

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

Tuesday, January 24, 2020

The meeting of the Decatur County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by 2019 Chairman Joyce Brindley on Tuesday, January 24, 2020 at 6:10 P.M. at the Decatur County Solid Waste Office at 315 S Ireland St, Greensburg, IN 47240.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Josh Marsh, City Council Vietta McKenzie, Commissioner Rick Nobbe, County Councilman Kenny Hooten, Westport Town Council Joyce Brindley, Commissioner Mark Koors

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Jerome Buening

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jay Hull of Best Way Disposal, Bart Gauck of T&T Tire Removal, & District Director Brittani Saunders

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman Joyce Brindley asked for a motion to elect a chairman, vice chairman, and Secretary to the Solid Waste District Board for 2020. **Kenny Hooten made a motion to re-elect Joyce Brindley as Chairman, Kenny Hooten as Vice-Chairman, and Vietta McKenzie as Treasurer.** Rick Nobbe seconded and motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Kenny Hooten to approve minutes of November 2019 meeting with a correction to remove Mark Koors as member present.** Vietta McKenzie seconded and the motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Kenny Hooten made motion to approve December 2019 & January 2020 Claims.** Mark Koors seconded and the motion carried.

**Resolution 2020-1 Permitting Prepayment** was presented and Vietta McKenzie made a motion to approve **Resolution 2020-1.** Kenny Hooten seconded and the motion carried.

**Cancellation of Warrants-Old Outstanding Checks.** Pursuant to IC 5-11-10.5, all checks outstanding and un paid for a period of two years as of December 31 of each year are void. Total amount of checks to be receipted back to the general fund: \$1696.77. Vietta McKenzie made a motion to receipt back total checks of \$1696.77. Mark Koors seconded and motion carried.

**Tox-a-way Spring & Fall:** The board requested an amendment to our current contract holders for our Fall Tox-a-way Day to include a Spring Tox-a-way Day as well. Household Hazardous Waste removal will continue to be completed by NuGenesis. They will charge \$32,000 per event for total HHW removal for the year 2020. Kenny Hooten made a motion to accept \$32,000 per event. Vietta McKenzie seconded and motion carried. Tire disposal will be done by T&T Tire Removal. Their total cost including transportation at a total weight of 80 tons is \$15,847 per event for the year 2020. Vietta McKenzie made a motion to accept \$15,847 per event for 2020. Rick Nobbe seconded and motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brittani Saunders**

**Upcoming events:** March 14 from 9-11 will be Electronics Recycling. April 18<sup>th</sup> will be our spring Tox-a-way Day. We will be setting cones up for the Electronics event due to a scheduling conflict at the Fairgrounds. Brittani will contact EMA in regards to helping with our Spring Tox-a-way day.

**Advisory Council:** Brittani let the board know that she has looked over the Solid Waste Bylaws and we are not required to have set categories (example: agriculture, industry, etc.) for our Advisory Committee members. The board had requested that we look into this after acquiring a new member of our advisory council in November. The bylaws state the following, "The committee must include the following:

(1) Representatives of the solid waste management industry operating in the district.

(2) Representatives of the environmental community and other citizens who are:

(A) knowledgeable about and interested in environmental issues; and

(B) not employed directly or indirectly by the solid waste management industry.

(b) At least fifty percent (50%) of the members of an advisory committee must be made up of the representatives of the environmental community and other citizens. All members of the committee must be residents of the district.

**Clean up challenge:** Brittani is still working with a potential partner for our Community Clean Up Challenge. If they are unable to sponsor the event, they will be participating in the event and helping with advertising on their social media platforms.

**Market:** The current recycling market is still suffering due to the stop of recycling being sent over to Asia. The current market in the US was not built up enough to handle the large amount of recycling. It will take approximately 10 years before more companies are able to come online to accept the recycling product. Currently, several recycling facilities have stopped taking certain types of plastic. Currently costs to bring recycling to recycling processors is anywhere from \$75-\$100 per ton due to the high cost of processing and the low return once processed. In Decatur County alone, we have collected over 7 million pounds of recycling in 2019. Totals we are responsible for, will be available at the next board meeting.

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. **Motion was made by Kenny Hooten to adjourn the January meeting. Mark Koors seconded and the motion carried.**

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Joyce Brindley, Chairman

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Brittani Saunders, Attest