

ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Board Meeting:

Present:

Chair: Linda Bloom, Vice Chair: Don Gerardot, Nelson Peters, Karen Goldner, Maye Johnson, Tom Henry

Also Present:

Tony Burrus: Director; Bill Fishering: District's Attorney

Call to Order

Don Gerardot: Called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

Karen Goldner: Motion to approve April minutes.

Maye Johnson: 2nd

Motion passed 6/0/0

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Tony Burrus:

I'd like to introduce our Summer Interns: Evan Tyrrell and Caitlin Gossett
Website Statistics are included in your packet. We will introduce our 2011
Budget in July and hope for passage in August so it is important that we have a
quorum those meetings.

After today's meeting a tour is scheduled at Summit Recycling. Those who
haven't seen it are welcome.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS:

Linda Bloom: Motion to pay claims

Karen Goldner: 2nd

Motion passed 6/0/0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Brown: The committee formed to develop the Fort Wayne Garbage
Contract is considering encouraging reducing waste in the landfill by limiting
the amount of trash - which will be huge to help encourage recycling. I'd like to
also note that some states have a can deposit, perhaps the Solid Waste District
can support that at some point. Washington DC recently put a .05 cent charge
for every bag from the stores. Thus far it has been hugely successful and has
reduced the number of plastic bags utilized by 10,000,000 – dropping the
number by 1/3 or 1/4. Those are the things we need to do to reduce the waste
stream.

Tony Burrus: The Indiana Recycling Committee and the Indiana Solid Waste Districts have proposed bottle bills in the recent 2 – 3 legislative sessions. But, the bills haven't gotten out of committee. More than likely we will see the .05 cent on bags passed first. Just like the oil spill, there is a large contingent of plastic in our oceans almost the size of the state of Texas. We will support both bills.

Bill Brown: Sometime down the road will you need our advocacy from our board?

Tony Burrus: The SWD represents all boards and districts. At this point it is best to contact your legislative representatives because the bills aren't going out of committee.

Karen Goldner: Many things were discussed at the City Contract meeting last night. One of the items discussed was whether the SWMD would be willing to support a yard waste drop-off program. Yard waste is a significant contributor to the city landfill issue. Apparently curbside yard waste pick-up is not particularly cost effective. Though yard waste is not particularly detrimental in the landfill, because it is biodegradable it does take up significant space. Now yard waste can be taken to Lake Avenue; but it is quite a haul to that location from many areas.

Tony Burrus: We do have 2 sites for yard waste and we subsidize both. Lake Avenue and Serv-All.

Karen Goldner: Great. Maybe then they need to do a better job advertising it.

Tom Henry: Is single stream a definite outcome of the talks? (To Goldner)

Karen Goldner: Yes, the majority of the committee prefer quit it. It is quite likely that we'll go to single stream. Single stream promotes participation. It will be a bid process to include both single stream and traditional recycling. Then we'll see a comparison.

Tom Henry: Won't that reinforce the need for a transfer facility to take the garbage out of the garbage stream?

Karen Goldner: You'll have two bins. One for garbage and the other for all types of recycling allowed. The bins will be of different colors. The single stream refers to recycling method not the trash and recycling mixed in one bin.

Tony Burrus: Single stream recycling needs the infrastructure of a MRF to sort. There will still be two streams of municipal solid waste: recyclables and trash.

Karen Goldner: The advantage is that you increase the volume of recyclables enough to get better markets for what you do have.

Tom Henry: The transfer station is used to separate recyclables?

Karen Goldner: It wouldn't be a transfer station per se'. It would be a MRF.

Tony Burrus: A MRF is a Materials Recovery Facility.

Maye Johnson: Is there any MRF's in existence currently?

Karen Goldner: There are two in Allen County now.

Tony Burrus: Summit Recycling is a transfer station at this point. Republic is a MRF.

Meeting Adjourned 10:46