

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

Monday, May 8, 2017

The meeting of the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District Board was called to order by Chairman Mark Myers on Monday, May 8, 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, Mayor Mark Myers

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn Gray, Jessie Biggerman, Karla Coffey, Pat Sherman, Alley Muir, Terry Teverbaugh of Best Way Disposal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Ron West to approve minutes from January 9, 2017 meeting. Brian Baird 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, March 11, 2017 to May 5, 2017. **Motion was made by Josh McCarty to approve check registers, auto pay deductions, and claims.** Motion was seconded by Brian Baird and approved. This was voted on and passed unanimously.

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CAC Committee Report: Jessie Biggerman

Jessie wanted to thank Colleen Evans for all of her years of service with the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). She informed the Board that Colleen was leaving the Board and that she had been a great asset to the CAC for six years. She also informed the Board that Colleen was also with Best Way Disposal as well as a resident of Johnson County.

Jessie informed the Board that to fill the spot left vacant by Colleen she needs to find a waste services person to meet state requirements. She stated that she was actively looking. The board was informed that our CAC was very active even assisting with WAMMFest.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jessie Biggerman

Jessie informed the Board she was very excited about working with Goodwill Industries and starting a program in downtown Franklin. The businesses have to bring material to us at first. We are looking at a very strong market for cardboard right now. We have started talks with Goodwill which has partnered with Pratt Industries. We may need to start a drop off program with the downtown businesses at first. We would like to get a Franklin program started before initiating the program the Greenwood area. We are hoping to pilot for six months in Franklin.

Commissioner Baird, Stephanie and Jessie traveled the county looking for public places to put debris for the Johnson County Disaster Debris Plan. Jessie informed the Board of all of the requirements for approval of sites to be used for debris during an emergency. Each site needs to be fenced in as well as plotted on the Johnson County GIS system. All items must be separated to ensure proper disposal and protection of the water ways. We have to also meet and get approval from the State Archeologist. We must follow these guidelines to ensure FEMA reimbursement. We are still struggling with a location in the northern part of the county. We also have pre-approved contractors for when this material needs to be handled. The designated are must be on public property and supervised 24 hours a day.

The last week of the session Senator Brown presented information asking is we really need Solid Waste. It was signed into a Resolution. We are not sure if it will make it to summer study. Jessie informed the Board that St. Joseph Counties budget line for electronics went from \$30,000 to almost \$300,000 this year already.

We have now started working on an Outdoor Public Education Garden. We wanted to have something that was more representative of us at our office. All of the items in the Garden

are made of recycled materials or are local plants to attract pollinators. The garden will be used to educate the public that you can use recycled items and they do work in a landscape.

EDUCATION REPORT: Alley Muir

Alley informed the Board that we had approximately 100 people attend our first Earth Day Festival. With the weather being so bad we were pleased that we had such large attendance. We had rain barrels in the Urban Forrest. We had given rain barrels to local schools for them to paint. They were displayed in the Urban Forrest on the Story Walk. We had water monitoring, tree give away and environmental education. We did get five sponsors and had someone donate time and sand and primer our rain barrels. We had other agencies that we partnered with.

In March, we did a vermicomposting class. We had great success with this program. Alley informed the Board she is wanting to do more adult programing and will offer a Rain Barrel class in June.

LEGAL REPORT: Lynn Gray

NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Jessie asked the Board about attending a conference on E-Waste. The conference is being held September 18-20, 2017. This conference will take place in Orlando, FL. She informed the Board last year she was asked to attend this particular meeting; however, it was too close to the event she attended in Illinois last year. This conference is specifically about E-Waste Laws and the changes to these laws across all states. She hopes to learn how to move forward from here especially with TV's. This is the basis on which I am asking to attend. Mayor Myers asked Jessie if there was money in the training and travel line of the budget, and she informed him it was already in there.

Motion was made by Josh McCarty to approve Jessie to attend the E-Waste conference in Orlando, Florida September 18-20, 2017. Motion was seconded by Kevin Walls. This was voted on and passed unanimously.

Mayor Myers shared with the Board that he was pleased with the city of Greenwood curbside recycling program. He informed the Board they have seen an increase of 44% since last April. He also informed the Board that with every increase they see in recycling,

they are seeing the same decrease in trash. He states this turns into a savings since trash equals money.

Next Board meeting is July 10, 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.

Mark Myers, Chairman

Karla R. Coffey, Recording Secretary