

PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

District Office

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

2:00 - 4:00 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Agenda

- ⇒ 2:00 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 2:02 p.m. Minutes of December 9, 2003
- ⇒ 2:05 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 2:15 p.m. Executive Committee Report
 - Reducing Service Levels
- ⇒ 3:30 p.m. Director's Report
 - Programs/Operations Update
 - Dekko/Edu
 - Credit Report
- ⇒ 3:45 p.m. Other Items Pending
- ⇒ 3:50 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2004**

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began January 13, 2004 at 2:07 PM. Harold Gingerich, President presided over the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Miles, Donald VanWye, Phillip Curtis, Harold Gingerich, Mark Pankop, Harold Uhl, Dick Dodge and Danny Putnam

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Ort, Don Kaufman, Mayor Norm Yoder, James Hess, Richard Strayer, Terry Helmer, Richard Winebrenner, Hal Stump, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, F. Mayo Sanders, Rod Wells and Mayor Richard Hickman

CAC PRESENT: None

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Derald Kruse

DISTRICT CONSULTANT: Absent

PUBLIC PRESENT: Amy Oberlin/Herald Republican

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Christman, Pam DeCamp and Linda Zirkle

Noting a **quorum present for the meeting**, Harold Gingerich called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Hearing no corrections or additions to the minutes for the December 9, 2003 Joint Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, a motion to approve minutes was made by Donald VanWye. Seconded by Harold Uhl, motion carried. 8 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 (this would include the Harco Leasing bill received today) was made by Dick Dodge. Seconded by Connie Miles. Motion carried 8 yeas and 0 nays.

Executive Committee Report:

Reducing Service Levels: Harold Gingerich explained the Executive Committee took action this afternoon and is coming to the Board with two recommendations. First a motion was passed to direct the Executive Director to monitor Engineering costs and not to exceed \$2,000 per month for current projects. While we need to control Engineering expenses, in terms of the budget, that is a very small part of what the district is looking at versus the budget. Second review the rural recycling drop off program. This corner stone program was designed to be a rural residential program. In several areas commercial users and residents are abusing these drop-offs. Harold stated, as we review the presentation Steve Christman has prepared, keep in mind the District is facing two issues. (1) The cash flow problem all local government shares due to reassessment problems. (2) Continued growth of all the District programs without increased revenue and the rural residential recycling program becoming commercial recycling and for open dumps.

A slide presentation showing the District's 10 programs, charting all cost involved, was discussed, and reviewed with the Board. Upon completion of the presentation Steve explained all indications point to the solution being, continue to monitor all expenses closely, outside contractor use only as mandatory, and cost cuts to the rural recycling drop-off to keep within the current budget. The Executive Committee noted the drop-offs Steve is recommending to pull, are the most costly and those not meeting the original intent of the plan established 10 years ago. Harold Gingerich would like to ask the Board of Director's is the intent of the drop-off recycling program still supposed to be a rural residential, as stated in the original SWMP and again in the revised SWMP? Harold believes if the answer is yes, the obvious solution is to remove the 7 drop-off units most abused and commercially used as spelled out in the Resource Review presentation. Harold thanked the Board Members for coming out mid afternoon and spending the extra time to work on the issues to address a solution for the District's cash flow and budget shortfall. Much discussion from various Board members took place and now the decision is before the Board.

A motion by Dan Putnam to remove the drop-off units from 7 locations (Auburn 3, Ligonier –Owens, Ligonier – Industrial Park, Kendallville- Street Department, Kendallville – Fairview Plaza, Angola – former K-Mart parking lot and Angola – former Wal-Mart parking lot). Motion seconded by Donald VanWye. Harold Gingerich amended the motion to read; letters will be sent to the towns explaining locations to be removed and the reasons for their removal. Motion carried 7 yeas, 1 nay.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Programs/Operations Update: Pam DeCamp reported conversion of some drop-off units to rear load containers has helped the contractor to keep up with the volume of materials much faster. The contractor did work Christmas and New Years Days.

Dekko/Education: Pam is talking with the Dekko Foundation regarding funding for the Education program.

Credit Report: Steve Christman spoke to Farmers State Bank/LaGrange regarding renewal of the line of credit. Confirmation of renewal has been made and Steve will complete the necessary information and forward-completed updated package to Farmers State Bank.

Legislative Update: Senate Bill 124 pertaining to composting facilities operations is in draft, Steve will follow this bill and keep the Board advised. Other issues such as District surplus funds and educational programs are slated for discussion at the Statehouse.

Pam DeCamp announced a donation from Rome City was received in the amount of \$200.00 for use of the leaf vac. Pam will send thank you letter and she has already thanked them by phone.

Phil Curtis made a motion to use the \$200.00 as a donation to the Pete Green Scholarship Fund. Seconded by Dan Putnam. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

OTHER ITEMS PENDING: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Amy from the Herald Republican asked how soon the stations will be removed? Steve Christman anticipates within the next 30 to 60 days.

Connie Miles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM.