

**Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
November 11, 2003**

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began November 11, 2003 at 6:30 PM. Harold Gingerich, President presided over the meeting.

Harold asked since this is Veterans' Day or Armistice Day that we remember those Veterans and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Miles, Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Phillip Curtis, Richard Strayer, Harold Gingerich, Terry Helmer, Mark Pankop, Harold Uhl, Dick Dodge, Rodney Wells, Danny Putnam and Mayor Richard Hickman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Ort, Mayor Norm Yoder, James Hess, Richard Winebrenner, Hal Stump, Mayor Larry McGahen and F. Mayo Sanders

CAC PRESENT: None

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Derald Kruse

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Christman, Pam DeCamp, Joe Baysinger, Von Milliner 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 September 9, 2003 Public Hearing, Board of Directors and the Special Meeting September 19, 2003 meetings, a motion to approve minutes was made by Dick Dodge. Seconded by Harold Uhl, motion carried. 13 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 Richard Hickman. Seconded by Richard Strayer. Motion carried 13 yeas and 0 nays. The District made the second draw on the line of credit, even though we received some CAGIT money from three of the counties. Steve Christman has informed staff no money is spent unless approved by him or is necessary for safety reasons and with one month remaining, this should carry us until the end of December. Steve Christman has available a copy of the Registry of Claims for October 14, 2003 for any Board member that may want a copy. The claims were approved by the Executive Committee and paid on the Board's direction due to the October meeting cancellation.

Executive Committee Report:

Budget Status – Cut Backs, Etc: Steve presented copies of a FY2003 Budget Summary that shows money received from each county for Fall 2002/Spring 2003. The report also indicates the date received and funds covered (CAGIT, etc.). Because this is so hard to keep track of, this should help everyone to see and understand the cash flow problems the reassessment has created.

Terry Helmer questioned why the District is paying \$4,000 for an Engineering Consultant if the money is bare bones and funds are not available to paint and set more drop-off units? Harold explained the Engineer has a retainer and had to help with the zoning issue. Mark Pankop explained the compost lot also has some issues and those are also ongoing issues that the Engineer deals with.

Harold said the District has known for years that program growth will exceed available funds. This year again cut backs and where to go with the budget and cash flow problems becomes high priority. The Executive Committee listed the 4 major areas 1) Household Hazardous Waste 2) 4th R Education 3) Drop-Off Recycling 4) Composting.

WASTECON 2003: Steve attended the national Solid Waste Association (SWANA) conference in St Louis and taught a composting course. He received two letters and shared these with the Board. Steve found the experience very gratifying and has been asked to teach the course again and noted expenses are covered by SWANA.

AISWMD/SWANA: Harold explained the partnership is growing in Indiana between the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Districts and the Hoosier chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America. Harold feels this is very valuable for Solid Waste Districts.

Legislative Update: Harold Gingerich gave an update regarding the continual move from Senator Beverly Gard to merge the Solid Waste District's and Purdue Extension.

Project Status Report: The Executive Committee discussed where and what programs could be cut and how to address the opening dumping problem.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Programs/Operations Update: Pam DeCamp reported several stations have been automated and are color-coded. A second location is available for Auburn but lack of funds will prevent the station from being set.

The Albion Police charged an individual with Open-Dumping, for the first time at a drop off unit, and District expenses for clean up will be paid by the individual charged.

Steve Christman reported he is working with Allen County and Wabash County to share expenses for a HHW person.

Steve thanked the Board for the new equipment on behalf of the mechanics.

Open dumping continues at the Ligonier drop-off. A letter will be sent to the town and if the abuse continues the units will be removed.

Compost Engineering: Work at the Steuben Compost lot will warrant considerable time and cost by JW Spear and Klink Trucking to comply with IDEM regulations. Phil Curtis asked what part of the budget goes to compost? Steve Christman responded about \$250,000, however, program costs are currently under review for 2003-2004.

Next month a joint Board of Directors and CAC meeting will be preceded by a Christmas buffet sponsored by Pollution Control Industries (HHW contractor).

Harold Gingerich noted that in January the Executive Committee and Board will look closely at where and how the District might need to cut costs and or programs.

OTHER ITEMS PENDING: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Danny Putnam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.