

## MINUTES

Monroe County Solid Waste Management District  
Board of Directors  
Nat U. Hill III Meeting Room, Monroe County Courthouse  
Bloomington, Indiana  
Thursday, December 9, 2010 4:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Iris Kiesling, Geoff McKim, Patrick Stoffers, Mark Stoops, Dan Swafford, Steve Volan.

**Members absent:** Mark Kruzan.

**Staff present:** Larry Barker, Executive Director, Tom McGlasson Jr., Director of Environmental Compliance & Safety and Landfill Director, Shirley McMurry, Controller, Scott Morgan, Operations Director, Elisa Pokral, Media and Education Director, Brenda Strauss, Director of Employee Services and Administration.

**Legal counsel present:** Bob Mann.

**CAC present:** Steve Akers.

Chairperson Stoffers called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2010.**

Kiesling motioned to approve; McKim seconded. The verbal vote was five (McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan) to approve. Kiesling abstained because she had not read the minutes.

**Controller's Report – Payroll, Claims & Cash Flow.** Kiesling motioned to approve; Swafford seconded. McMurry said the total payroll and claims for approval is \$145,203.59. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

The cash report through November and projected through December shows a cash balance at year end of \$1.4 million reported McMurry. It includes the bond escrow. The December settlement must last through the first six months of next year.

**Resolution 2010-11 – Amendment to Fee Resolution.**

Kiesling motioned to approve; McKim seconded. Morgan said this amendment responds to Volan's request to remove the \$25 annual fee for CESQG (conditionally exempt small quantity generators). This fee is paid the first visit which is often the only visit and is often for a small amount of material. The net annual affect is \$1,850. The amendment would go into effect January 1, 2011. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

**Resolution 2010 – 12 – Amendment to 2011 Holiday Schedule.** Strauss said this is an amendment to the already approved 2011 holiday schedule and is needed because New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2011, was inadvertently omitted from the Recycling and Solid Waste Station's schedule. The verbal vote to approve was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

**Resolution 2010 – 13 – Amendment to Personnel Policy Handbook.** Kiesling motioned to approve; Volan seconded. Strauss said this amendment clarifies procedures for delayed openings and closures of facilities during inclement weather. It also outlines paid and unpaid leave during closings. The verbal vote to approve was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

**Republic Services – 90 Day Extension for Recycling Processing.** Morgan said the letter from Hoosier Disposal extends the District's agreement for transportation and processing of recyclable material to March 31, 2011. There are no changes to the terms. Kiesling motioned to approve; Volan seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

**Contract for MRF Partnership – Rumpke of Indiana.** Morgan reported that Staff met with Rumpke at the Otis building on Curry Pike and measurements were taken. Drawings that lay out the placement of equipment were received just today. Staff has had no chance to go over the drawings and would like to bring them with report to the Board at the January 13, 2011 meeting. All drawings and pertinent material will be available to the Board after Staff has received and reviewed them. Jeff Roll, representing Rumpke, is in attendance today to answer questions.

It was determined during the site visit to Columbus, Ohio, that the equipment is usable as it stands with some refurbishing to the baler. The value of purchasing, either new or used, equipment will be considered. We will also

consider the value of leasing equipment. McKim confirmed we have received only technical schematics and nothing financial from Rumpke.

Volan asked what will be the deciding factor on what is best for the District looking at either short term viability or long term benefits. How do we define them? Morgan said staff is looking at long term benefits.

McKim said this is a question for the Board. He wants something that locks us in the loop, that keeps control local, and he wants to encourage competition, not discourage competition.

Discussion ensued about what needs to be considered: buying new or used equipment, leasing equipment, partnering with Rumpke, the City, I.U., taking the BAN to County Council, processing single stream, etc.

The intention is to have something from Rumpke at the January Board meeting and to look at all scenarios.

The District is going with the Board's go ahead for the MRF. The value of Rumpke's recycling and value of local community material will be considered. There are two phases – one that will take care of the District right now and the second is the single stream process that would take care of volumes of material. We have a lot to explore.

Barker said he wants to proceed slowly and diligently to learn all the facts for the benefit of the taxpayers. The BAN is still on the floor, it has not been dropped. Getting County council's blessing on the BAN is the fast option. What we have now is a better proposal but it must be flushed out to make sure it meets our needs.

Stoops said it seems Volan may think of this as a set back, that we're going back to the drawing board but he feels we are moving forward although maybe not as quickly as we would like. There could possibly be other options that would be more beneficial to us.

Volan said the minutes of the Board 15 years ago said we have a successful MRF operation and would like to expand it. Rumpke asked why were we competing with private industry and persuaded the Board to shut it down and let private industry run it. Five years later Rumpke sold the MRF to Hoosier Disposal who shut it down. This decision was made years ago but we are talking about long term viability how do we know Rumpke's commitment of co-ownership

will not cause this scenario to be repeated. He confirmed Rumpke would not own the MRF if we came to the decision to share ownership.

Barker said we are going for a private/public partnership, not private only and not public only, so we can work together. Volan said this is an indication of a good long term relationship. We've been at this for a long time and it is time we take some kind of action.

McKim said the BAN has simply been pulled from the agenda at District's staff request and can be placed back anytime.

**Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership.** Kiesling motioned to appoint Karol Stewart to CAC; Stoops seconded. Akers, CAC co-chair, said committee members agreed Stewart would be a good addition. She is a local green business owner. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

### **Reports from Staff.**

McGlasson said we are treating and discharging leachate now due to the volume of rainfall at Thanksgiving.

Kiesling asked about arsenic. McGlasson said we are in the process of doing our December groundwater sampling and this includes the dedicated arsenic wells looking at five or six parameters that are specific to arsenic. We are seeing it in our analysis but the levels are well below EPA risk standards and do not require immediate action.

McKim asked about discussion with Bi-con regarding methane extraction. McGlasson said he and Barker are reviewing recommendations and talking with engineers. Bi-con wants to install new wells and we think there is a less expensive solution.

Morgan noted the green flyer in the binders that announce our Christmas tree recycling from December 27 through January 15. Hoosier Disposal and Good Earth LLC are partnering with us. This is for real trees only without lights or decoration.

Pokral reported: the media coverage on America recycles day, focus group at MCPL, reminder about recycling most types of wrapping paper and the National Wildlife Federation has 100% recycled wrap paper, and new contracts

have been signed with Comcast and WFIU/TIU. The brand logo has been finalized thanks to Jeff Rosenplot with Rosenplot Design, District staff, CAC, and the County's Extension Office. Our new url is [www.gogreendistrict.com](http://www.gogreendistrict.com). The old url, [www.mcswmd.com](http://www.mcswmd.com), can still be used for several months. We will launch the new name and website on January 1, 2011. As time goes there will be changes to the website, transferring logo to letterhead, brochures, press release template, public service announcement template, etc.

Pokral said we are a resource for showing the public how they can go green. Our services tie together many facets of green living. The windmills and solar panels show how the many facets of being green are connected. Volan asked if Rosenblatt can add a series of alternating photos to the left of the logo. Barker confirmed we can put several photos of District facilities on the site. See the report from the media and education department.

McKim said he is happy that the District is getting away from 'solid waste' in our name. There was discussion about who will respond to Facebook and Twitter. Barker said if no one is available to talk the site will say 'chat off'.

Barker noted 2010 accomplishments: "Just a Dollar" electronics recycling, doubled revenue in oil recycling, glass recycling with Strategic, the MRF study and the beginning of the project, and finally, the showcasing of our new website and logo. See the executive director's report that is attached as a part of these minutes. Barker added the District's theme for 2011 is "A new year, a new beginning".

Stoops asked what is done with recycled oil. Morgan said it is recycled back into lubricant and sometimes used for fuel oil. Stoops said burning oil puts out a lot of pollution. There may be a better way of disposing rather than burning it and we may want to look at other methods of disposal. Morgan said we have checked with many companies to get the best and most responsible disposal service, customer service, and price - we found this with R & S. Kiesling complimented Morgan for doing a good job over the years. Volan confirmed there are four years left on the ERI contract.

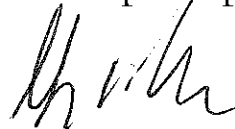
**Citizen's Advisory Committee Report.** Akers noted the bar and restaurant survey is out; it is a first sampling going the Bloomington Restaurant Association, 35 restaurants. The sampling will be expanded as responses are received. At the last CAC meeting member Tolan talked about sharps, free to residents, charge to businesses. saying they can be brought to the District. IU and the City are beginning to plan the 2nd annual Hoosier to Hoosier

community sale for next August. If anyone would like to get involved the e-mail is [h2h@indiana.edu](mailto:h2h@indiana.edu). There are 15 people on the committee already. Stoops suggested trying to get carts there next year to help people with their things. Akers said there will be improvements at the next event and we will borrow carts. The bedbug dog will be available again. There was leftover material that went to Salvation Army, Goodwill, and another agency to take leftover stuff. Saturday, August 20, 2011 is the date of second event. Kiesling confirmed that thick plastic containers or coffee cans are good for collecting sharps. Stoops suggested pharmacies put something in their bags when they sell sharps to tell people where to take the used ones.

**Public Comment.** None.

The meeting adjourned 5:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise stated, all documents referenced in these minutes are considered a part of these minutes and are on file in an official record book in the District office. These minutes were offered for review to all Board members and Staff members who attended and participated in the meeting.



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Signed - Board Member

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