

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Monroe County Solid Waste Management District  
Board of Directors  
Nat U. Hill III Meeting Room, Monroe County Courthouse, Bloomington, Indiana  
Thursday, April 22, 2010 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Members absent:** Mark Stoops, Dan Swafford.

**Staff present:** Larry Barker, Executive Director, Shirley McMurry, Controller, Brenda Strauss, Director of Employee Services and Administration.

**Legal counsel present:** None.

**CAC present:** None.

Chairperson Stoffers called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Approval of Cost Feasibility Study of Materials Recovery Facility by Strategic Development Group (SDG). Barker said two locations were toured, Printpack and Otis, and it was determined the cost assessment will be based on Otis. Discussion ensued. Printpack was not acceptable due to low ceilings and the layout is not conducive to our needs. Otis has a better ceiling height that is needed for the baler shoot that requires a minimum height of 20 feet. Materials will enter the shoot via an elevator and drop to the baler. There is still the option to build but both options need to be explored. There are 60,000 sq. ft. at Otis and 45,000 sq. ft. at Printpack. There are no contamination issues at Otis. The Otis facility has a 14 inch concrete floor that is needed for heavy equipment.

Stoffers said the SDG proposal seems to be geared toward a transfer station rather than a recovery station. His sense is that there is not a stream of material that has not already been recovered. Do we have an identified stream of co-mingled material going into the MRF that would require sorting? Barker said I.U.'s problem can be eliminated; their sorted material goes into large bags and the bags are commingled with fiber because all the material goes in the same truck. The District will keep it sorted. The City has two streams – one fiber (cardboard, newspaper, anything with paper value) and the second is commingled (glass, all colors, and aluminum, metal and plastics 1-7, and this needs to be looked at as far as recovery. The MRF will be open to private haulers. We will require a minimum of two stream separation to keep from degrading the value of the commodities. Currently, the City is the only known customer that has a two stream collection system. A sort line will raise manpower needs.

When SDG gets finished with their study we should be able to do things smart without raising the cost. Ideally the MRF would go free with more participation, increased volume, and increased sales.

This is not a dirty MRF, this is a clean MRF. We expect to recycle everything. The more commingled material the more sorting will be required. Technology has increased. A dirty MRF is a single stream that has trash as well as recyclable material.

Workplace injury rate will be a part of the study. We are holding fast to the timeline and should receive the study from SDG by May 8 for the June 10 Board meeting agenda.

Stoffers said SDG should evaluate permitting, zoning, and report their numbers on a cash basis.

The consequence of not being able to secure a single stream or a comingled stream is not a deal breaker. We do not bale anything now – let's bale it, reduce the carbon footprint, and sell it.

Baling is a part of the recovery process. You get a reduced value for un-baled recyclables. Does revenue exceed investment? Does the investment outweigh the proceeds of this value added product? The study will answer this question.

McKim said yesterday's newspaper reported about four businesses seeking stimulus bonds and one is seeking a bond for a like facility. Barker said this company is a combined business called CVS Enterprises and Dashround LLC. They are a purchasing business and they would be interested in purchasing our glass. This needs to be considered in the analysis. There are no private investors waiting in the wings to do this same operation.

The SDG consulting fee will come from the administration consulting line, \$3,500, from education, \$6,000, and from capital, \$7,000. We have \$16,500 without totaling out some of some of the other lines. Volan and Kruzan said the City is ready to commit \$3,700 to the study to reach the \$20,200 cost

McKim motioned to approve; Volan seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous.

**Resolution 2010-02 – Authority to Lease Surplus Office Space.** McKim motioned to approve; Volan seconded. Barker said staff requests authority to move forward and enter into lease with the Monroe County Commissioners. The Commissioners provide facilities for the extension office. The on-site health clinic is going to be located in the space the extension office currently is in. The District does not anticipate needing more office space at the 3400 location. The verbal vote was unanimous.

**Public Comment.** There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 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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