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

DISTRICT OFFICE

Tuesday June 9, 2009

6:30 P.M.

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of April 14, 2009
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Treasurer's Report/Registry of Claims
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. Executive Committee Report:
 - Proxy Issue – IC 13-21-3-6(f)
 - Truck Scale Permit Status
 - Programs & Operations Report
 - Legislative Issues
- ⇒ 7:25 p.m. Other Items Pending
- ⇒ 7:27 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Adjourn



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The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting began June 9, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. Sara Tubergen, 2nd Vice President, presided **noting a quorum is not present.** Don VanWye arrived at 6:40 P.M. and Andrew Kruse, District Attorney, notes for the record **a quorum is now present.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Jack Herendeen, Don Moore, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe and Sara Tubergen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor David Wiant, Phillip Curtis, Fred Brown, Terry Helmer, Yvonne Eash, Mayor Patty Fisel, Ron Smith, Mayor Richard Hickman and Loretta Smart

CAC PRESENT: Colleen Hake Boyd

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Andrew Kruse

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Steven Christman, Pam DeCamp, Jennifer Franz, Rich Caston, Joe Baysinger and Linda Zirkle

TREASURER'S REPORT AND REGISTRY OF CLAIMS: The Treasurer's Report and Registry of Claims were reviewed for June 9, 2009. Steve Christman stated the number of claims is down for June; however, the amount is higher than normal due to several large repair bills. **ACTION ITEM #1 – A motion was made by Mayor Norm Yoder to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Registry of Claims. Motion seconded by Don Kaufman and Mayor Suzanne Handshoe. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays**

MINUTES: ACTION ITEM #2 – Mayor Suzanne Handshoe made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded by Donald VanWye. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays

Executive Committee Report:

Programs & Operations Report – The amount of trash being left at the recycling drop-offs is up. District expense to handle clean-up is around \$1,100 a month or approximately \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 a year.

The US Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, are proposing new regulations for battery recycle and battery collection points regarding safety when transporting to battery recycling disposal industries. These new regulations would require taping the terminals of every single battery before shipping to prevent fires. In recent years, reports of battery shipment fires have generated new proposed regulations; however, no dry cell battery shipment fires have been documented.

Pam DeCamp reported on Saturday, June 20, 2009, from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM the District will hold a household problem waste day at Lakeland High School parking lot in LaGrange. This event will be like the one held in the fall of 2008 in Kendallville. Ten employees from the contractor, twelve volunteers

from the LaGrange work release program, along with full time and part time District employees, are all scheduled to work this event.

The publicity is scheduled to begin on June 10, 2009.

The District received a fiber rebate check in the amount of \$1,160.06 to cover February, March and April 2009, from Borden Waste-Away; considering todays down prices and programs closing, Christman feels this is very good.

Demand exceeds supply with the compost program. A small amount remains out back and we have run out twice. This year's compost, last year's leaves, is not finished composting and ready for screening to be available for residents to purchase. When the compost is not fully decomposed and temperatures are still high, a liability exists if it is released too soon. The District sold around \$4,200.00 and at one point had a list of fifty-seven residents waiting to purchase compost.

A drive line broke on the ten year old tub grinder and was sent to Morbark in Winn, Michigan for some overhaul and several major repairs that will cost somewhere around \$8,000.00 to \$13,000.00. A 2004 tub grinder has been leased from Morbark and the cost is \$28,000.00. This is the first time the 1998 tub grinder has been sent to the manufacturer for repairs. Steve Christman is trying to avoid the enormous expense to replace the tub grinder (\$560,000 to \$580,000) and asked for the Board's help with the process.

Truck Scale Permit Status – A building improvement permit is necessary before we can move forward. Trine University has been asked to help with the drawing and did not have anyone available until the fall.

Proxy Issue – IC 13-21-3-6(f) – Andrew Kruse reviewed discussion from last month regarding concerns about the wording for how mayors would appoint and choose their proxy to attend a Board meeting. Resolution 2009-2 Proxy Amendment to Interlocal Agreement wording has been changed to read if you cannot attend a particular Solid Waste Board meeting and; you are a Mayor serving on the Solid Waste Board: you are to choose a proxy from City Council membership. Andrew Kruse offered to answer questions any Board member might have. Hearing no questions or comments, Sara Tubergen, called for a motion. **ACTION ITEM #3 – A motion was made by Mayor Norm Yoder to approve Resolution 2009-2 Proxy Amendment to Interlocal Agreement. Motion seconded by Don Kaufman. Motion carried. 7 years, 0 nays As requested a standard form will be posted to the website for Board members to complete and deliver or e-mail to the District to send a proxy.**

Legislative Issues – Indiana now has an electronics bill, HEA 1589. This bill requires Original Equipment Manufactures to register with IDEM and pay a registration fee that will be used as public local funds for recycling. No one knows, including IDEM, how this will work at this time.

At the Federal Level, regarding energy bills, a lot is going on. The most recent development is Chairman Waxman's House Committee waste to energy facilities (municipal solid waste energy facilities), a part of the renewable energy; landfill gas, tax credit American Clean Energy Act, carbon exchange and cap and trade. All these could have a large impact on all of us.

OTHER ITEMS PENDING: None

CAC COMMENTS: Colleen Hake Boyd reported the CAC may cancel the June 25, 2009 meeting noting no business at hand.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: **ACTION ITEM #4 – A motion to adjourn was made by Don Moore at 7:10 P.M. Don VanWye seconded the motion. Motion carried.**