

PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

District Office

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

6:30 PM

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of February 10, 2004
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report/Budget
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. Executive Committee Report
 - Operations Report – Discussion/Recommendation
 - Compost Fees
 - Legislative Update
- ⇒ 7:20 p.m. Other Items Pending:
- ⇒ 7:25 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2004**

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began March 9, 2004 at 6:30 PM. Harold Gingerich, President presided over the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Phillip Curtis, Harold Gingerich, Harold Uhl, Dick Dodge, Rod Wells, Danny Putnam and Mayor Richard Hickman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Ort, Connie Miles, James Hess, Richard Strayer, Terry Helmer, Mark Pankop, Richard Winebrenner, Hal Stump, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe and F. Mayo Sanders

CAC PRESENT: None

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Derald Kruse

DISTRICT CONSULTANT: Not Present

PUBLIC PRESENT: Chris Himes/Borden WasteAway, Mayor Gary Bishop/Mayor Ligonier and Kenneth Schuman County Council Ligonier

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 February 10, 2004 Board of Directors meeting, a motion to approve minutes was made by Rod Wells. Seconded by Mayor Norm Yoder, motion carried. 10 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 was made by Mayor Norm Yoder. Seconded by Harold Uhl. Motion carried 10 yeas and 0 nays.
Housekeeping Resolution 2004-1 Salary Ordinance for FY2004 needs to be approved. Derald Kruse read Resolution 2004-1. A motion to approve Resolution 2004-1 was made by Mayor Richard Hickman. Seconded by Harold Uhl. Motion carried 10 yeas and 0 nays.
Harold Gingerich has to leave for another meeting at 6:45 PM. Rod Wells will preside for the balance of the meeting.

Executive Committee Report:

Operations Report: Steve Christman reports a productive meeting with the Executive Committee earlier today. Steve reviewed a District map with the Board of Directors showing recycling drop-off sites, composting facilities, etc. Steve expressed the impact removal of several recycle drop-offs has prompted and will have throughout the 4 counties. As a result, Mayor Gary Bishop and Ken Schuman from Ligonier are present tonight to learn and help determine the future of recycling for their city. Steve and Chris Himes met with city of Ligonier officials and attended the town meeting on 2/19/04 to help work through a solution to the recycle process.

Chris Himes and Steve have worked out what they perceive to be a much more efficient system using front-end containers. This new configuration will begin on the West Side of the District to convert Supreme sort or rear-load sites to front-end containers. The strategic placement and monitoring of locations along with the more efficient front-end containers should help the contractor, and the

District. The contractor has recommended elimination of glass as an additional cost saving factor. Glass is hard on equipment, has a very high percentage of contamination, is low in market value and represents only 5.5% of the municipal solid waste stream. Short-term plan is to convert to front load containers, as quickly as possible, and drop glass. This will take time and will have a learning curve.

Long-term plan is creating new ways to pay for the continually growing programs. One way is reconfiguring to collect more tonnage with fewer sites. Looking at 8 to 10 of the largest communities would be the focus for the most tonnage. Removal of the smaller remote locations would be cost saving. Steve Christman will expand to a larger facility here at the District by installing a hard surface, fencing, landscaping, increasing the number of containers and converting to front-end containers. This would allow residents and small commercial users to recycle in the Auburn, Waterloo, Angola corridor. A reminder to all counties to push and proceed with countywide curbside remains the goal.

Steve would ask the Board's ok to remove Prairie Heights as early as tomorrow. The location is remote, recovery is at 8 tons/month and would be the first of several small units Steve would ask to remove. Rod Wells finds this map Steve had our Tri-State intern prepare very helpful in seeing the four county locations for the drop-off sites. Rod asked for the Board's input with a decision for the glass and removal of Prairie Heights. Harold Uhl made a motion to discontinue taking glass at the recycling drop-off stations. Dan Putnam seconded the motion. Motion carried 10 yeas, 0 nays. Don Kaufman made a motion to pull the recycling drop-off from Prairie Heights. Seconded by Mayor Richard Hickman. Motion carried 10 yeas, 0 nays.

Phil Curtis asked Steve about the possibility of setting a recycle drop-off and HHW drop-off at the LaGrange landfill. Steve explained this would all take money and the Board would need to approve a facility at this location.

Ken Schuman expressed to the Board, as an elected official for Ligonier, he is not in favor of tax increases. However, he and Mayor Gary Bishop, would recommend to the Board that NISWMD consider raising the District tax levy, instead of cutting programs and sacrificing services that are essential. They feel the rate per 100 is so small currently, the programs so favorable, and want to strongly urge the Board to consider procedures to raise the funds to meet demand on District programs.

Compost Fees: Currently a registration fee for the contractors is in place. The contractor registration fee has diverted contractors to other sources for disposal. Only 10 contractors were registered last season. A tipping fee or per vehicle charge needs to be discussed in the next 6 months, so in 2005 fees can be in place before the season starts in April.

Cities and Towns not having curbside recycling in place by 2005 will be subject to District grinding fees as set out in Resolution 2002-3 dated 3/12/02. As the cities and smaller town compost lots grow, registration of these lots will become necessary and IDEM regulations will apply.

Mayor Norm Yoder questions the balance of fairness, for funds spent by the District, throughout the 4 counties. He feels the larger towns and cities are not receiving equal programs for equal dollars contributed. The Mayor also notes if funds and budget were not a problem, these issues would not be as visual. Current solutions will only be effective for a few years and the same or similar issues will reoccur.

Dan Putnam made a motion to counteract his original motion of 1/13/04, to cease removal of additional rural recycle drop-off units, for the time being, pending reconfiguration with the approval of this Board. Seconded by Harold Uhl. Motion carried 10 yeas, 0 nays.

Chris Himes and Steve Christman will work together and make this savings happen. Chris explained to go curbside in all 4 counties would cost somewhere around \$2,500,000.00. Chris is willing to work with the District to help them achieve what is necessary and agreeable to both parties to survive.

Legislative Update: Legislature is over and nothing affecting Districts happened.

OTHER ITEMS PENDING: Rod thanked Ligonier officials, Chris Himes and everyone for coming.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Dan Putnam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Seconded by Phil Curtis.