



Whitley County Solid Waste Management District
701 S. Line St. Columbia City, IN 46725

Monday, November 13, 2023

Regular Meeting

Present: Theresa Baysinger, Jenny Middleton, Chad Banks, Madalyn Sade-Bartl, and Ryan Daniel

Absent: Thor Hodges, Rob Schuman

Public Present- Director Tara Meyers, Matthew Shipman, Jennifer Shinabery, Kay Gatton, Tiffany Deakins, and Mark Sturtevant

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

Mrs. Baysinger asked if there were any comments from the public concerning the public hearing on resolution No. 2023-01 to increase the user fee. There were no public comments. Hearing closed @ 9:03 am

Mrs. Baysinger asked if there were any comments from the public concerning the public hearing on resolution No. 2023-02 to establish business recycling fee. There were no public comments. Hearing closed at 9:04 am

The board discussed resolution 2023-01 briefly as Mr. Daniel was absent from 10.10.23 regular meeting and 11.8.23 workshop meeting. Following the discussion Mrs. Sade-Bartl made a motion to approve resolution 2023-01 Mr. Daniel 2nd the motion. Motion passes 4/1 vote Mr. Banks abstained with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Hodges absent.

Mr. Daniel made a motion to approve resolution 2023-02 Mrs. Sade-Bartl 2nd the motion. Motion passes 5/0 vote with Mr. Hodges and Mr. Schuman absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes- Mr. Banks made a motion to approve meeting minutes from October 10, 2023. Motion seconded by Mrs. Middleton. Motion passes 4/1 vote Mr. Daniel abstained with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Hodges absent.

Vendor Payables- Mrs. Sade-Bartl made a motion to approve vendor payables. Motion seconded by Mr. Daniel. Motion passes 5/0 vote with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Hodges absent.

SW Director Report- Mrs. Meyers requested that the board consider doing a legal audit of the district due to issues that have recently come to light. Mr. Shipman, the district attorney, didn't feel that a legal audit was necessary at this time. Mr. Shipman stated that as issues have come up Mrs. Meyers and the board have addressed them. Mr. Shipman stated the SBOA should be doing an audit soon for the district as well. Mrs. Meyers stated that she was still looking for someone to provide forklift training to the district. Mrs. Sade-Bartl gave Mrs. Meyers 2 names to contact to see if they could provide that training. Mrs. Meyers also stated that 1st aid / bloodborne pathogens training was now complete.

Old Business

Solid Waste Budget Approval – Mrs. Shinabery informed the board that Mrs. Meyers pay was calculated based on a 37.5 hr. work week and Mrs. Meyers is working a minimum of 40 hrs. per week but often more than that. The board discussed Mrs. Meyers hours and stated that time could be flexed if needed to keep her hours down. Mr. Daniel made a



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motion to approve the solid waste budget including a 4% pay increase to the Director. Motion 2nd by Mrs. Middleton Motion passes 5/0 vote with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Hodges absent.

Solid Waste Board Meeting Schedule 2024— Mr. Daniel made a motion to follow the same schedule that the SWMD is currently on for 2024 regular meetings. Regular meetings will take place 1x a month 2nd Monday of the month @ 9am. Motion 2nd by Mrs. Middleton. Motion passes 5/0 vote with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Hodges absent.

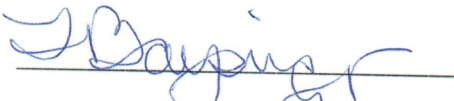
Citizens Advisory Committee- Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Meyers both have 2 confirmed citizens interested in serving on this committee. Mr. Hodges was supposed to contact Steve Smith to see if he would also be willing to serve on this committee. Mr. Hodges was absent from the meeting. Mrs. Meyers is going to follow up with Mr. Hodges concerning Mr. Smith. Mr. Shipman has revised the CAC resolution for 3 members. Mrs. Baysinger asked that the CAC be put on 12.11.23 meeting agenda.

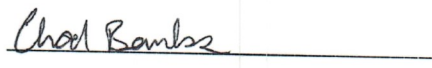
Joint Board – County Council and Commissioners have already voted on 2 members to serve on the joint board. Mrs. Sade-Bartl is going to contact Don Amber to see if he will also sit on the joint board. Mrs. Baysinger asked that the CAC be put on 12.11.23 meeting agenda.

Per Diem as it pertains to CAC, Joint Board, and Solid Waste Board- Mr. Daniel made a motion to remove the meeting per diem of \$50 that was being paid to the solid waste board effective 11.13.23. 2nd by Mrs. Sade-Bartl. Motion passes 5/0 vote with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Hodges absent. Mrs. Baysinger proposed a per diem of \$75 to be paid to eligible members of the CAC and Joint board. Mrs. Meyers stated that we should consider having the boards established before voting on per diem. Mrs. Sade-Bartl made a motion to approve \$75 per diem to CAC members. Motion 2nd by Mrs. Middleton. Motion passes 5/0 vote with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Hodges absent. Mr. Daniel made a motion to approve \$75 per diem to joint board members who are eligible to receive it. Motion 2nd by Mrs. Sade-Bartl. Motion passes 5/0 vote with Mr. Schuman and Mr. Hodges absent.

GFL Curbside Overpayments- Mr. Shipman is going to reach out to the attorney for GFL and see if they will issue monthly credit to us over the span of 12 months to credit us back for our overpayments.

Mrs. Middleton made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Daniel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am


Theresa Baysinger- President


Chad Banks- Secretary