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

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

#### **DISTRICT OFFICE**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

**6:30 P.M.**

#### **Agenda**

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of May 8, 2007
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/ Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:45 p.m. Executive Committee Report
  - Budget – Line Item Transfers
  - Recycling Drop-Off Outreach & Contract Report
  - Programs & Operations
  - Legislative Update
- ⇒ 7:20 p.m. Other Items Pending
- ⇒ 7:25 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Adjourn



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## Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes June 12, 2007

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began June 12, 2007 at 6:35 P.M. Mayor Norm Yoder, President, presided with a **quorum present**.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chuck Ort, Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Fred Brown, Don Moore, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, Mayor Richard Hickman and Loretta Smart

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor David Wiant, Phil Curtis, Terry Helmer, Yvonne Eash, Mark Pankop, Mayor Gary Bishop, Ron L. Smith and Sara Tuburgen

**CAC PRESENT:** Colleen Hake Boyd

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Andrew Kruse

**DISTRICT ENGINEER:** J.W. Spear, Sr., P.E.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Karen Griggs/Neighbor to Donald VanWye

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

**MINUTES:** **ACTION ITEM #1 Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 8, 2007 Board meeting, a motion was made by Donald VanWye to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Mayor Suzanne Handshoe. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays**


**REGISTRY OF CLAIMS AND TREASURER'S REPORT:** Steve Christman reviewed the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report for June 12, 2007. **ACTION ITEM #2 A motion was made by Mayor Richard Hickman to approve the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Chuck Ort. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays**

### **Executive Committee Report:**

**Budget – Line Item Transfers:** Randy Tilbury, CPA, and District Controller, asked the Executive Committee to review and recommend to the Board approval of the following line item transfers to balance the FY2007 budget. The contract hauling transfer is due to additional hauling of mulch from the LaGrange Compost lot and debris from screened compost at the District to a landfill.

Steve Christman placed a \$6,000.00 bid for a truck scale listed on the State Surplus list. New purchase price would be approximately \$120,000.000 and Steve was awarded the bid. Arrangements are being made for the scale delivery and installation will be scheduled using the requested funds transferred.

### **ACTION ITEM #3 – Chuck Ort made a motion to approve and sign the budget line item transfers requested by the Controller and listed below:**

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>Other Service &amp; Charges</u> \$60,000 Site Prep	Contract Hauling
<u>Capital Outlays</u> \$10,300 Transfer to Non Reverting \$15,000 Equipment Purchases	Debt Reduction Debt Reduction
	 Recycled Paper

**Motion seconded by Donald VanWye. Motion carried. 7, yeas, 0 nays**

**Recycling Drop-Off Outreach & Contract Report:** Mayor Yoder explained at the last meeting the Board is making every effort with regard to public outreach, seeking input prior to issuance of the recycling drop-off bid document. A press release went out requesting residents to call the District with comments and in working with staff local newspapers added a blog for comments on the paper's web page feature called the Fence Post, and District staff uploaded a survey to NISWMD's web page as well.

Pam DeCamp summarized the 27 telephone surveys received. Most people really appreciate the recycling program and would like it to continue with no changes. A few would prefer manned stations, especially if it would assure the continuation of the recycling program; but they want it to remain in their community and a few would pay. Some individuals were willing to pay a small household fee, either at the gate of the manned site or on their property taxes, but not in conjunction with the current property tax; they feel this is unfair. Several people liked the idea of a one stop shop but are concerned about how far locations would be placed from them. Others requested glass recycling return as a recyclable item. Surveys were four from DeKalb County, seven from Noble County, nine from LaGrange County and four from Steuben County with three not stating the County lived in. Several individuals questioned where all the money made by selling the recyclables goes and why the recycling program is so expensive.

Jennifer Franz reported comments from the blog to date are as follows: love the curbside in Auburn, (one person) drop-off is "icky", everything at one location in each of the four counties would be very convenient but if drop-offs go away it will make more trash. The online survey had five people respond with the majority using the drop-off once a week. Regular trips are made to town and most felt a one stop shop would be used. Three of the five would be willing to pay a fee of \$3.00 to \$5.00 for such a site. Three would participate in curbside and two would not, because they feel curbside is not convenient.

Mayor Yoder is discouraged by the fifty-three responses from a possible 160,000 residents and only one person attending the meeting. Mayor Yoder thanked Don Moore and the other media for the service to help make residents aware of the coming changes to the recycling program. The District spends about twenty-five percent of the annual budget for the recycle program and this program will continue to grow each year. April 27, 2007 a committee had an informal discussion and no decisions were made, but the suggestions were: have fewer locations, using one or two manned stations in each of the four counties' larger cities; combine the compost lot with the recycle drop-off at a manned location, one or two, in each of the four counties; locate drop-off locations near grocery or drug stores.

Mayor Yoder thanked Karen Griggs for coming and invited her to address the Board with her ideas and concerns regarding the District's programs.

Karen Griggs complimented the District and its staff for a wonderful job. Karen's recommendations would be to do more recycling with more money. Continue to maximize children's education and increase advertising for more community awareness. Apply for grants and sell items made from recycled materials. Mayor Yoder asked Karen Griggs to prioritize what she felt is the District's most important program. Her response was not to decide about cutting any programs but continue them and grow by creating more revenues. The District is very well known nationally and Steve Christman is very well known in the industry and she feels the District should continue to grow and be more successful.

**Programs & Operations** – Jennifer Franz and Steve Christman completed a grant application for a Household Hazardous Waste Building. All items have been submitted to IDEM.

The proposal for a Construction & Demolition/Transfer Station in Waterloo is still in the planning stages and permit applications are being developed at this time. Recently the District learned Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Consulting Group sold the property to MCM Corporation in Michigan, a large C & D company.

Don Moore offered assistance with locating an additional drop-off in Kendallville. Due to the uncertain future of the recycling program, locations will be a topic addressed at a later date.

Mark-up copies of the Contract Documents and Specifications for the Collection and Transportation of Recyclable Materials have been issued to the Executive Committee for their review. Board members are encouraged to continue discussions developing a solution to the continuing increase in program costs.

**Other Items Pending:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourn: ACTION ITEM #4 – A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Richard Hickman at 7:40 P.M. Motion seconded by Fred Brown.**