

MONROE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Nat U. Hill III Meeting Room, Monroe County Courthouse

Bloomington, Indiana

Thursday, April 2, 2009 11 :30 am

Members present: Iris Kiesling, Mark Kruzan, Geoff McKim, Patrick Stoffers, Steve Volan.

Members absent: Mark Stoops, Dan Swafford.

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

Legal counsel present: Bob Mann.

CAC present: Brian Cox.

Chairperson Stoffers called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes -March 5, 2009. Kiesling motioned to approve; Volan seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Volan).

Controller's Report -Payroll, Claims & Cash Flow. Kiesling motioned to approve; Volan seconded. McMurry said the total was \$215,395.63 and there was nothing out of the ordinary in claims just the normal bond payment and normal suppliers. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Volan).

McMurry said the cash flow report shows preliminary numbers through March and those projected April through December. Included in the packet is a report comparing revenue of March 2008 and March 2009. Freon and GBN are down somewhat but recycling income is down almost \$12,000. This equates to 10% of the recycling income annual budget.

Kruzan arrived 11 :39 a.m.

Kiesling initiated discussion about disposal of TVs. Depending on size the cost is \$6, \$11, \$16, and \$21. Our revenue is down mostly due to recycling income. Orange bag revenue is up.

Resolution 2009-06 -Amendment to 2009 Salary Ordinance.

Kiesling motioned approval; McKim seconded. McMurry said this amendment simply increases the number in the pool of replacement operators for the four rural sites from three to five. There are no additional hours involved and there is no increase in the budget. Of the three replacements we have now one is being trained to attend the leachate plant, one is currently ill and another is on-call with the military. McKim said is this only prudent to increase the pool. The vote was unanimous (Kiesling, Kruzan, McKim, Stoffers, Volan).

Reports from Staff.

McGlasson said the leachate plant is up and running and we have treated 21,000 gallons so far. He presented two filled Mason jars showing what is going in the plant and what is coming out. There was applause at seeing the contents of the second jar that was significantly clearer than the first. We collect samples for analyzing once each week. The lab results look good; the ammonia level is slightly high but still within permit limits. We need to tweak the system to deal with ammonia and we anticipate the next samples to be even better.

Kiesling asked if the plant is secure from the outside Bynum Fanyo Utilities will provide an operator until we get our staff certified. We do not have to be on site all the time except at the end of the treatment process when polymer has to be mixed and added to the system periodically. In a couple of weeks we will have enough microorganisms and will have to add more carbons.

McGlasson said about one-half of the tire shreds have been removed, that is over 1700 tons or about 2600 cubic yards. Rain really doesn't bother this activity but depending on the quantity the concern is overweight trucks. The tires are taken to the Rumpke landfill in Medora where they are being used as alternate daily cover. This activity was not included in the closure contract. IDEM has advised us they will not certify the Landfill closed until the tires are gone. Barker said we project the tire shreds will be removed by mid-May. Stoffers confirmed that bond proceeds are paying for tire removal and we do not collect a host fee.

McGlasson reported that a gas venting trench system in the old MSW hill is being installed for arsenic remediation. IDEM's deadline is May 30 which should be no problem. The next ground water sampling event is scheduled for June but IDEM has pushed this date back to August in order for gas venting time to have the desired effect; the second sampling is scheduled for December. What to do if we see no desired affect was not discussed. We'll have to find additional tactics. The intent of gas venting is to remove methane from the hill and allow more oxygen in to oxidize and grab the arsenic thereby decreasing its' mobility. It's not that there is arsenic in the Landfill it is that water running over the shale and bedrock generates arsenic. The elevated level is still under the national allowed level that would require immediate action. The arsenic is confined to our property; it is not running off.

Morgan said a cardboard compactor has been installed at Bethel Lane so the hauling is less because it is being compacted. Bulky Item Days are tomorrow and Saturday; enter Gate 3 at the Fairgrounds from 8 to 4, rain or shine. The next event will be in August. Two reuse organizations, Habitat Restore and St. Vincent DePaul will screen the material first for anything usable. Morgan said this is a successful event thanks to the CAC, Monroe County Highway Garage, Monroe County Fair Board, and Hoosier Disposal and Recycling.

McKim initiated conversation about cardboard compactors. There are no more in the budget for this year. Oard Road is the only site that does not have a cardboard compactor.

Volan said the August Bulky Item Day event is late in the month. Barker explained that the Fairground was not available earlier. Volan said this time is too late for University material, the date needs to be two weeks earlier.

There will be a free e-scrap collection event held at the I.U. Stadium the last Thursday and Friday in April and the first Saturday in May. Posters have been received. The District will be promoting the event on our weather crawl.

Pokral reported on the multi-media coverage of Earth Hour, Spring Bulky Item Days, and storm water and noted the content of various Comcast TV spots as listed in her prepared report. The focus of the media blitz for April will also include orange bags and CFLs. Barker and Shelby Walker from the City participated in an H-T on-line chat. The District will collaborate with the Division of Forestry and will give away tree seedlings the week of April 20th honoring Earth Day and Arbor Day. Sixty students who are studying English as a second language toured Central Station and took many photos. A nomination for a Governor's Award has been sent in on behalf of the Media & Education Battery Recycling campaign. See Pokral's attached report.

McKim referred to a question asked during the H-T online chat about incandescent bulbs not being considered hazardous. Morgan said incandescent bulbs are regular trash, there is no where to recycling them in a cost effective manner and they are not compatible with other glass. We recycle ballasts from fluorescent bulbs.

McMurry said we received Form 1782 from DLGF and we are pleased that went well and that we are funded.

Citizen's Advisory Committee. Cox said more information on the e-scrap event previously mentioned may be found at www.indiana.poweron.com.

ReStore and St. Vincent DePaul will again participate in Bulky Item Days. Last year four full box trucks of material were saved from the landfill. Cox noted

I.U.'s Energy Challenge participation that saved I.U. water and electricity with cash savings of \$26,000 and that represents what we all can do on a daily basis. Bill Brown is I.U.'s new campus sustainability director and he has been asked to speak at the next CAC meeting. I.U.'s Earth Day is April 17 in Dunn Meadow and the City's Earth Day is April 21 in People's Park.

Other items of interest were presented from the Minutes of the March 24, 2009, meeting that are attached.

Public Comment. Henegar reported there was a terrific article in the March 30 issue of The New Yorker about where our cardboard is going and the status of it today. (The article is about a Chinese entrepreneur who made and lost millions of dollars recycling paper. The article is attached.)

McKim said he would like on record what Barker feels is the impact of SB 76. Barker said this bill is about solid waste districts' funding sources and it means that the District will have to come before County Council prior to July for their budget approval. In previous years we have been at the tail end of the Council's agenda and now we must be at the beginning. Discussion ensued about previous years budgets and their approval processes.

McKim asked how the four day work week is working out at recycling center. Barker said most customers are glad we are open later in the day and so far it has been very positive with the community. The staff likes it too. Barker said the hours at Central Recycling is Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30

p.m. and closed Mondays. The two rural sites that are open Monday are Bethel and Ellettsville.

Kruzan said he appreciates the organization of the material and front sheet summary that staff provides at the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 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.

Signed -Board Member

Minutes of April 2, 2009