

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

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

The meeting of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Terry Wagner on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 6:10 P.M. at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office at 315 S Ireland St, Greensburg, IN 47240

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner John Richards, Commissioner Jerome Buening, Mayor Gary Herbert, City Councilman Terry Wagner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Rick Nobbe, County Councilman Kenny Hooten, City of Westport Darlene Tobias

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Hull and Mark Fixmer of Best Way, District Director Brittani Saunders

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CLAIMS: Motion was made by John Richards to approve minutes of December 2014 meeting and January claims. Mayor Herbert seconded the motion.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman Terry Wagner asked for a motion to elect a chairman, vice chairman, and Secretary to the Solid Waste District Board for 2015.

John Richards made a motion to re-elect Terry Wagner as Chairman, Jerome Buening as Vice Chairman, and Darlene Tobias as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion seconded by Mayor Herbert and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brittani Saunders

Approval of Resolution 2015-1 Permitting prepayment and auto pays dated January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. **Motion was made by John Richards to approve Resolution 2015-1 Permitting prepayment and auto pays.** Seconded by Jerome Buening and approved for only year 2015. Brittani also gave the board a 2014 end of year financial summary. Disbursements for 2014 were \$392,847.85. Cash balance was \$321,290.16. Napoleon State Bank CD balance was \$1,074,656.41. Brittani will have a complete 2014 Financial Summary at the next Board meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brittani Saunders

E-waste collection will take place on Saturday February 21st from 9-12 at the Fairgrounds. A schedule of 2014 events was given out. Brittani also spoke about the advisory committees' upcoming discussions noting that this year we are working on improving current programs, finding a location for the district, and how to improve and/or move the current St.Paul and Westport recycling locations. Brittani discussed the SB 479 by Senator Liz Brown that would potentially end all solid waste districts if passed. Brittani asked the board to help show senators the value of our district. She has already sent out letters and correspondence to Senators and Representatives for our area to show the true value that our solid waste district has for our community.

Brittani and Rob Duckworth are also collaborating to bring disaster and debris management training to Decatur County. She will let the board know when this will take place.

EDUCATION REPORT: Brittani Saunders

Brittani spoke briefly about the exciting new program, Caps to Benches that is kicking off at Greensburg Elementary School. Once the program is in full swing she will give an update on how it is doing. Once the school raises 400 lbs of plastic caps the board had agreed to pay \$200 for the purchase of the bench that is made from the caps. Brittani also let the board know that she has been working with Wendy Blake with Mainstreet Greensburg on a project that would involve the community. Currently there are old trash receptacles around the square and our idea is to have a reuse project to decorate and refurbish these old trash receptacles. It would incorporate art and reuse of used ceramic tiles and glass tiles. They will continue working on this project and let the board know what costs would be involved at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Next meeting will be February 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

CAC Report: Next meeting is February 19 at 11:00 a.m.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Fixmer with Best Way spoke briefly about Westport and St. Paul transfer spots. At this time they are losing money at these spots even taking in \$1 per bag and the cost of hauling the recycling. He does not want to get rid of the recycling but may not be able to continue having an employee at these sites. They do not want to do anything with the sites until we can decide what we would like to do. Best Way is currently taking a head count and count of how much recycling and/or people come to these sites. The tonnage at each location is significantly low. At the next meeting he will discuss this further. Jay Hull spoke briefly to let the board know that in most districts the recycle sites are unmanned and seem to work well if that is the direction we have to go in. This matter will be further discussed at the February meeting.

Motion was made by John Richards to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mayor Herbert.

Terry Wagner, Chairman

Brittani Saunders, Attest