

**MINUTES OF THE DECATUR COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**
Tuesday, March 25th, 2025 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 25th, 2025, at 5:05pm at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Gabriel Nobbe

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Stephanie Westbrook, Rumpke Representative Dean Ferrier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Jeremy to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes. Brian seconded and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion was made by Brian to approve claims for Jan. & Feb. 2025. Jennifer seconded and motion carried. Josh signed bank statements. Claim for Westport will be monthly based on hour of operation due to construction until June, the site will be closed on Wednesdays and remain open on Saturdays.

APPROVAL OF CD: Motion was made by Brian to renew the CD valued at \$55,006.54 for 182 days at 4.26% APR. Jeremy seconded, and motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Stephanie completed and presented the 2024 Annual Financial Report to the board and the IDEM Re-trac recycling totals. Reports will be posted to the website.

The Norma Bainbridge Scholarship for 2025 is open deadline is April 25th. John Jones & Rick Nobbe attended the Career Expo on Feb. 26th to promote the scholarship. Stephanie will schedule a meeting with CAC to select the winners. Stephanie will investigate establishing the scholarship with the community foundation for more exposure. Discussed possibly increasing the amount for next year.

The Electronic & Paper event scheduled for March 15th was cancelled due to extremely high winds and bad weather. We cancelled with WTRE and vendors by 7am that morning. Several residents were upset. In the future promote the events as weather permitting, tune in to WTRE & Facebook for cancelations. We are not able to reschedule due to GreenWave being already booked. Next event is in Westport April 12th, I reached out to see if Community Health Clinic wants to join this event since the last one was canceled. I will add Paper shredding to the May 17th event in Greensburg.

Upcoming events: April 10th composting and rain barrel workshop with soil & water dept. & Purdue extension at DC Fairgrounds. Max of 25 people must pre sign up. April 17th workshop will be held in Batesville. May 3rd free tree give away event at Fairgrounds. May 12th Spring Clean Up Day. May 17th Electronic & paper shredding in Greensburg. Working on community garden with the Health Department. Joining the LEPC, local emergency planning committee. HAZCOM & Waste Characterization training May 7th Hamilton County sponsored by Caldwell Environmental.

Our next Board meeting is Tuesday May 27th, 2025 at 5pm. We will need to meet in April to sign off on future.

FUTURE PLANNING:

Kenny & Stephanie met with Caldwell Environmental to review the layout/blueprints to operate the new facility. Kenny presented the potential layout to the board, labor charges, compiled list of items needed. Still need to price everything out, however we would like to own the equipment versus renting. Dean with

Rumpke suggested some cost saving options with comingled recycling. We are waiting to hear back from Brown Sprinklers on a quote for installing the sprinkler system. Mentioned water line may be an issue. Kenny & Stephanie will walk through the building and make an itemized specific list of what needs done in each area of the building. Dan Smith will do the drawings and have an architect sign off on the plans. We will have to have the City of Greensburg, and the State sign off on the plans, get the correct permits. Sign the lease with the city. Open the plans for Bids. Need to create an operational cost analysis.

No other public comment.

**Motion was made by Kenny to adjourn the March meeting. Brian seconded. The motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm**

Kenny Hooten, Chairman

Stephanie Westbrook, Attest