

MINUTES

Monroe County Solid Waste Management District

Board of Directors

Nat U. Hill III Meeting Room, Monroe County Courthouse

Bloomington, Indiana

Thursday, January 14, 2010 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Iris Kiesling, Mark Kruzan, Patrick Stoffers, Mark Stoops, Dan Swafford, Steve Volan.

Members absent: Geoff McKim.

Staff present: Larry Barker, Executive Director, Tom McGlasson, Environmental Compliance & Safety Director 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: None present.

Chairperson Stoffers called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Board of Director's Reorganization. A. Election of 2010 Officers. B. Appointment to Executive Committee. Volan suggested postponing the reorganization until a full Board is present; Stoops seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, Kruzan, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2009. Kiesling motioned to approve; Volan seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, Kruzan, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

Controller’s Report – Payroll, Claims & Cash Flow. Kiesling motioned to approve; Stoops seconded. McMurry said total payroll and claims is \$327,609.04. The cash flow report is preliminary through the end of the year and McMurry will have the year end numbers as soon as she has completed the State Board of Accounts report. There will be about \$950,000 at year end. We have received about 70% of the property tax settlement.

Citizen’s Advisory Committee Membership. Strauss said there are two approvals for the Board under this item. First, is to approve the current Board membership for this year and the second is approval of a new CAC member. Mr. Tim Frazier’s letter of interest is included in the binder. Steve Akers, CAC co-chair, told staff today via e-mail that he has spoken with and is confident that Frazier will be a committed CAC member. Volan motioned to approve the existing membership and to approve Mr. Frazier as a new member; Kiesling seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, Kruzan, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

Reports from Staff.

Pokral went over the listed media events in her prepared report adding there will be a column in the H-T Friday January 15th in honor of Dr, Martin Luther King called Environmental Justice. She added also that the Lighthouse Christian Academy study collaboration with Indiana University’s involvement has opened an avenue to expand the District’s educational services to the community especially since environmental interest in the School of Education is at an all time high. Regarding the Center for Sustainable Livings’ Trashion ReFashion show Pokral said she is also working with Becky Mackry, a seamstress, and Gayle Clifton, an artist. The majority of materials are from the District’s Materials for the Arts program. Pokral announced the District will have a display booth in the upcoming Legislative Outreach Day, an Ice Cream Social to be held Tuesday, February 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. The Board is invited to attend to oppose SB 208. Ideas for rebranding the District may include a retreat for educators on the environment.

Volan asked and Barker said he would talk about SB 208 later in the meeting.

Morgan discussed from his report that the Reuse Sidewalk at Central Station will be closed on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning January 19th. Kiesling suggested a press release.

McGlasson presented from his prepared report noting a milestone has been reached - the two Landfills, MSW and C&D, are now certified closed by IDEM. Regarding leachate treatment, production was decreased for the time being due to the level of ammonia; production will gradually increase next week as

an acceptable level is maintained. McGlasson's trip to Baltimore was paid for by SCS Engineering, a company who has been looking at our Landfill facility for a productive project, possibly to do with methane. We have a finite amount of gas now but it will peak in the next couple of years. The methane's viability depends on the end use; the model we are on could take us to the year 2030 depending on what is done with it.

Citizen's Advisory Committee Report. The meeting scheduled for December 29 was cancelled. There was no report.

Barker began discussing SB 208 by first saying that it makes changes to SB 076 that was passed last year. SB 208 puts guidelines on SWMDs to get approval for property tax from their county fiscal bodies before August 1, a hurdle for us since our Council normally does not meet for budgets until September. McMurray added the budget must be approved by the DLGF prior to it going to County Council.

Barker said the second part of the SB 208 talks about new districts being formed from multiple districts and designating themselves properly.

Volan asked for speculation from staff about the practical meaning of the bill. Barker said we have to get budget approval by July instead of August which is not an impossible hurdle. Another implication of this bill is that it says if a council does not approve the budget the monies do not revert to the previous year's budget appropriation as it formerly did; without approval a district simply goes without appropriations.

Barker said in 2009 SB 076 did not get to the house; it was passed as a rider in the 2009 State budget. Since the District has a good rapport with County Council we should proceed forward with SB 208 compliance. Kruzan said there is some concern about this session due to all the property tax bills. Barker asked the Board for their support on February 16 in Indianapolis to talk to the legislators; the District will provide transportation.

Kiesling confirmed that taxes for SWMDs are subject to the caps and will be included in the total caps. This is not outside the cap but a part of the total cap.

Public Comment. There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 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

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