

PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

District Office

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

6:30 PM

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of April 13, 2004
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. Budget Status Report
 - Appeal Process
- ⇒ 6:55 p.m. Executive Committee Report
 - Drop-Off Program Study Results
 - Operations Report
 - Legislative Update
- ⇒ 7:20 p.m. Other Items Pending:
- ⇒ 7:25 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Board of Directors Meeting
May 11, 2004**

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began April 13, 2004 at 6:30 PM. Rod Wells, Vice President presided over the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kaufman, Mayor Norm Yoder, Phillip Curtis, Richard Strayer, Harold Gingerich, Mark Pankop, Harold Uhl and Rod Wells

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Ort, Connie Miles, Donald VanWye, James Hess, Terry Helmer, Richard Winebrenner, Hal Stump, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, F. Mayo Sanders, Dick Dodge, Danny Putnam and Mayor Richard Hickman

CAC PRESENT: None

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Andrew Kruse

DISTRICT CONSULTANT: J.W. Spear, Sr., P.E.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Chris Himes/Borden WasteAway

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Christman, Pam DeCamp and Linda Zirkle

Noting a **quorum present for the meeting**, Rod Wells called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Hearing no corrections or additions to the minutes for the April 13, 2004 Board of Directors meeting, a motion to approve minutes was made by Don Kaufman. Seconded by Harold Uhl, motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays

REGISTRY OF CLAIMS & TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Christman reviewed the financial reports. Steve explained to the Board, we borrowed \$150,000 from the line of credit, as noted on the treasurer's report today. A motion to approve the Registry of Claims and the Treasurer's Report was made by Richard Strayer. Seconded by Harold Uhl. Motion carried 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Budget Status Report:

Appeal Process – Last month the Board asked Steve to investigate the excess levy appeal process. Since last Board meeting Steve has spent a great deal of time researching the appeal process assisted by Attorney Andrew Kruse, Randy Tilbury, CPA and George Helton with the Department Local Government Finance. Steve reviewed with the Board the seven-step process and explained the District does not qualify any of the categories to appeal for an excess levy. The remaining choice (other than tax increase) would be to charge a District Fee. This would involve working with the CAC to do a study and charge each household in the District an annual fee.

Phil Curtis read an article in today's Lake County paper pertaining to a lawsuit over reassessment and the use of a third party to set the new assessment figures. This could effect the mailing of tax bills and also add time to receiving the tax funds. The entire State of Indiana is in the same situation as our District and we will continue to monitor issues that impact the District.

Executive Committee Report:

Drop-off Program Re-configuration Cont'd: At the Boards directive Steve Christman worked with JW Spear, Sr. to provide a slide show depicting the most cost effective rural recycle drop-off

program. J.W. Spear, Sr. reviewed the slide presentation for the Board. The conclusions would be to remove the problem drop-off locations (option analysis #7) resulting in approximate saving of \$6,000 per month. The recommendations to do this would be in a very public manner using press releases with announcements for removal, stating reasons for removal and establish a certain date for occurrence. The removal date should be established allowing a Board meeting between the press release and the removal date, to permit public input and rebuttal.

Mark Pankop noted with the last tub grinder payment made and continuing to work with Chris Himes to modify the drop-off contract; steps in the right direction have been made with savings occurring for this budget year 2004.

Operations Report: Pam DeCamp reported a grant request to the Dekko Foundation for Education purposes for 2004-2005 has been awarded. The 4th R Educators salaries and supplies will be covered for 2004-2005 with \$49,992.00 awarded from the Dekko Foundation. Pam would like to note the normal procedure would not cover salaries, they made a special exception with the past record from the District's program and to support the efforts of the Board of Directors for the District.

Steve Christman reported the District is still waiting to hear regarding the two grant applications J Spear Associates filed with the Great Lakes Basin for assistance with compost engineering costs at DeKalb and Steuben compost lots. Steve hopes to hear by the end of this month if these grants are available.

Due to construction the old K-Mart drop-off in Angola will need to be relocated. Pam is working with Mayor Richard Hickman for a new location.

Steve Christman gave the Board an update regarding composting. The operators are very busy and have a real hard time keeping up with grinding from early spring until late fall. Material is moving from several locations and the trommel screen has helped to move more material.

Harold Gingerich explained, as expressed in the Executive Committee meeting, no decisions can be made tonight. More discussion has to take place regarding long term effect where the District wants to take the current programs. Short term will fall in place, but long term will need further development and review to determine the District's priorities.

The District is still looking for a second drop-off location in Auburn, and will set two stations as soon as locations are found.

OTHER ITEMS PENDING: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Steve Monroe came to the meeting tonight to object closing the St. Joe recycling drop-off. He is interested to learn we are not making a decision tonight to close St. Joe and he feels education is one of the best things the District can promote. Mr. Monroe would suggest the District send representatives to the local festivals to promote education on recycling.

Harold explained to Mr. Monroe, unfortunately, the District currently does not have the budget or personnel to participate in these local events, although the District had always participated in the past.

Chris Himes is comfortable with the hold pattern we appear to be in and has a great deal of material to digest. Chris hopes to have the remainder of the drop-off stations switched to front load containers within the next 60 days. The new system seems to be working well and with very few problems.

Harold Gingerich thanked all the staff and appreciates what they are doing.

Mayor Norm Yoder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Richard Strayer, motion passed.