

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

The meeting of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Jerome Buening on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:10 P.M. at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office at 315 S Ireland St, Greensburg, IN 47240

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Mark Koors, Commissioner Jerome Buening, Mayor Dan Manus, City Councilman Darren Covington, Commissioner Rick Nobbe, County Councilman Kenny Hooten.

MEMBERS ABSENT: City of Westport Town Council Joyce Brindley

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman Jerome Buening asked for a motion to elect a chairman, vice chairman, and Secretary to the Solid Waste District Board for 2018. Kenny Hooten made a motion to re-elect Jerome Buening as Chairman and Joyce Brindley as Vice Chairman. Mayor Manus seconded and the motion carried. Mark Koors made a motion to elect Kenny Hooten as secretary-treasurer. Mayor Manus seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Rick Nobbe to approve minutes of November 2017 meeting. Darren Covington seconded the motion and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kenny Hooten made motion to approve December 2017 & January 2018 Claims. Mayor Manus seconded and the motion carried.

Resolution 2018-1 Permitting Prepayment was presented and Kenny Hooten made a motion to accept **Resolution 2018-1**. Mayor Manus seconded and the motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brittani Saunders

Brittani let the board know that she has lined up three non-profits to partner with for Electronic recycling events. She is currently working with the CAC board on wording for advertising that will go out.

Sharps Contract- The Sharps disposal contract discussion from our November meeting was continued today. After our November meeting, Brittani was to call Decatur County Hospital in regards to how their medical waste pick up with Absolute Medical Waste was going. The hospital let her know that the service with Absolute Medical was outstanding and at this time they had no complaints about the level of service provided for the price. The price given in their initial contract has stayed the same. The contract from Absolute Medical Waste is \$200 per month for 5 boxes per month. Our average pick-up per month is 4-5 boxes. Any additional boxes are \$30.00 per box. The term is 36 months. Even if we cancel our Stericycle contract, we will save approximately \$5,000 over 23 months. Darren Covington made a motion to sign and accept Absolute Medical Waste contract. Kenny Hooten seconded and the motion carried.

Events 2018-Brittani let the board know that a rain barrel workshop is scheduled for April 26th. There will also be a new program about composting some time in August. Soil & Water and Purdue Extension are partnering with all of these events and we are currently working on the cheapest way to offer the composting class. On Saturday, May 5th from 9-12, Soil & Water has their tree giveaway. We are currently trying to put together an environmental day with recycling crafts and other environment related information for residents who come out to the tree giveaway. We are still in the planning stages and working on a name for the event. Resource Recess Environmental Day Camp is set for Tuesday June 12th for K-5th graders.

Tox-a-Way 2018- Brittani asked the board if there were any changes they wanted to see for this year's Tox-a-Way. Jim Parker, owner of Nugenesis, presented an option of allowing bidders to have a 1 or 3 year contract option to offer collection. The board agreed that if we have this for an option on the HHW collection, we will have the same option for tire collection. Brittani will work on documents to add this option.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Manus let the board know that he is looking for more quotes for self-contained pull behind leaf vacs for the city. A leaf vac would be easier to use and help keep out unwanted trash. He is looking for an option large enough for Greensburg and also something more affordable. If the Solid Waste would help pay for this, the board would like the leaf vac to be available for county use as well. Mayor Manus agreed that this would be an option. Since only a certain number of people could operate the vehicle, the towns could potentially pick up the labor costs of allowing a city worker to operate the vehicle out in the county. Mayor Manus will look into more options and present information at a later time.

Mayor Manus also let the board know that the trash and recycle seemed to be going well so far. Participation is up and it has helped clean up the city streets. The Mayor also has several residents in town that they are working with trying to clean up their properties. Brittani gave an option to allow one of the residents to bring their electronics to one of the electronic recycling days for free but at this time they have not taken up the offer. The Mayor is still working on trying to get the residents to clean up their yards.

Rick Nobbe let the board know that during events out at the Fairgrounds it would be beneficial if we could find someone to take care of the recycling pick up and disposal. Mark Gearhart and family have always taken care of event recycling but since he has retired from groundskeeper, we need to find someone that would be able to take care of this. This person would also help take care of small festivals that occur throughout the community.

Motion was made by Kenny Hooten to adjourn the January meeting. Mayor Manus seconded and the motion carried.

Jerome Buening, Chairman

Brittani Saunders, Attest