

Whitley County Solid Waste Management District

701 S. Line St. Columbia City, IN 46725

Monday, August 14, 2023

Regular Meeting

Present: Theresa Baysinger, Jenny Middleton, Ryan Daniel, Chad Banks, and Rob Schuman

Absent: Thor Hodges, and Madalyn Sade-Bartl

Public Present- Director Tara Meyers, Matthew Shipman, and Jennifer Shinabery

Mrs. Baysinger called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Previous Meeting Minutes- Mr. Banks made a motion to approve meeting minutes from July 10, 2023. Motion seconded by Mrs. Middleton. Motion passes 4/0 vote with Mr. Hodges, Mr. Schuman, and Mrs. Bartl absent. Mr. Daniel made a motion to approve vendor payables. Motion seconded by Mr. Banks. Motion passes 4/0 vote with Mr. Hodges, Mr. Schuman, and Mrs. Bartl absent. Special Meeting July 24, 2023, meeting minutes are being tabled until our next Meeting September 11, 2023.

Rob Schuman arrived and joined the meeting at 9:34 am

Old Business

Business Recycling – Board discussed several options for allowing small businesses to recycle good commodity recyclables at the Whitley County Solid Waste Facility. It was decided that we will start allowing businesses to recycle at the facility on a trial basis. Businesses will have to pay \$10 per every (95-gallon (recycle container)) worth of recyclables that they bring into the facility. Mr. Shipman is going to create a resolution for business recycling program.

Curbside Recycling Fee's – Board consulted with Mr. Shipman on raising the curbside recycling fees. Mr. Shipman said we had to advertise the increase and hold a public hearing. Mr. Daniel made a motion to enact the 2 yr. phase curbside recycling fee increase as outlined by Mr. Hodges motion in the Special Meeting July 24, 2023. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Middleton. Motion passed 3/2 vote with Mrs. Bartl and Mr. Hodges absent. Mr. Schuman suggested that instead of increasing the curbside recycling fee in 2 phases that we just increase the fee in 1 phase. Mr. Daniel made a new motion to override the last vote and to raise the curbside recycling rate to \$70 in 1 increase and set a public hearing date for September 11,2023 9:00 am. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Middleton. Motion passed 4/1 vote with Mrs. Bartl and Mr. Hodges absent.

New Business

Citizens Advisory Committee- Mr. Shipman presented the board with a resolution for the board to review for the I.C. 13-21-3-11 Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Shipman explained to the board the steps they needed to take in establishing this committee and the representation required for the committee. The board is going to begin the process of finding representatives who are willing and who meet the requirements to serve on the committee.

Mr. Daniel made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Schuman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am

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