

**MINUTES OF THE DECATUR COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Tuesday, July 23rd, 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, July 23rd, 2024, at 5:00pm at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: County Councilman Kenny Hooten, Commissioner Mark Koors, Commissioner Tony Blodgett, City Council Vietta McKenzie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jeremy Pasel, Mayor Josh Marsh, and City of Westport Town Council Jennifer Hryb

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Stephanie Westbrook,

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion was made by Tony to approve May & June 2024 claims. Mark seconded and motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET 2025: The Summer Budget Workshop was completed on July 17th with DLGF budget field representative Vicky Neeley. The current year financial worksheet was completed showing in the first 6 months we have spent \$346,282. Our yearly budget is \$559,644 leaving us with a balance of \$213,362. A proposal of additional appropriations will be needed to cover the cost of the 2024 expenses. This amount should be determined at our next board meeting in September. The expenses will be to cover the increase in prices from Rumpke services & Leising services. Our revenue YTD is \$1,379,319.

The Budget Form 1, budget estimate for 2025 was completed with an increase of \$208,105. The new 2025 proposed budget would be \$767,794 compared to 2024 \$559,644. The date of the public hearing is Sept. 17th 2024 @ 9:15am. The date of adoption meeting is Oct. 15th 2024 @ 9:15am. We discussed possible moving the November meeting to October in order to get the budget correct.

The Salary Ordinance for 2025 budget was discussed current salary is \$49,000, budgeted for \$50,225 in 2024. Proposed an increase to \$55,000. A motion was made by Kenny to review the budget and salary ordinance through email with all board members, Tony seconded the motion carried.

TOX-A-WAY PLAN: We discussed the 3 different tire proposals from Liberty Tires, NuGenesis, and Rumpke. A motion was made by Viette to accept the proposal from Liberty Tires to collect the tires & for NuGenesis to collect the HHW & electronics, Mark seconded, and the motion carried. Liberty Tires will provide 8 trailers, 13 laborers, & a bobcat to better handle the tires. Liberty Tires understands that they must pick up any overflow tires from the fairgrounds that following Monday.

We agreed not to set limits on tires this year, since we have the money to cover the cost. Stephanie will have flyers made to pass out to residents with excess tires that next year 2025 limits will be implemented, this gives residents plenty of time to plan without upsetting or turning anyone away.

We will utilize the new road that has been built to direct the traffic flow and make lines specifically for tires only. Kenny will analyze the map & determine how many & where to have the volunteers set up to help direct the traffic. EMA & the Sheriffs department will provide volunteers to help for the day.

Stephanie will have a sign made that states this event is for Decatur County Residents only & ID is required. A volunteer will need to ask for ID as they are directing traffic. If they can't provide an ID this year, we will still allow them through, however this will implement the standard for next year.

Volunteers need to arrive between 7am -7:30am on Saturday September 7th. The event starts at 8am, however people will start to line up early. All volunteers will be given a yellow safety vest & a bright colored hat so residents can help spot us. Food & drinks will be provided for the volunteers. The event lasts until 1pm. It is highly encouraged that all board members & citizen advisory committee volunteer. If the board can think of other volunteers in the community, please reach out & have them contact Stephanie.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Stephanie had a booth set up at the Decatur County Fair & raffled away two chairs & a table the winner was Amanda Holmes, & Lori Embry received the two flower boxes & bench. All items were bought from Vinyl Solutions and the table & chairs were used during the WTRE interviews & shows on stage.

The Environmental Day Camp was a huge success this year 121 kids signed up; 80 kids showed up. We had 9 different stations educating the kids about the environment & recycling. We provided T-shirts & backpacks costing around \$655.

The June 22nd E-shred event was another success. We had 104 vehicles, 8,464lbs of electronics, 4,200lbs of paper, and had to send for a second pickup. New Directions received \$650 in kind donations. Next event is scheduled for Aug. 10th, I reached out to GreenWave and made sure they will have a truck to pick up if needed that following Monday instead of having it sit outside all week.

UPCOMING PLANS:

July 27th Back to School Bash & Resource Fair hosted by Health Department & Daily News. I will have a booth set up from 11am-2pm giving away recycled bookmarks & recycled pencils & answering any questions from the public.

August 10th Electronic Recycling Event 9am-11am in kind donations go to the Animal Shelter

August 21st Kova Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal from 9am-2pm. Need help promoting this event as it will help reduce our costs at tox away day. The form is posted on our website.

August 1st-24th Recycled Art Contest submissions begin; artwork is made of 90% recycled material. Artwork should be turned into Art on the Square. All art will be displayed from Sept. 1st-Sept. 24th. Winners will be determined during the Tree City Fall Festival. Forms & flyers are posted on our website.

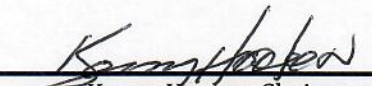
August I will be meeting with the CAC to help plan for Tox-A-Way Day.


Sept. 7th Tox-A-Way Day

Sept. 24th next board meeting focus will be recapping tox day & start planning for permanent recycling location.

No other public comment.

A motion was made by Mark to adjourn the July meeting. Kenny seconded. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm


Kenny Hooten, Chairman


Stephanie Westbrook, Attest