

## MINUTES

**Monroe County Solid Waste Management District  
Board of Directors  
Nat U. Hill III Meeting Room, Monroe County Courthouse  
Bloomington, Indiana  
Thursday, March 11, 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, Elisa Pokral, Media and Education Director, Scott Morgan, Operations Director.

**Legal counsel present:** None.

**CAC present:** Steve Akers.

Chairperson Stoffers called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2010.** Kiesling motioned to approve with a correction on page three, fifth paragraph to read “Kiesling said the Statute establishing districts was written carefully to say that everyone on the Board must be an elected official since it has taxing ability;...”; Stoops seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

Kruzan arrived at 4:09 p.m.

**Controller’s Report – Payroll, Claims & Cash Flow.** Kiesling motioned to approve and Kruzan seconded. McMurry reported the total payroll and claims since the last meeting to be \$169,447.34. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, Kruzan, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan). The cash flow report shows actual through January and preliminary through February. It also shows a \$1.1 million cash balance at the end of the year with nothing extraordinary to report.

### **Reports from Staff.**

McGlasson said he had nothing to add to his written report but pointed out that he and Bemish are taking the Indiana Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification Examination on April 22. Obtaining this certification will eliminate the need to outsource the operation of the leachate treatment plant.

Morgan mentioned the scheduled Bulky Item Drop Off Days on April 9 and 10, from 8 – 4 pm. Thanks again to Hoosier Disposal, the Monroe County Fairgrounds, the Monroe County Highway Department, and the Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

Volan reported there is a new recycling/reuse initiative at IU called Hoosier-to- Hoosier (H2H), similar to Penn State’s Trash to Treasure. He would like to establish the possibility of coordinating and integrating this program with the District and the City of Bloomington. Akers will report on this later in the meeting. Pokral said we regularly send a news release to the IDS so they are kept informed of our activities.

Pokral presented from her prepared report. The Trashion/Refashion Show was a success and was attended by at least 200 people. Items for the show were from the District’s Materials for the Arts program. The event was great promotion for reuse. The District has a new media contact, Express News, from Gosport,

who interviewed Barker and included in an online version a front page video of the Ellettsville Town Council meeting in which Barker spoke. Pokral spoke to the editor who said he will include the District's information in future papers. Barker and District employees encourage everyone to participate in Earth Hour on March 27 by turning out their lights from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This initiative was started by the World Wildlife Fund and is now practiced worldwide. The District will submit a grant application to Bloomington Board of Realtors for funds to improve the District's Education Park's storm water pathway and to purchase six Green Spot signs. The signs will be displayed by agencies that provide green spots/healthy environments in the community.

Kiesling commented on Pokral's cosmetic column published in the H-T

**Citizen's Advisory Committee Report.** Steve Akers, co-chair, said CAC will be handing out green bags at the Bulky Item Day event while supplies last. The IU e-waste event will take place April 8, 9, and 10 in the IU stadium parking lot. Anyone, not just Monroe County residents, can drop their electronics. Last year 800,000 pounds were collected. Chemicals and Freon are restricted. The Hoosier-to-Hoosier (H2H) community sale will take place at the stadium's west grandstand in May. Material will come from the close outs of the residence halls and Greek houses and also Renaissance Rentals and Olympus off campus apartments will participate. The items will live under the stadium for three months. This is modeled after the sale that takes place at Penn State with Coach Paterno. The campus collection is in May, off-campus is in June, and then August 21 is the target date for the sale. Restore and St. Vincent DePaul will participate in the Bulky Item and H2H sale. Also participating will be United Way, Volunteers for Change, the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, and possibly the IU athletic department. Transportation logistics are still being worked out. Residential Programs and Services (RPS) is providing transport for the residence halls. May 1st is the initial drop-off date with other drop-off dates during the summer with everything culminating in a massive sale in August. There will not be a huge off-campus effort because it is all we can handle this year being the first year. Other items being worked in are food vendors, radio and TV broadcasting from the site, a festival atmosphere with athletes and cheerleaders based on availability.

Volan discussed Bulky Item Days and the e-waste collection at IU and can we put them in the same flier? Morgan said the Bulky Item Days event has already been advertised. Barker said we will tell the people who come to Bulky Item Days about e-waste. Akers said it was agreed that both events will publicize each other and noted that other counties cannot participate in Bulky Item Days but can participate in IU's e-waste collection event. Morgan said the big difference is IU does not have to pay to dispose of the electronics and the District has to pay so we do not knowingly take items from outside Monroe County. Akers added that it is not known when or even if e-waste collection is going to be conducted from year to year.

Akers said CAC is conducting their first adopt-a-road clean-up on March 27. Participants will meet in the South Walnut Street Kroger parking lot at 11 a.m.

Stoops said he has been working for many years to gather cleaning materials left when apartments were vacated. He came closer than ever last year with help from the apartment owner's association. This collection would be similar to Bulky Item Days in that it would be distributed to not-for-profits. Akers said, beginning the Sunday after Little 500 in April, the residence halls will post that students should donate usable items instead of throwing them away. IU uses the items in-house if MSDS information is available. RPS has been doing this for six years although it is not publicized. It needs to be expanded, however, to apartment communities. Stoops said the apartment owner's association would assist.

Akers said the sale at Penn State has been going on for four or five years. Last year the monies raised (about \$65,000) went to benefit the United Way. IU is more about keeping the stuff out of the landfill.

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

Volan asked about the SDG final draft of the MRF study. Barker said it was received today; it will be reviewed and presented at the April Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 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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