelines will be impacted.

State: Things are moving very fast. Several bills may affect the District including electronic recycling in HB1589 and SB76 that requires solid waste districts to present their budgets to each county council within the District. The Director will keep the Board informed.

OTHER ITEMS PENDING - Poor attendance from Board members of cities and towns was addressed. The Board would like those elected officials to be notified with a request to attend and add input to the monthly Board meetings. Also discussed were ways to inform residents and other city or town members of their lack of representation from these elected Board members.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – Colleen Hake Boyd was asked by a citizen to obtain information regarding the new recycle facility in Waterloo. The facility as she understands is not conducting the same operations as was proposed in the beginning. The Director at the time was directed by the Board not to get involved with the proposed Waterloo facility. At the request of Colleen Hake Boyd, staff will review the proposed solid waste facilities District policy at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURN – ACTION ITEM #5 – A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Norm Yoder at 7:30 P.M. Motion seconded by Phil Curtis. Meeting adjourned.