

PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District Office

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

6:30 PM

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of May 10, 2005
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. Budget Status
- ⇒ 6:45 p.m. Executive Committee Report:
 - June Workshop Report
- ⇒ 7:15 p.m. Director's Report:
 - Operations/Programs Report
 - Legislative Update
- ⇒ 7:35 p.m. Other Items Pending
- ⇒ 7:40 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:45 p.m. Adjourn

Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
June 14, 2005

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began June 14, 2005 at 6:35 p.m. President, Harold Gingerich presided.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kaufman, Mayor Norm Yoder, Harold Gingerich, Mark Pankop, Jack Herendeen, Harold Uhl and Danny Putnam

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Ort, Connie Miles, Donald VanWye, Roger Boots, Phil Curtis, George Bachman, Terry Helmer, Hal Stump, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, F Mayo Sanders, Ronald Smith, James Crowl and Mayor Richard Hickman

CAC PRESENT: Colleen Hake Boyd

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Andrew Kruse

DISTRICT CONSULTANT: JW Spear, Sr., P.E.

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Christman, Jennifer Franz and Linda Zirkle

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

MINUTES: Hearing no corrections or additions to the minutes of the May 10, 2005 meeting, a motion was made by Don Kaufman to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mark Pankop, motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays

REGISTRY OF CLAIMS & TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve reviewed the claims and treasurer's report. A motion to approve the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report was made by Dan Putnam. Seconded by Mayor Norm Yoder. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays

Budget Status – Steve reviewed the First Draft FY2006 budget for \$2,200,000 that realistically reflects what the District needs to operate. The second draft will be presented at the August 9, 2005 meeting. Adoption of the FY2006 Budget will be the September 13, 2006 joint CAC and Board meeting.

The Executive Committee recommended canceling the July 12, 2005 meetings. A motion by Dan Putnam to cancel the July 12, 2005 Executive Committee and the Board of Directors meetings was made. The Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report will be approved by telephone with the Executive Committee so the claims can be processed. Motion seconded by Don Kaufman. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Executive Committee Report:

June Workshop V Report – Today's workshop was very productive. Harold Gingerich explained the finance issue discussions and the options available to finance the District over the next 10 years. 1) Do nothing. 2) Raise the Maximum Levy 3) Assess a Solid Waste Fee to all Residents of the Four Counties. 4) Develop Enterprise Programs 5) Close the District

1 – Doing nothing is not an option

- 2 – Raising the Maximum levy is not an option with the elected officials.
- 3 – Work on what a fee structure would look like. Evaluate the pro and cons. Staff will research other Districts with Residential Fees.
- 4 – Develop enterprise programs. One example would be to charge for incoming and outgoing material at the compost lots. However, income would not likely make the program turn a profit.
- 5 - Closing the District is not an option.

The first motion was doing nothing and closing the District were not considered options with the Executive Committee.

The second motion was to request legal counsel, consultant and staff to draft what a Residential Fee might look like. If the Board would decide to switch from property tax to a Residential Fee per household, the phase in time would take about 2 years. Harold Gingerich would again encourage all Board members to make the effort to attend the August 9, 2005 workshop and help with the difficult decisions facing the Board.

Randy Cole with ForeverGreen Enterprises, Inc. talked about a plasma technology plant location proposed for the Northeast Indiana area. The facility would employ 200-225 employees in the mid to high \$40,000 range. Harold is encouraged to see Economic Development technology drivers seeking locations in the four counties we cover. Mark Pankop noted, with District access to I-69/Indiana-toll road and railroad, this presentation was very impressive. With funding available in 90 days, they have a progressive agenda to site a facility and be operational within the year.

Director's Report:

Operations/Programs – The word is a State Budget order may be forthcoming soon, so hopefully a 2005 State Budget approval will come shortly.

J.W. Spear, Sr. has updated the District website (www.niswmd.org) and all annual reports from 1998 forward are available, as well as, lots of other information.

Today at the Pokagon Industrial Conference, the District presented waste minimization awards. The Industrial winners were 1st place – Steel Dynamic Industries/Butler – Runners-up Guardian Industries/Ligonier and Guardian Industries/Auburn. The Business winner was New Horizon Bakery/ Fremont. The District is now on the annual agenda for the awards and each year the conference gets bigger and better. Steve would like the Board to help promote this annual event.

SWANA IB Board meeting in Boulder, Co was held June 9-11 and Steve shared pictures of a Boulder Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) recently reopened. Steve noted a great deal of material was covered at the meeting.

Legislative Update – Steve Christman reviewed Legislative bills pertaining to solid waste management. Harold Gingerich reviewed issues of interest for 2006. AISWMD conference is Oct 11-12, 2005 in Indianapolis and Harold would encourage Board members and CAC to attend.

CAC Report – Harold Gingerich and Mark Pankop thanked Colleen Hake Boyd for her time and participation to the District. Colleen stated she feels it is a privilege to be involved and enjoys serving on the CAC to discuss solid waste issues.

Other Items Pending – None

Public Comment – Dan Putnam recommended visiting the construction site of the building named after the late Mayor Selman at Commons/Friendship Park.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Putnam at 7:20 PM.