MINUTES OF THE DECATUR COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5:00 pm

The meeting of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Kenny Hooten on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5:00pm at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: County Councilman Kenny Hooten, Commissioner Jeremy Pasel, Mayor Josh Marsh, and City of Westport Town Council Jennifer Hryb

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Mark Koors, Commissioner Tony Blodgett, City Council Vietta McKenzie

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Stephanie Westbrook, Leising Excavating

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Jeremy to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes. Kenny seconded and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion was made by Jeremy to approve January & February 2024 claims. Josh seconded and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL POLICIES: Motion was made by Jeremy to sign the Resolution Permitting Prepayment of claims. Josh second and motion carried. Motion was made by Jeremy to sign the Credit Card Policy for the year, Jennifer second and motion carried. Motion was made by Jeremy to sign the yearly Salary Ordinance and add the cell phone allowance, Josh second and the motion carried. All Board members and directors have completed the internal controls training with the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Leising Contract Updates: Tom Leising from Leising excavating was present to discuss the new contract terms for yard waste. The price will go up from $12k to $16k due to residents mixing yard waste with trash. Mark Klosterkemper was present to discuss concerns and options from the city collection standpoint. Due to limited time and staffing concerns they can not sort yard waste from trash. Moving forward, the city will track how much yard waste is collected by having truck loads weighed 4 times per year for annual composting reporting. We will continue to educate residents on not mixing yard waste with trash in hopes of keeping costs down with Leising. Jeremy and Kenny will review the contract and work with Stephanie to make any changes and finalize the contract. We will need to add more funds to this year's budget to cover the increase in costs.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
The Indiana State Board of Accounts is completing the districts audit. It began March 7th and takes about 2 weeks to complete. So far one finding is the bank statements must have a board member's signature on the bank statement and uploaded to Gateway. Once the audit is complete the auditor will meet with Chairman and Director to discuss any findings and corrections.

Stephanie presented the 2023 Annual Financial Report and IDEM Re-trac & DLGF totals to the board to review. Total Electronic waste 38 tons, total other recyclables 1,060 tons for 2023.

March 16th Electronic & Paper event was very busy, busier than expected. Total 206 vehicles, 5,635 lbs of paper, 17,200 lbs. electronics, 1 box truck filled up by 10am. Had to stack items next to the building, for the next event need 2 box trucks especially for the first event of the year. Cars lined up at 8:15am, three CAC volunteers helped direct traffic. Non-profit Community Health Care Clinic raised $900 in donations.

The Greensburg Prevention Coalition & DCMH is asking for funds of $1600 to help get the hospital's medicine drop box in compliance. The board declined the funds but will continue to fund the Sharps program with the Board of Health and promote the take back boxes at the Sherif and Police stations.

The Greensburg Elementary School is requesting a larger Recycling dumpster going from 4yd @ $99 to a 6yd @$125 due to an increase in recycling being done in the school. The motion was made by Jeremy to approve the dumpster, Jennifer seconded, and motion carried.

The board agreed to get two dumpsters from Rumpke for the Eclipse events. One dumpster will be for Pirate Park @ the Library the city will collect & one dumpster at the Fairgrounds by Purdue extension office.

Looking ahead:
Tuesday April 16th at 6pm will have a Rain Barrell & Composting Workshop set up with Soil & Water & Purdue extension. Open to 25 residents they get to learn and take home a free Rain Barrell. They will also get a free reusable Recycling bag with promotional items for Recycling.
Friday April 19th is the deadline for the Norma Bainbridge Scholarship.
Saturday April 20th is the Westport Electronic and Paper Shred event from 9am-11am both vendors have confirmed & Jennifer is planning on attending with me.
Monday April 22nd is Earth Day. I have partnered with Main Street Greensburg, Health Dept. & Park & Rec. to organize a community clean up day from 8am-4pm at Rebekah Park, County Park, and Downtown Greensburg a sign-up link is available on Facebook page. We will provide the supplies trash bags, gloves, vest, grabbers, drinks. I will have a tent set up at Rebekah Park @7:30am, volunteers will sign a waiver and check in.
Saturday May 4th we will have a Free Tree Giveaway at the Fairgrounds starting at 9am in honor of Arbor Day. I have partnered with Soil & Water they have bought 1,000 trees, 5 different types, 5 trees per person. Event will last until we run out of trees.
Thursday May 10th is the deadline for parents to enroll their child in our summer Environmental Day Camp which will take place June 11th at the Fairgrounds. We will provide kids with a T-shirt and provide educational activities around recycling.
I am working on a Recycling Art Challenge with the Arts Council for the Tree City Fall Festival. Local artists will create a project out of recyclable items. We will have different age groups, prizes, and feature the artist on Arts on the Square Gallery. We will pay for the booth rental in front of the Gallery for the Festival.
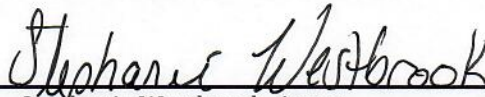Tuesday May 28th at 5pm is our next board meeting.

No other public comment.

Motion was made by Josh to adjourn the March meeting. Jeremy seconded. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm

Joshua L Marsh
~~Kenny Hooten, Chairman~~ Joshua Marsh, Meeting Chair.

Stephanie Westbrook
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