

**MINUTES OF THE DECATUR COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**
Tuesday, September 24th, 2024 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, September 24th, at 5:01 P.M. at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: District Director Stephanie Westbrook, Rumpke Representative Dean Ferrier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Tony to approve minutes of July 2024 meeting. Kenny seconded and the motion carried. Kenny & Stephanie signed minutes

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion was made by Tony to approve claims for July & August, 2024. Jeremy seconded and the motion carried. All Board members signed claims. Josh signed bank statements.

BUDGET APPROVAL: All forms for the 2025 budget have been advertised, adopted, and completed in Gateway. Will need to add an additional appropriation for the \$5,000 salary increase in January as it was not included in the budget.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Tox Away Recap- Collected 91.5 tons of tires with Liberty Tire costing \$29,000. Filled up 6 1/2 trailers. Compared to last year we decreased by 38 tons vs. 130 tons. Liberty Tire was a little late getting there right at 8am, we were waiting on them, next year advise them to arrive by 7:30am. They did drop off the trailers the day before the event, which helped and is advised for next year. Their equipment did break during the event, they had to have maintenance come out & repair, however they continued to collect tires on the ground & picked up after the event. Definitely a positive outcome was having the extra road for Tires only, received positive feedback from residents on wait times. Also having new signs made helped direct the new traffic pattern. Thank you for the volunteers & EMS for helping the day of the event. NuGenesis cost was the same as last year \$33,500 collected 42.9 tons vs. 33.8 tons increase of 9 tons.

Clean sweep pesticide program at Kova Fertilizer in Decatur County was a success on Aug. 21st. Collected 19,534 lbs. from 60 participants this was the biggest day out of there 6 day program.

August 10th Electronic Recycling recap 8,071 lbs. collected 92 participants filled 1 box truck. The Animal Shelter collected \$419 in donations.

Fall Festival Recycled Art Contest was a huge success. There were 61 recycled art submissions. Gave away \$1500 artist stipend awards & \$500 art supplies basket giveaway with funds coming from the Arts & Cultural Council. Plan on doing this event again next year to help raise awareness on recycling & reusing.

September 12th was AG day with Soil & Water helped educate all 5th graders from the county schools. Next year plan on having a station with activity on recycling.

I attended Circular Indiana Conference Sept. 10th great education & resources given from different speakers and presentations from Rumpke, Cummins, Food Waste Programs. I will share & email presentations with board members.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

I plan on attend the AISWMD retreat in Bloomington on Oct. 8th & 9th to help with training & education techniques.

October 19th is the last Electronic & Paper Shredding event for 2024 donations go to Champions of Youth. I will be advertising for the Fall Yard Waste Program with Leising & reminding residents to separate trash from brush.

November 15th is American Recycles Day may try & get CAC Board together to do an event
November 26th is our last board meeting for 2024.

FUTURE PLANNING FOR PERMANENT SITE:

Discussed location option to use the old City Street Department Garage as a recycling center. The city owns the property and doesn't want to sell, but will consider leasing the area to DCSWM. Concerns with a lease is renovation cost, cost of monthly rent, length of lease. Josh will work with a committee to put together a lease proposal and present at next meeting.

Discussed what we would like to collect at the site to get us started & expand in the future.

Electronics can be collected and picked up from GreenWave once we get 10 gaylords. Stephanie met with Marcus from GreenWave the pricing would be the same as what they charge for our current event pickups with box truck, forklift, labor. They can provide pallets & boxes to help get us setup.

Cardboard can be collected if separated & bailed then sold to WestRock. Stephanie met with Pat Coppedge the plant buyer for WestRock, her suggestion is to get a baler, forklift, pallet jack and build a loading dock for easy pickups. She quoted a used baler for \$18,800 from a company Prolex. The rebate price for corrugated cardboard delivered is \$125/ton if they pick up TBD. They could also get us set up to collect news, office paper and plastics.

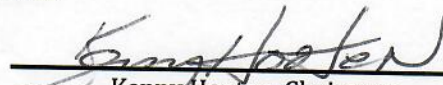
HHW items can be collected with Caldwell Environmental or NuGenesis. Stephanie met with Adam Roberts and Jason Cozad from Caldwell they presented a general quote for onsite labor, setup of waste storage area, and waste containerization consumables. They can provide a HHW site supervisor for \$51.95/hour & HHW site technician for \$48.55/hr, they will be trained & payrolled directly from Caldwell. The board agreed this would be the better option rather than hiring & training our own employee & using NuGenesis to pick up HHW. We would need to have a HAZMAT building to store HHW items. Stephanie received a few quotes from Securall for a fire proof building depending on size would cost around \$30k.

Everyday mixed Recycling can be collected with Rumpke providing 30 yd container, same as what we have at our current locations in St. Paul, Westport, & Lake Santee. Could possible eliminate the recycling cost at the Landfill if we have site. Board agrees we should still keep recycling containers at our current locations.

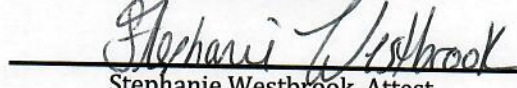
Discussed hours of operation and the cost to operate. HHW & Electronic collection can be collected starting off once a month due to labor cost. Possible 1st Saturday of every month or one day during the week. Nice to have options for residents that are out of town on weekends. When starting out might have to try different times to measure results or create a survey to get feedback from residents. This would remove the need for events at the fairgrounds & Tox-Away Day. Board agrees we will still have a yearly tire event at fairgrounds. Need to plan for equipment cost & renovation bids. Need to apply for IDEM community recycling grant in August up to \$100,000 with a 25% match to help start facility. Honda also has grant funding available. Continue to reach out to nearby SWMD for ideas getting started especially Shelby county they also use Caldwell Environmental to operate & recently built their facility in 2024.

NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion was made by Kenny to adjourn the September meeting. Jeremy seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6pm.



Kenny Hooten, Chairman



Stephanie Westbrook, Attest