

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

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

The meeting of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Jerome Buening on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Mark Koors, Commissioner Jerome Buening, County Commissioner Rick Nobbe, Westport Town Council Joyce Brindley, City Councilman Darren Covington

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor Dan Manus, County Councilman Kenny Hooten

**OTHERS PRESENT:** District Director Brittani Saunders, Jay Hull & Mark Fixmer of Best Way Disposal

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Mark Koors to approve minutes of September 2017 meeting. Joyce Brindley seconded and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion was made by Joyce Brindley to approve October and November 2017 Claims. Darren Covington seconded and the motion carried.

**Mobile Recycling:** At our September meeting, Mark and David Gearhart came before the board asking for the contract for Mobile Recycling be switched from Mark to David. After speaking with an attorney, a contract was drawn up for the Mobile Recycling. After some minor changes, Joyce Brindley made a motion to accept the new 1 year contract for Mobile Recycling. Darren Covington seconded and the motion carried.

**Sharps Disposal Contract:** We are currently contracted with Stericycle for our sharps collection/disposal. That contract still has approximately 2 years left. If we would cancel the contract and switch to Absolute Medical Waste for sharps disposal we would save approximately \$5,000 over a 2-year time frame. The board has tabled this discussion for our January meeting before a decision will be made. The new company known as Absolute Medical Waste is currently contracted with Decatur County Memorial Hospital and significantly lower in price. The board asked for Brittani to contact the hospital to find out more about this business before a decision to cancel our current contract with Stericycle is made.

**Recycling Events for 2018:** Brittani would like to partner with local non-profits on all electronic recycling events. Currently we do not accept money for electronic recycling. Instead of taking money for our profit, Brittani would like to give local non-profits a chance to earn money from residents coming to our electronic recycling events. This would not be mandatory but could potentially help local non-profits meet their funding goals every year. Rick Nobbe asked that we speak with United Fund in regards to who can accept donations and if there are off months where they cannot accept money. Brittani is not sure this would be successful, but thought it may be a good way to give back to our local community. No decisions have been made at this time as there is still more information needed before this can happen.

**Tox-a-way 2017:**

<b>TYPES OF WASTE</b>	<b>Pounds Collected 2017</b>
Household Hazardous Waste	58,334.50
Tires	170,200.00
Appliances	21,830.00
E-Waste	33,427.80
TOTAL	283,792.30
Overall Change from Prev. Year	24,944.80

**CAC Update:** Brittani and Jay have asked the board if Ashley Wilson, assistant to Greg Allen, could be added to our CAC board. She would take the place of Merrillyn Gronau in the residential sector. Motion was made by Rick Nobbe to add Ashley Wilson, and Joyce Brindley seconded and the motion carried.

**Old Decatur County Landfill:** Rick Nobbe came before the board as the controller of the Jerry Tinsman landfill located on 200 South in Decatur County. Over the past several years Rick has been investigating ways to make the landfill self supporting and something that could benefit the community. Several options include REMC solar panels or an outdoor shooting range that would benefit the County, City, and State Law enforcement. Unfortunately, these items cannot be done unless there is ownership of the surface. Rick has spoken with an Environmental Attorney to earn these rights without having any type of liability of what is under the surface. It could cost anywhere from \$2500-\$5000 for an attorney. Rick would like to ask the board if they would consider budgeting \$2500 for the attorney fees to make these projects a reality. Rick has also asked that

Brittani help with the organization and office processes for upkeeping the information for the old landfill. By upkeeping the landfill, we are benefiting the community. Mark Koors made a motion to budget \$2500 for attorney fees and Joyce Brindley seconded and the motion carried. Darren Covington abstained from voting.

**Motion was made by Darren Covington to adjourn the November meeting. Rick Nobbe seconded and the motion carried.**

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Jerome Buening, Chairman

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Brittani Saunders, Attest