

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

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

The meeting of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by 2015 Vice-Chairman Jerome Buening on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 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 Dan Manus, City Councilman Darren Covington, Commissioner Rick Nobbe, County Councilman Kenny Hooten, City of Westport Town Council Joyce Brindley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Hull of Best Way Disposal, District Director Brittani Saunders

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Vice-Chairman Jerome Buening asked for a motion to elect a chairman, vice chairman, and Secretary to the Solid Waste District Board for 2016. **Joyce Brindley made a motion to elect John Richards as Chairman with Kenny Hooten seconding the motion. Motion was closed by Mayor Manus, seconded by Rick Nobbe. Rick Nobbe made a motion to elect Jerome Buening as Vice Chairman with Joyce Brindley seconding the motion. Mayor Manus closed the motion with Rick Nobbe seconding. Jerome Buening made a motion to elect Darren Covington as Secretary/Treasurer with Rick Nobbe seconding the motion. Motion was closed by Kenny Hooten, seconded by Rick Nobbe.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Kenny Hooten to approve minutes of December 2015 meeting. Jerome Buening seconded the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brittani Saunders

Motion was made by Kenny Hooten to accept January 2016 claims. Motion was seconded by Joyce Brindley.

Brittani asked the board to make a motion regarding the signatures on our accounts for MainSource Bank and Napoleon State Bank since Terry Wagner is no longer a member of the board due to retirement. She explained that Norma Bainbridge had signed all checks and accounts in the past. Brittani would like to go ahead and be able to sign on the accounts but would like the Chairman and Secretary to check over everything one time per month for checks and balances. **Kenny Hooten made a motion to have Brittani Saunders sign on all checks and accounts as well as a second signature allowed by Chairman John Richards if Brittani was unable to sign.** Motion was seconded by Mayor Dan Manus.

Brittani also let the board know that 2 of the CD's are coming up for renewal. Brittani asked the board if they would like the CD's to be renewed at a 6-month rate or 12 months. The board decided 6 months would be best if we are looking at purchasing property.

Approval of Resolution 2016-1 Permitting prepayment and auto pays dated January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. **Motion was made by Darren Covington to approve Resolution 2016-1 Permitting prepayment and auto pays. Seconded by Joyce Brindley and approved for only year 2016.** Brittani gave an update on account balances. Checking account balance as of 12/31/15 \$402,040.63. CD Balance \$1,077,962.92.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brittani Saunders

Brittani brought 3 quotes for extended cab trucks to the board. \$30,000 was approved in our 2016 budget for the purchase of a vehicle. Acra Automotive proposed an amount of \$25,940.00, Don Meyer Ford proposed an amount of \$29,871.20, and Tom Sibbitt proposed an amount of \$29,135.06 without a backup camera and \$33,564 with a backup camera so that it was comparable to the other two proposals.

Joyce Brindley made a motion to go with the proposed amount of \$25,940.00 from Acra Automotive for a 2016 Dodge Ram 1500. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. All in favor.

Brittani spoke in regards to Tox-a-Way Day. In the past we had always hired Ron May with AECON to do the proposal work. Ron May is no longer employed with AECON so Brittani has asked the board to consider allowing her to go through the process instead. The board agreed to allow Brittani to start the process by going through the old documents and changing dates since we are not changing anything this year. Brittani will then bring the documents to our attorney, Drew Young to have him check over before our next meeting.

Joyce and Brittani spoke in regards to offering a shredding and electronic recycle in Westport and St. Paul. The cost would be \$200 for 2 hours. We would do 2 hours in Westport and 2 hours in St. Paul. Joyce said we could use the Town Hall for the location in Westport. Jerome Buening said we could use the gym for the location in St. Paul. **Kenny Hooten made a motion to have 1 electronic and shredding event at each location this year. Darren Covington seconded the motion.**

Brittani spoke in regards to SB 88 and SB 366. So far both have passed in their committees and will be heard on the floor. SB 88, if passed, would take away our property tax levy. SB 366, if passed, will allow the 3 county commissioners to dissolve the district at any point. The board agreed that what we offer is a very valuable service and that we will work together to find ways to fund the programs that are important to our community. Recycling and hazardous waste management are very important to the environment of our county.

EDUCATION REPORT: Brittani Saunders

Brittani spoke briefly about the Caps to Benches program. Hickory Creek approached Brittani in regards to us purchasing or paying for part of a bench for their courtyard if they would collect the caps. After discussion the board felt that the Caps to Benches program was for the children at our local schools. This program shows children how important recycling is and allows them to earn something for their hard work. Due to this being out of our education budget the board does not feel at this time they would like to fund programs outside of the area schools.

OLD BUSINESS: Rick Nobbe followed up with the board in regards to the old American Lifts location. He was able to get in touch with the attorney for the company who currently owns the property. The attorney will be in Greensburg sometime in late February or March and will allow us to tour the facility. Rick Nobbe will let the board know when that date will be so that we can all go look at it. Rick believes we can purchase for a lower cost than the current asking price of approximately \$900,000.

CAC Report: Next meeting is February 18th at 11:00 a.m. The CAC is currently looking for someone to fill Emily Holtkamp's position since she is no longer on the CAC board.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Dan Manus let the board know that he is interested in going to a cart system for the city trash and would like to see the recycling done the same way. Brittani and Dan had spoken about trying to find sponsors to help with the cost of the carts. More discussion on this issue will come in the near future.

Motion was made by Kenny Hooten to adjourn the January meeting. Joyce Brindley seconded the motion.

John Richards, Chairman

Brittani Saunders, Attest