

**MINUTES OF THE DECATUR COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
Tuesday, September 23rd, 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, September 23rd, 2025, at 4:59pm 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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Westport Town Council Jennifer Hryb, and Commissioner Gabriel Nobbe.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Director Stephanie Westbrook, Caldwell Representative Kennedy Lawson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Jeremy to approve the July 2025 meeting minutes. Kenny seconded motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion was made by Kenny to approve claims for July & August 2025. Brian seconded, motion carried. Josh signed bank statements.

**YARD WASTE PROPOSAL:** Leising has increased their cost for yard waste dumping fee for brush by \$2k. Went from \$16k to \$18k. Composting contract is now \$4,500 for the months of Oct, Nov, Dec. 2025 & Sept. 2026. No other options for composting yard waste businesses. Motion was made by Kenny to accept Leising Composting Contract, Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

**BID REQUEST FOR RECYCLING:** Rumpke's contract is up Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Need to decide if we renew contract for one year at the same rate or open it up for public bid. Jeremy made a motion to open legal requests for collecting and processing recyclables, Brian seconded, and motion was carried. Stephanie will get the bid open publicly by advertising in the October newspaper. Bids will be due & reviewed at the November board meeting.

**2026 CALENDAR EVENTS:** Stephanie presented a list of all 2026 events. We will temporarily be penciled in on the calendar with the Fairgrounds depending on opening date of new facility. Board agrees to not send out calendar mailers or postcards or printed marketing material until future site confirmations.

**TOX AWAY RECAP:** This year we collected 57.04 tons vs. last year 42.9 tons; the largest increase was the oil & paint. Oil collected was a record amount with 3,650 gallons of used oil. Price stayed the same at \$33,500 for the event. Tires collected were about the same as last year, but the preliminary numbers would be about 133.5 tons collected and \$35,825.00 in charges, still finalizing the totals.

**WEBSITE UPDATES:** With the new facility we will need to change & rebuild the website to make it current. I received 1<sup>st</sup> quote from Scheidler web solutions. Stephanie will get 2 more quotes for comparison then need to vote & start working on the new website as it will take approximately 3 to 4 months. The future website needs to be easy for director to update as needed.

**RECYCLING TRAILER FOR SALE:** Allen County has 2 pro gravity recycling trailers for sale we could use them for community events like the fair, fall festival, power of past, contamination might be a problem but these are easily marked for 4 separate compartments. Asking price is \$5,500 or \$10k for both. Best Way charges \$45/ton. We could also use it for mobile recycling. Board decided to table this idea maybe offer \$8k for both.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Recap of past events:

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> Electronic event collected 6,633lbs. Animal Shelter non-profit did not show up had medical sick issues. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> toured Shelbyville Recycling received great ideas for new site took pictures for reference also toured Caldwell's compost site. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> had ribbon cutting ceremony with the chamber for community garden. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> went to Circular Indiana Conference all about batteries & EPR. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Ag Day was a success for 400 5<sup>th</sup> graders learning about agriculture & environment. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Recycle Art Contest winners will get money from Rumpke \$500 donation

Upcoming events:

On September 25<sup>th</sup> we are invited to open house with JC Bank, October 18<sup>th</sup> is the last Electronic & Paper event of the year. Donations go to Champions of Youth. I will be on vacation for the electronic event; the CAC members will cover the event. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> is the AISWMD retreat in Brown County. I'm on vacation Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>-Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> I will forward voicemails to Kenny's phone.

Our next Board meeting is Tuesday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5pm.

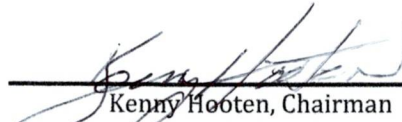
**FUTURE PLANNING:**

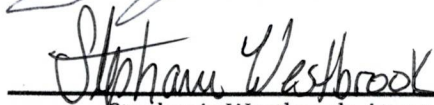
Changes are still being made to the blueprints this week. Dan Smith hopes to have the blueprints finished in October, will need to have a special meeting to sign off on final draft before sending them to the state.

Need to vote on Ordering cabinets, countertops, items for the kitchen/drink area at new facility. Invoice estimate is \$3,702.23. Stephanie will send out email for approval.

**No other public comment.**

**Motion was made by Jeremy to adjourn the September meeting. Kenny seconded. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm**

  
Kenny Hooten, Chairman

  
Stephanie Westbrook, Attest