

MINUTES

Monroe County Solid Waste Management District
Board of Director's
City of Bloomington Council Chambers
Bloomington, Indiana
Thursday, November 10, 2011 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Iris Kiesling, Mark Kruzan, Geoff McKim, Mark Stoops, Dan Swafford, Steve Volan.

Members absent: Patrick Stoffers.

Staff present: Larry D. Barker, Executive Director, Connie Hudson, Controller, Tom McGlasson, Director of Environmental Compliance & Safety and Landfill Director, Scott Morgan, Operations Director, Elisa Pokral, Media & Education Director, Brenda Stogsdill, Office Manager.

Legal counsel present: none.

CAC present: Steve Akers.

Chairman McKim called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – October 13, 2011. Stoops moved to approve; Swafford seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kruzan, McKim, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

Controller's Report - Payroll & Claims. Hudson reported pre-approved claims in the amount of \$110,144.82 and current accounts payable of \$37,721.98 for a total of \$147,866.80 for the month. Volan motioned to approve; Swafford seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kruzan, McKim, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

Controller's Report – Cash Flow. Hudson reported a projected year end balance of \$755,931.00. McKim stated this is the projected year end balance minus the bond payment which will be due in February in essence making this an adjusted year end balance. Barker agreed.

Kiesling arrived 4:04 p.m.

Resolution 2011-10 – Amendment to Recyclables Agreement. Morgan stated this is a two step process. First this amendment will allow us to amend the contract signed with Republic Services on July 22, 2011. Second, we also have the actual language of the amendment which allows the District to sell aluminum cans to local scrap dealers in the way that is now being done for our metals. The difference now vs. the original contract is instead of going to Hoosier for aluminum recycling it will all go directly to the local scrap dealer and we will be paid directly from the dealer. Barker stated Mr. DePasse of Republic Services brought it to our attention that it might be more advantageous if we process our recyclables locally as much as possible. Barker stated we worked with Bloomington Iron & Metal, JB Salvage and Republic Services to come up with this agreement. Volan asked what the change would be in revenue and expense. Morgan stated there would be no change in expense the revenue change is we were receiving 65% of Hoosiers recycle value and now we will receive 100% of the local dealer's value. Volan asked why they wanted to change. Barker said Republic Services wanted the change not us. Volan asked why they did not want to process the aluminum. Barker said Mr. DePasse wanting to be a good partner in the community. McKim speculated the 65% might not have been profitable and they earn more just on transportation but he definitely supports doing business locally. Kiesling noted this contract mentions aluminum only and Barker stated we already have the metals contract in place.

Stoops motioned to pass; Volan seconded. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, Kruzan, McKim, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

Reports from Staff. Morgan highlighted from his written report that Bulky Item Days held in October went smoothly and turnout was similar to the Spring as far as vehicles and tonnage. The combined Spring & Fall total tonnage this year was the lowest since 2005.

Morgan said the two compactors at Oard Road are now functional, all gravel work has been done and signage are in place. This will greatly reduce our transportation costs.

McGlasson said IDEM inspected the landfill on October 17th and there were no violations. Volan asked when the next inspection would be held. McGlasson said under a closed facility the inspections are twice a year in the Spring and Fall. McKim asked about toe drain replacement in the next

4-5 years. McGlasson said yes and noted one toe drain and manhole cover was replaced two years ago.

Volan noted from McGlasson's report that Troy Moore helped the City of Bloomington Parks & Recreation Department clean up the B-Line trail at the old Grimes Street switchyard and asked how much recycling was picked up and what was found. McGlasson stated this was the second time they have assisted with the clean up but no one requested to keep track of what was collected. McGlasson did state that a substantial amount of trash was collected, a truck load of scrap metal and 6 totes of recycling. Another clean up is being planned for next spring. Barker suggested starting an Adopt-A-Trail program. McGlasson stated he thought the City already has this program in place. Stoops stated some businesses have adopted parts of the trail.

Pokral highlighted from her report that the Waste Management District in Henderson County Kentucky contacted her concerning development of education programs. Pokral said Stephen Crimaco an IU Fine Arts Grad student is taking photographs of the district for a recycling and the environment project. Pokral presented seven photographs which will be used as a slideshow on our website. Kiesling asked about referring people to call their Senators and asked if this means Federal and State both. Kiesling feels people only need contact State Senators. Stoops agreed and suggested adding the State toll free "800" number. McKim asked about the upcoming media blitz on leaf burning and the rules of leaf burning. Pokral asked McGlasson to address the question. McGlasson said according to State law burning directly on the ground is illegal, it is legal to burn clean wood products and vegetative material in a vented fire proof contain with screen over the top, have appropriate means to put fire out and someone must attend the fire at all times and the fire must be extinguished at sundown.. It is against the City of Bloomington ordinance to burn anything within the City limits for non-recreational purposes.

Citizen's Advisory Committee Report. Akers reported that at the November CAC meeting Hugh Kremer gave a presentation about his LED lighting business. Akers said several CAC members helped with Bulky Items drop off. Three CAC members attended the AISWMD conference in Indianapolis in October.

Akers, Barker and Dave Parsons attended a Bio-Conference in Madison, WI. The majority of the conference was on anaerobic digesters. Most of the

digesters in United States are in the dairy states but they have been in Europe for many years and power many villages. Digesters are very expensive to install but pay back is pretty quick but they are very finicky and work mostly off of food and animal waste. Indiana has 6-7 digesters and the largest is at Purdue University who is in partnership with the city of Lafayette. Purdue powers 25% of the University Campus with the digester. Akers & Bill Brown, the Sustainability Director at IU Campus are planning to take IU interns to Purdue for a tour. Purdue is an agriculture engineering school so they are able to set this up as a class room for their students. Bloomington and IU does have a lot of food waste that could be used in a digester. Barker added they also mentioned using bio-solids which is a bi-product of the waste water treatment plant which can be used as a feed source for these digesters. Several cubic yards of bi-solids are produced at the Dillman and Blucher pool waste water treatment plants here in Bloomington. Stoops said a brick manufacture in western Indiana uses methane from a landfill to fire their kilts. Akers said in Canada it is a given to use landfill methane. Volan ask why we don't extract methane at our landfill. Barker said McGlasson is working on it. Volan thought we did not produce a sufficient amount. Barker said there is now new technology we are looking into. Volan ask how much food waste does it take to generate a unit for electricity. Akers said he did not know but it does takes a great deal. Akers said other were using food waste, leaves, compost material, etc. Akers said the digesters are very temperamental and they do produce an odor. Stoops asked if kitchen waste also generated carbon credits. Stoops said there are communities that give money for carbon credits. Akers did not know.

Public Comment. None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 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 November 10, 2011