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PUBLIC NOTICE NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT OFFICE

**Tuesday, November 13, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of October 9, 2007
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:45 p.m. Executive Committee Report
 - Board Action On "Executive Session"
 - Board Action On Recycling Drop-Off Contract
 - Property Lease(s)
 - Programs & Operations Report
 - Legislative Issues
- ⇒ 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 November 13, 2007

The November 13, 2007 Board of Directors' meeting of the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District was called to order by Mayor Norm Yoder, President, at 6:34 P.M. A **quorum was present** for the meeting.

Members Present: Don Kaufman, Don VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Mark Pankop, Don Moore, Ron Smith, Sara Tubergen, Mayor Richard Hickman

Members Absent: Mayor David Wiant, Phil Curtis, Fred Brown, Terry Helmer, Yvonne Eash, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, Mayor Gary Bishop, Loretta Smart

CAC Present: Colleen Hake Boyd

District Attorney: Andrew Kruse

District Engineer: Not present

Public Present: Jim Measel, WLKI News; Chris Himes, Recycling Works

Staff Present: Steve Christman, Pam DeCamp, Jenni Franz

ACTION ITEM #1- A motion was made by Don VanWye to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2007 meeting with no additions or corrections. Sara Tubergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 yeas, 0 nays.

REGISTRY OF CLAIMS AND TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Christman reviewed the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report. Christman made note that future registries will include the period of service. **ACTION ITEM #2- Don Kaufman made a motion to approve the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report. Don VanWye seconded the motion. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.**

Executive Committee Report

Board Action on "Executive Session": The 2007 budget had a line item for performance incentives totaling \$12,576.80. This line item was written into the budget in lieu of traditional raises. Christman conducted performance reviews for staff and brought those results to the executive committee in a closed session. The incentives for the six full time employees range from 3-10%. The executive committee is recommending the full board approve the incentives and allow checks to be distributed. **ACTION ITEM #3- Sara Tubergen made a motion to approve the incentives and distribute the allotted amounts. Mayor Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.**



Board Action on Recycling Drop-off Contract: Christman reviewed the slide presentation from the October meeting. Christman recommended the board accept the contract, with the specifications as bid, and allow staff and the contractor to develop an implementation plan. Mayor Yoder pointed out that the District has a fixed amount of money and board members will have to decide how to maximize recovery while staying within budgetary restraints. There was a meeting held on October 29, 2007 to discuss various drop-off locations with the discussion coming full circle back to the original bid document. Christman reminded the board that the opportunity to recycle as much as one wants will be there, it will just be accomplished through fewer stations. **ACTION ITEM # 4- Don Kaufman made a motion to approve the recycling drop-off contract with the specifications as bid. Sara Tubergen seconded the motion. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.**

Rawhide Energy Property Lease: The Rawhide Energy (proposed ethanol plant) project is still alive, but not moving quickly. There is a meeting on or about November 19, 2007 at Klink Trucking that Christman will attend.

Antrim Energy Property Lease: Antrim Energy has submitted a lease agreement to the District for review. Christman and legal counsel are beginning the review process. Christman has also asked Mark Pankop and Ron Smith to review the document as they have experience with these projects. It was decided in the executive committee meeting that no on-site drilling could occur at this location.

Programs and Operations: Pam DeCamp reported that this Friday, November 16th, is the last opportunity to dispose of paint and chemicals until April. The compost lots are scheduled to officially close the 17th of November, but due to the warm weather and amount of leaves falling, attendants will remain at the lots until December 1st.

Christman demonstrated the steps necessary to obtain reports and information from the District website. Pankop suggested the staff investigate the number of hits to the site to determine how many people are utilizing this resource.

Legislative Update: Board packets contain the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts (AISWMD) newsletter. The newsletter highlights the interim legislative session as well as the annual conference held in October. The Environmental Quality Service Council has issued an annual report outlining deliberations that took place during session. There is Federal discussion on exemptions for solid waste facilities located on railroads and jurisdictional powers being returned to state environmental agencies. Christman received a copy of a notice to the Waterloo Transfer Station requesting more information to complete the review process. At the board directive last month, Christman did not engage in the process, but did a cursory review of the application.

Other Items Pending: Mayor Yoder announced that he does not intend to serve on the executive committee next year. He noted that he is statutorily required to serve on the board, but is feeling a level of frustration that does not allow him to lead the way the District needs. Yoder feels the District is still operating as four separate counties, each with an agenda for personal gain, and not for the good of the District as a whole.

Yoder would also like to remind the board that election of officers will be held at the December meeting. Christman noted that the annual holiday dinner will be held at the District office on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. The dinner is graciously being sponsored by Recycling Works.

Public Comment: Chris Himes, Recycling Works, wanted to thank the board and staff for having confidence and trust in Recycling Works with this new contract. Himes is enthusiastic for the new aspect of this partnership.

Adjourn: **ACTION ITEM #5- Sara Tubergen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Don Moore seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.**