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PUBLIC NOTICE NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DISTRICT OFFICE

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

6:30 P.M.

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of February 12, 2008
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/ Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:45 p.m. Executive Committee Report
 - Recycling Drop-Off Program Update
 - Programs & Operations Update
 - Legislative Issues
- ⇒ 7:00 p.m. Annual Plan of Operation (APO) Review
- ⇒ 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 March 11, 2008

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The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began March 11, 2008 at 6:35 P.M. Mark Pankop, President, presided with a **quorum present**.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Ort (**proxy for Don Kaufman**), Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Fred Brown, Mark Pankop, Don Moore, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, Sara Tubergen, Mayor Richard Hickman and Loretta Smart

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Kaufman (**proxy Chuck Ort**), Mayor David Wiant, Phil Curtis, Terry Helmer, Yvonne Eash, Mayor Patty Fisel and Ron Smith

CAC PRESENT: Colleen Hake Boyd

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Andrew Kruse

DISTRICT ENGINEER: Not Present

DISTRICT CONTROLLER: Not Present

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

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

MINUTES: **ACTION ITEM #1 – Donald VanWye made a motion to approve the legal transcript (minutes) of the February 12, 2008 Board of Directors meeting. Motion seconded by Fred Brown. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays**

TREASURER’S REPORT AND REGISTRY OF CLAIMS: Treasurer’s Report and Registry of Claims were reviewed for March 11, 2008. **ACTION ITEM #2 – A motion was made by Mayor Richard Hickman to approve the Registry of Claims and the Treasurer’s Report. Motion seconded by Donald VanWye. Motion carried. 9 yeas, 0 nays**

Executive Committee Report

Recycling Drop-Off Program Update – District staff, with the help of Mayor Fisel, have established a new location for the Ligonier recycle drop-off. Ligtel authorized use of their parking lot on US 6. This location will require a two or three sided fence to contain any blowing debris. Ligonier police agreed to patrol the location. Ligonier’s spring clean-up is scheduled April 18-19, 2008 and moving the recycling drop-off containers is tentatively scheduled on or about the same time.

Since the February 12, 2008 meeting the District has received one phone call from St. Joe, five letters (four Avilla & one Prairie Heights) regarding drop-off changes.

At the request of Ron Smith, a meeting was held with Hamilton town representatives; Steve Christman, Pam DeCamp and Ron Smith discussed reasons for removal of the Hamilton recycle drop-off station. The town now has a better understanding of the reason for the recycle drop-off stations removal.

A brochure will be created and mailed to each of the locations losing a recycle drop-off recycling station listing other nearby locations available. When possible, meetings with city or towns will be scheduled prior to their stations removal, helping to eliminate any possible confusion. The District and the Recycling Contractor will make the drop-off removal a smooth, slow transition and will make **every effort possible** to keep the residents and the **public well informed**.

Programs & Operations Update – The Finance Committee is as follows: Mark Pankop/Chairman, Don Moore/Noble County, Phil Curtis/LaGrange County, Sara Tubergen/Steuben County and Donald VanWye/ DeKalb County. No meetings have been scheduled to date and Steve Christman would recommend waiting until the 2008 Budget Order has been received from the State unless the committee chooses otherwise.

The Pete Green Scholarship Fund has generated enough funds to award the first \$250.00 scholarship. Sharon Stroh, director of the Steuben Community Foundation contacted the District asking permission to award the funds. In a month or two the scholarship will be awarded to a Tri-State Environmental Science or Environmental Engineering student at a Board meeting. Stroh indicated a substantial need exists for these scholarships, even in small amounts. Letters were mailed to about 25 companies in an effort to obtain continued scholarship funds for the Pete Green Scholarship.

Legislative Issues – On a National level, Renewable Energy Tax Credits are generating much attention.

On a State level Property Taxes continue to be the main focus.

Annual Plan of Operation (APO) Review – Steve Christman presented a draft slide show with an Annual Plan of Operation (APO) to establish setting goals for the District over the next several months. The time and money to rewrite the 20 year Solid Waste Management Plan doesn't have any merit. The District's goals and objectives have not changed since the 20 year plan was written 17 years ago. This APO serves as the first year of the five-year Strategic Management Plan (SMP) to guide the District to accomplish goals and set objectives or establish new goals for the District.

Mark Pankop reminded the Board of upcoming changes to High Definition Television. This could have an impact on the number of televisions brought to the District and urges the Board to prepare prior to this happening.

Other Items Pending - None

Public Comment - None

Adjourn – ACTION ITEM #3 – A motion was made by Mayor Norm Yoder to adjourn at 7:40 P. M. Motion seconded by Mayor Richard Hickman. Meeting adjourned.