

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

Tuesday, June 25, 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, June 25, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Rick Nobbe, Mayor Dan Manus, City Council Vietta McKenzie

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

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion was made by Kenny Hooten to approve May and June 2019 Claims. Mark Koors seconded and the motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brittani Saunders

-Brittani requested everyone to look at their calendars and let her know if there were any evening's they would be able to help with this year's fair booth. All items have been purchased for this year's fair.

-Brittani also discussed Tox-a-Way Day. This year's event is on schedule and she has already spoken with both contractors. Ashley Wilson will make sure all items get to the fairgrounds that morning. Kenny Hooten has agreed to be at the front entrance to make sure items coming in are acceptable, and to be sure there are no problems. The rest of the board voiced that they would be there to help with traffic/passing out papers. Brittani will speak with Rick Nobbe about continuing to be in charge of traffic control. Traffic control at last year's event went great and we would like to keep the same format. Brittani will also be in touch with EMA and the Sheriff Department about helping out again this year.

-Brittani also discussed Tox-a-Way 2020. She was informed of a second event taking place that day (wedding reception) and has since spoken with Fair Board President Phil Nobbe to come up with a plan of action. Both events will take place on the same day with no problems, and our contractors will be moving their trailers at 3:00 to ensure ample room for parking.

-Recently, Brittani has been speaking with Decatur County Memorial Hospital about possible partnerships. One idea that came about in her discussion, was a business shredding event in the Fall. Brittani has also asked if they would be interested in teaming up for next year's Clean up Challenge. Brittani will keep the board up to date on what is decided.

-Brittani gave a brief update of some of the great things that have happened in the last few months. In April, May, and June Brittani was able to educate approximately 650 children in grades K-5. We have given out over 70 rain barrels this year. At our March Electronics Recycling, the Animal Shelter collected \$760.00 in donations. At our May Electronics Recycling, AGAPE center collected over \$800 in donations. At our Green Scene, we had approximately 200 participants and at our Resource Recess Day Camp we had 75 children in attendance.

-Brittani expressed interest in forming a second Tox-a-way type event in 2021. This would be a smaller event with a smaller number of items accepted. She explained to the board that she receives a lot of calls in the spring about items that residents have to hold on to until the fall. The board agreed that we should look in to adding a second Tox-a-Way. Brittani will start the conversation with NuGenesis and other districts about options.

-Brittani also asked the board if she could schedule more electronic recycling days for 2020. She would like to have Electronics Recycling in March, April, May, June, August, and November. We will still accept electronics in September during Tox-a-Way Day as well. There has been an increasing need for Electronics recycling and her hope is that it will make it more convenient to recycle electronics. The board agreed to schedule more events for next year.

Recycling Ideas (Ongoing Discussion)

Since the closure of the Greensburg Street Department, the board has been continuing to think of other options for recycling. At the time of the closure, we let residents know they could take recycling for free to Decatur Hills Landfill. Decatur Hills Landfill was present to let us know that before the closure, they were only dumping recycling into their recycling pad one day per week. Now it is being disposed of daily. All material accepted at Decatur Hills Landfill is recycled and monitored to ensure cleaner product. At a meeting with the County Prosecutor, Nate Harter, it was asked if he knew of anything that could be done about the dumping problem that was and is occurring. At this time, there are no local ordinances that can be enforced. In the coming months, it will be up to the City Government if this is something they would want to pursue. Without prosecution, an open site will not be possible. The board expressed that they have heard very little about the closure and that the few residents they have spoken to were very understanding of the reasoning behind closure of this site. The board was aware of one concerned citizen letter. Several ideas have been brought to their attention, and at this time the board is continuing to take these ideas under advisement. This will be an ongoing discussion topic as new information arises. Due to the increasing cost to recycle, it will take some time to form a plan of action if it is possible.

2020 Budget & Salary Ordinance

Brittani presented several increases that were necessary for 2020. Insurance costs continue to rise. School recycling has increased significantly with a need to increase this fund. Decatur Hills/Best Way Disposal representative Mark Fixmer also let the board know that recently the cost to recycle has significantly increased. Our permanent recycling pick up rates have not been raised in approximately 10 years. 10 years ago, recycling facilities were taking the recycling at very little cost or they paid Best Way for the material. Best Way Disposal is now paying over \$70/ton to dispose of recycled material at Republic Services Recycling in Indianapolis. Due to this increase, they have requested a \$50/ton recycling rate effective immediately on only permanent drop off sites. The board agreed that this was necessary as they are aware of the growing cost to continue recycling. With the closure of the Greensburg site, this was able to free up a small portion of our budget but with the amount of recycling we are still taking in, there is a need to increase this appropriation.

2020 Salary Ordinance: The Salary ordinance must match the 2020 budget proposal. The Salary Ordinance was passed as part of the 2020 Budget. Administrator: 45,319.00.

Kenny Hooten made a motion to accept 2020 Budget and 2020 Salary Ordinance. Mark Koors seconded and motion carried. Budget increases were submitted and approved: Total: \$550,719.00.

No other public comment.

Motion was made by Kenny Hooten to adjourn the June meeting. Jerome Buening seconded and the motion carried.

Joyce Brindley, Chairman

Brittani Saunders, Attest