

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

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Joyce Brindley on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Jerome Buening, County Councilman Kenny Hooten, City of Westport Town Council Joyce Brindley, Commissioner Rick Nobbe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Mark Koors, Mayor Dan Manus, City Council Vietta McKenzie,

OTHERS PRESENT: District Director Brittani Saunders, Mark Fixmer of Best Way Disposal, Charity Wilder & Christian Rust-Washington Township Trustee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Kenny Hooten to approve minutes of September 2019 meeting. Jerome Buening seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion was made by Rick Nobbe to approve October & November 2019 Claims. Kenny Hooten seconded and the motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brittani Saunders

Tox-a-way Day documents were reviewed by Board Vice Chairman Kenny Hooten. Tox-a-way Documents were amended to include the spring tox-a-way day. 2020 events will be done by T&T Tire Removal and NuGenesis. A final date for 2020 Tox-a-way Days: April 18 and September 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Motion was made by Rick Nobbe to approve the 2020 Tox-a-Way Contract Documents for Tire & HHW Removal. Jerome Buening seconded and motion carried.** The 2020 Scheduled events and non-profit partners were discussed. A complete schedule will be available once non-profits have been notified and accepted.

Brittani is working on a Halloween costume exchange for Decatur County. Both Dearborn and Johnson County operate very popular Halloween Costume exchanges and have offered to help in getting our project started. The board requested trying to find a partner to help in organizing and housing the exchange.

Brittani presented the 2019-20 Recycle Art Challenge. She explained that she had spoken with art teachers at each of our area high schools and each teacher was on board with completing this project. The art challenge will be a 3 ft by 3 ft art display comprised of all recycled material. A complete list of requirements was reviewed and will be sent out to each school. Brittani has asked the board to approve a monetary award to the winning art project. The art projects will be displayed at "Art on the Square Gallery". Brittani will also work with them on choosing the winning project. Monetary awards are as follows: First place will receive \$750, second place-\$500, and third place-\$250. Kenny Hooten made motion to award the first, second, and third place monetary prizes. Rick Nobbe seconded and motion carried.

Brittani is working on reviewing our Norma Bainbridge Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was only given to North Decatur and Greensburg in 2019 due to no applications at South Decatur. The board has requested that everything remains the same.

The Citizens Advisory Committee has been in need of new members. Recently, Jennifer Thomas, a local resident in the City of Greensburg, came to Brittani wanting to be more involved in recycling. After review of the Advisory Committee requirements, Brittani has asked the board to approve Jennifer Thomas as our new CAC member. Jerome has asked Brittani to double check the state requirements. If all is OK, Rick Nobbe made motion to accept Jennifer Thomas as our new CAC member with Jerome Buening seconding. Motion carried.

Community Clean Up Challenge:

The Community Clean Up Project was successful in 2019. We had 2 winners who did an outstanding job cleaning up a small area in Decatur County. For 2020, Brittani is trying to work with Decatur County Memorial Hospital on a partnership to grow this project. The board mentioned trying to contact Dennis Fogle in regards to this partnership. Charity Wilder and Christian Rust were in attendance at this evenings meeting. They recently established a clean up for Lake McCoy. The district board approved helping pay for recycling tires and electronics. The board commended the Washington Township Trustee for implementing this project and trying to clean up the area. Christian and Charity brought photos to show the board the huge improvements done in only 1 day. Many from the county were in attendance to try to help clean up this area. The board will help in recycling efforts at this location at future clean up events. It was also discussed doing similar clean ups for other areas in Decatur County. Kenny Hooten has asked that our clean up efforts are for recycling only as our mission as a Solid Waste Board is to reduce waste.

No other public comment. The next Solid Waste Board meeting will occur on January 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Jerome Buening to adjourn the September meeting. Joyce Brindley seconded and the motion carried.

Joyce Brindley, Chairman

Brittani Saunders, Attest