

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD AND THE  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Monday, March 13, 2017

The meeting of the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Vice Chairman Kevin Walls on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 2:02 P.M. at the Johnson County Courthouse Annex Auditorium, 86 W. Court Street, Franklin, IN 46131

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Ron West, Commissioner Brian Baird, Commissioner Kevin Walls, Councilwoman Dawn Graham, Councilman Brent Corey, Councilman Josh McCarty

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor Mark Myers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lynn Gray, Jessie Biggerman, Karla Coffey, Pat Sherman, Colleen Evans

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Ron West to approve minutes from January 9, 2017 meeting with changes. Dawn Graham seconded the motion and minutes were approved. This was voted on and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Pat Sherman

Approval of the check register dated, January 7, 2017 to March 10, 2017. **Motion was made by Brent Corey to approve check registers, auto pay deductions, and claims.** Motion was seconded by Brian Baird and approved. This was voted on and passed unanimously.

**CAC Committee Report:** Colleen Evans

Colleen stated that they discussed the price of cardboard. She also informed them they had started discussing WAMM Fest.

She informed the Board that CAC would be having the regular meeting tomorrow.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jessie Biggerman**

Jessie went over the 2016 Annual District Report. She informed the board that our Greenwood sites continue to grow. She informed Councilman McCarty that we had closed our Bargersville site due to dumping and placed that co-mingled bin at our Emmanuel site. We now have ten paper bins and two comingled bins at the Emmanuel location. Taking out three tons a day with a six day a week pick up schedule. The city of Greenwood has gone to 96 gallon totes with an every other week pick up schedule. We will be watching that to see how it effects our numbers at our Emmerson location. All of the residents around it have curbside pick-up now. Residents around Emmanuel do not have curbside. Our Edinburgh numbers seemed to stay about the same as before when you add both comingled and paper together. However, they have had a change in hours so we will continue to monitor for any change in those numbers. We did see an increase in our overall numbers despite losing two sites. We are hoping that we will get the Trafalgar site back soon.

Our electronics numbers have continued to decline. This has been by design as we refer CRT TV's to other locations. We were informed that we will be charged an additional fee for TV's. For the last three months, our pick-ups have been around 80% CRT. In the winter when we do not have any other options to send our people to,so they are willing to pay the large fee

This year we had a total of 21.39 tons of HHW at the Tox box. As I spoke about before, this is a very small portion of our collections overall and a huge piece of our overall budget. We do our best to assure that we are open four Saturday's a year. We do continue to see increases out there, which thrills us since that is truly the material we do not want in the waste stream.

Our medication drop boxes are continuing to see a huge amount of use. We get calls all of the time for the drug boxes. We were able to partner the Sheriff's Department with the free clinic to help with disposal of their medications. We also partner with McCarty Mulch for our yard waste disposal voucher program. For our battery collections, we collected almost 5,000lbs of lead acid batteries. We do get a small battery rebate. We also had three shredding events which collected 8.2 tons of document shredding. In our flag collection, we collected over 1,000 flags. We have grown to where people bring us flags throughout the year, as we are now associated with flag disposal. We partner with the Franklin Chapter of the American Legion for the flag retirement ceremony. During our first year, we only collected 300 we are now up to over a 1,000. We have collection sites all over the county. We continued once again with the Christmas Tree recycling program. We collected more trees this year than we have in the past four years. This showed us that we need to keep this program going. The Education program saw over 6,500 students. We have been putting effort towards our Adopt-A-Road Program so that we know people are actually participating in the program. We are making sure that the signage is correct for the groups still collecting. We have also assured that the groups collecting are very active in their

involvement in the program. Creative Resources is always busy. We also sponsored the Dumpster Drummers at the Johnson County Fair. We still host the Costume Swap with the Franklin Parks Department. Our social media is really growing. We are having our adult programs fill up each time. Jessie informed the Board she was called upon to speak at the MS4 annual conference at the state level this year to talk about partnerships. We have a wonderful partnership with our MS4 here in the county. One thing they wanted us to speak about was how to reach out and help each other.

Commissioner Walls shared with the Board that he stopped by the Emmanuel site on a Saturday morning for 15 minutes. He stated during that 15 minutes he saw 18 cars. He shared that he felt it was just unbelievable how busy it was. He also mentioned how he was happy that Emmanuel was taking this on with us. He stated that he understands how we just can't keep up with it and suggested to the other Board members to go see it. Jessie informed him sometimes we get 50-60 in an hour. She also mentioned we just don't have the budget to do more. Ms. Gray informed the board she uses the Emmanuel site and states that even of a late evening she is never alone there. Jessie went on to talk about how Ray's Trash brought us a picture of the Emmanuel site. She shared that she is just at a loss as to what to do with the site. Jessie shared that we have asked people where they were coming from and most shared that they were from Bargersville. She stated that she is trying to look ahead at how to handle this site.

Jessie also mentioned that we are unable to handle the cardboard from the downtown Franklin small businesses. She informed the Board that a small business can fill up two to three bins of cardboard with only one shipment. She shared that the transfer station in Franklin is run by Best Way and they will take cardboard for \$30 a truck load. This is good information to have. Last week Jessie met with Pratt Industries to see how they might help. Pratt Industries is a national company with a paper mill in Valparaiso. They operate a closed loop system. Closed loop systems collect, make, send boxes out and take boxes back in. They have even been known to give out bailers to collect cardboard and then pay for the returned cardboard. Pratt Industries has also already given a bailer to Goodwill Industries. Jessie is going to meet with Goodwill Industries about using this bailer for Franklin small businesses. Pratt informed Jessie that there is more money in bailed cardboard than in mixed paper cardboard. The District is hoping to have a solution for at least a portion of small businesses soon. We even have a business that might be willing to host an area for collection, and is a wonderful community partner. We want to be the District that helps everyone. We are going to look at some of the other not-for-profit organizations in Johnson County if this does not work with Goodwill Industries.

The Tox Box is open again. We are still working with the colleges to staff the Tox Box. However, in the meantime we are using Tom Padgett who is on our CAC Board. I do have a new contact at the college and he seems confident we can turn this position into an internship. We would be thrilled to teach them more than just the chemistry that goes on at the Tox Box with HHW.

We made it through this session without a Bill being heard in Committee. However, Senator Brown has already contacted the Indiana Association of Solid Waste Management Districts to inform them she would like to sit down this summer to find a way we can come up with a solution to still have us receive our funding and not having us on the tax rolls at all. Jessie informed them that Commissioner West would be more than happy to have a conversation with her about that and local control. I was pleased to meet with Senator Sandlin. Since Senator Sandlin comes from Marion County which does not have a solid waste district it was good to tell him about us. It was beneficial to meet with him since he represents one of the largest areas we represent. He was very interested in the LEPC portion of what we do. He was also liked that I represent District 5.

We are working hard on our Earth Day Festival. We have seven community partners. We have 12 schools that have committed in painting rain barrels. We will have crafts for the kids. It will take place in the Urban Garden and Province Park. We are wanting to just have a big community event.

**EDUCATION REPORT: Jessie Biggerman**

**LEGAL REPORT: Lynn Gray**

Ms. Gray informed the Board that Mr. McCarty was going to sign the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form. He is the principal owner to the business McCarty Mulch. We pay them for the vouchers for our yard waste program.

Our lease agreement is due in March. Petro Brothers have offered us a five-year lease. Petro Brothers are willing to renew our lease for the next three years at \$2950.00 a month. The fourth and fifth years will go up. She stated she negotiated the CAM Charges and that Petro Brothers were installing new carpet. The CAM Charges were eliminated from the lease.

**Motion was made by Brian Baird to approve the new lease agreement.** Motion was seconded by Ron West and approved. This was voted on and passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jessie informed the Board that our lease will be up at the end of March. She also informed them that she had made allowances in the 2017 budget for the increase. She let them know that the lease is a five-year lease. She informed the Board that our landlord handles all of the maintenance. She explained that the expense of updating and painting and carpet will

be at the expense of the landlord. Mr. Walls informed the Board that he feels the location is perfect for our bins and other needs.

Next Board meeting is May 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**Motion was made by Brian Baird to adjourn the meeting.** Motion was seconded by Ron West.

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Mark Myers, Chairman

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Karla R. Coffey, Recording Secretary