

# MINUTES

**Monroe County Solid Waste Management District  
Board of Directors  
City of Bloomington Council Chambers  
Bloomington, Indiana  
Thursday, September 8, 2011 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Members absent:**

**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:**

**CAC present:** Steve Akers.

Chairman McKim called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2011.** Volan motioned to approve; Stoffers seconded. Motion passed. The verbal vote was unanimous (McKim, Stoffers, Swafford, Volan).

**Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2011.** Volan motioned to approve; Stoffers seconded. Motion passed. The verbal vote was unanimous (McKim, Stoffers, Swafford, Volan).

Kiesling and Stoops arrived 4:08 p.m.

**Controllers' Report – Payroll, Claims & Cash Flow.** Hudson reported pre-approved claims in the amount of \$123,016.38 and current accounts payable of \$41,218.36 for a total of \$164,234.74 for the month of August. Stoffers motioned to approve; Volan seconded. Motioned passed. The verbal vote was 5-yes, 1-pass (Yes - McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan; Pass - Kiesling).

Hudson reported the current cash balance \$701,734.00. McKim asked for a cash flow report each month and Barker said it would be provided starting next month.

**Resolution 2011-06 – Controller – Inter-Local Agreement with Monroe County.** Barker said this agreement is similar to the one we now have with the County for Rhonda Foster for our Human Resource position. The Controller position will now be filled by Connie Hudson. McKim said this agreement has already been approved by the County Commissioners and the County Council.

Kiesling motioned to pass; Swafford seconded.

Volan asked for a breakdown of the \$68,170.49 total cost of this position. Barker gave the breakdown, salary \$38,189; FICA \$2,368; Medicare \$554; unemployment insurance \$547; health insurance \$8,322 for a total of \$49,980. Barker stated this is for the full 2012 year and prorated August through December of this year.

Motion passed. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

**2012 Budget.** McKim asked for a motion to endorse the budget. McKim added that the County Council now approves this budget but the board should acknowledge and endorse.

Volan motioned to endorse; Swafford seconded.

Barker stated the 100's are down \$107,000 due in part to our inter-local agreements, supplies are up \$15,600 over last year, services & charges up \$2,000, and capital outlay down \$75,000, for a total of \$164,000 less than last year resulting in a 6.5% reduction. Barker stated he felt this shows very good physical management for the District.

Iris asked if there were any changes from last time this was reviewed. Barker stated the capital improvement was taken off. Swafford asked why this was removed. Barker said we were setting this aside for future growth but we had to factor in what would happen with a worse case scenario and it was decided that if revenue fell there would be no way we could put money

into this fund. Barker said if funds are available we can go back later and ask for additional appropriations. McKim said it didn't really serve any purpose and the money is still in the cash balance and if future repairs to equipment or capital improvements are needed then the staff could request approval for an additional appropriation. McKim said that our revenue can be volatile so we have to look at our projections but also what if our miscellaneous revenue collapsed.

Kiesling asked if we still have a debt service. Kiesling said the budget shows debt service tax money coming in but not going out. McKim said it is transferred and paid out of another fund.

Kiesling asked if the lump sum payment to the County is included in the budget. Barker said it is not a lump sum payment but is broken down into three payments and yes it is included in the personal services.

Barker added the debt service is included in the budget on lines 43810 principal and 43820 interest.

No public comment.

Endorsement passed. The verbal vote was unanimous (Kiesling, McKim, Stoffers, Stoops, Swafford, Volan).

Kruzan arrived 4:20 p.m.

**Reports from Staff.** Morgan said that Hoosier Disposal has changed their name to Republic Services. Morgan said Bulky Item Days is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am -4:00 p.m., with reuse agencies on-site as well as the CAC will be assisting. Morgan said a cardboard and a plastics compactors are being installed at our Oard Road location. By doing this we should decrease the hauling costs and this should pay for itself in about a year.

McKim asked Morgan to give highlights from the EQSC meetings. Morgan stated the meetings he has attended have been collecting recycling & trash data and trying to put together standardized questions but there are no questions that could capture every scenario by all districts that collect recycling. Morgan said the information that is received will be presented to the EQSC in October.

McGlasson had nothing to add to his written report.

Pokral highlighted from her written report that we have two ads in the August/September Bloom magazine. This is the special 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue. Pokral said Barker will be a panel judge for New Tech High School which includes 70 students coming up with proposed MRF's. Volan asked for more information on New Tech. Pokral said this is for the physics class. This is set up as a challenge to each team of students to come up with an effective strategy for single stream recycling. Pokral said this will take place September 14<sup>th</sup>.

McKim welcomed Connie Hudson as new Controller and thanked the County Commissioners and the Auditors Office for helping with the inter-local agreement.

**Citizen's Advisory Committee Report.** Akers said the CAC is very pleased with the budget. Akers also learned there is still a surplus in the current budget for the CAC. Akers said they are looking at attending a couple of conferences, one at the Association of Solid Waste Management Districts and another for Bio-Cycle Renewal Energy. If the funds are not used Akers will recommend the money go back to the Board.

Akers said CAC members will be volunteering to help with the Fall Bulky Items Days. St. Vincent DePaul and ReStore will be there to accept reusable items. Akers wanted to remind the public that items can be dropped off at these organizations any time during the year.

The CAC is planning an Adopt-A-Road cleanup on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Akers said the Hoosier-to-Hoosier sales collected a total of 27 tons of material resulting in total sales of \$17,600. Akers believes this does raise the awareness of reuse. The money raised will be distributed to the United Way \$8,000 and \$800 to ReStore and the two Centers of Sustainable Living which includes the University and the City of Bloomington. The expense totaled approximately \$1,000.

Volan asked about resale trail. Akers said the resale trail was a series of events on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> that was developed by the Center of Sustainable Living through the city of Bloomington. The trail included

Junk-in-the Trunk at Bryant Park, Twisted Limb, Habitat ReStore and the Hoosier-to-Hoosier site. All were successful. ReStore normally has about 60-80 people a day but during this event there was over 200 people that came in with sales totaling over \$5,000. This was a very successful event.

McKim asked to have the CAC report electronically sent to the Board each month.

**Additional Comments.** Barker said he has reserved the Bloomington Council Chambers for the 2012 Board of Director's meetings for the second Thursday of each month from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The meeting schedule will be brought to the Board next month for approval. Volan asked when the courthouse will be open again. Several board members commented it is projected sometime between March and June of next year. It is really unknown at this time.

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  
Minutes of September 8, 2011