

**MINUTES OF THE DECATUR COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Kenny Hooten on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Jeremy Pasel, Commissioner Mark Koors, , Commissioner Tony Blodgett, County Councilman Kenny Hooten, City of Westport Town Council Harry Pray, Mayor Josh Marsh, City Council Vietta McKenzie

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** District Director Stephanie Westbrook, Rumpke Representative Dean Ferrier, CAC Amanda Stinnett, CAC Ashley Wilson, CAC Joey Roberts, CAC Jennifer Thomas

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Jeremy to approve minutes of July 2023 meeting. Tony seconded and the motion carried. Kenny & Stephanie signed minutes

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion was made by Josh to approve claims for July, August, September, & October 2023. Jeremy seconded and the motion carried. All Board members signed claims

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Motion was made by Jeremy to keep all 6 investment CDs at Napoleon State Bank with a new rate of 5.25% for 6-month term on 5 of the CDs, laddering the 6<sup>th</sup> cd which will mature in February. Josh seconded and the motion carried. Stephanie will research investing other funds with JC Bank in a money market account and report back to the board.

Yard Waste contract with Leising Excavating expired, they are wanting to increase fees from \$3000 monthly to \$4,500 monthly due to manual labor increase and mixing of trash in with yard waste bags. Discussion was held around pricing of Solid Waste District purchasing a new leaf vacuum truck to be used by the city, preventing bags, and cutting down on the cost from Leising. Next steps will be to revisit the Leising formal contract on what they are specifically requesting, find a suitable truck that the city workers can operate, maintenance & store, and reaching out to Batesville's Solid Waste District & city for guidance.

Tox-Away Results from 2023 event were shared, NuGnesis collected 33.8 tons in Household Hazardous Waste, Appliances & Computers costing \$33,500. Liberty Tire collected 130 tons costing \$29,300. Kenny will meet with representatives from each company and discuss any concerns and feedback to improve 2024 event.

Updated the list of events for 2024, Westport dates confirmed with Harry and he will inform incoming new member of the dates. Green Wave Electronics & Shreds vendors have confirmed dates for all events. Stephanie will work with CAC to confirm non-profit volunteer groups. Need to get more information about Eclipse events in April & work out pricing & availability from Best Way & Rumpke to support recycling at events. Stephanie will finalize with Office Hub in Shelbyville the cost of calendar, flyers, mailers to be sent out by Feb.

Briefly discussed estimate from Tom Cuneo of updating website would cost \$350 yearly & \$500 to revamp the homepage, layout & content. Stephanie will revisit county website developer & see if we can be added to their website, not sure since we are a special department. Will report back at next meeting. Meanwhile Amanada gave access to Stephanie to be the Admin for the Facebook Page.

Vehicle wrap advertising estimates were presented from Green Signs; full wrap \$6,945.50 partial wrap \$5,141.00. Vehicle is in great condition 2016, 40k miles should sustain another 7-11 years, will be used in future parades & events. Motion was made by Viette to approve the full wrap. Tony seconded and the motion carried. Stephanie will work with Green Signs to finalize the design & report back at next meeting.

Motion was made by Jeremy to approve Health Care Plan covering the cost of the premium of \$410 per month for the executive director's position. Viette seconded and the motion carried.

Other discussion: Stephanie & CAC will review the past 4 Tox Away Days & complete a needs assessment for future permanent site, consider batteries, lightbulbs, river metal resources. Stephanie will attend Tire Grant Webinar for possible help with Lake McCoy Tire cleanup.

**Public comment:**

Rick Nobbe requesting funds to maintenance old landfill, Board declined funds due to our purpose is to promote recycling not for maintenance of land.

**The next Solid Waste Board meeting will occur on January 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Future Dates: March 26<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Motion was made by Kenny to adjourn the November meeting. Tony seconded and the motion carried.**

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Kenny Hooten, Chairman

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Stephanie Westbrook, Attest