

BOONE COUNTY

Solid Waste Management District

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June 16, 2022 - Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Boone County Solid Waste Management District Board was held in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room of the Boone County Annex Building on Thursday, June 16, 2022. Vice President, Tom Santelli called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members and guests present:

Tom Santelli	Vice President
Donald Lawson	Board Member
Mayor Gentry	Board Member
Jeff Wolfe	Board Member
Jennifer Thompson	Board Attorney
Jennifer Lawrence	Executive Director
Darla Bevard	Assistant Director
Dale Kennedy	Financial Officer

II. Mr. Santelli started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Reading of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Santelli asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the March 17, 2022 Board Meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mayor Gentry seconded by Mr. Wolfe and passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

Mr. Dale Kennedy presented the March, April, and May financial reports. There were receipts of \$35,459.81 for March. There were claims presented from a variety of sources for \$24,391.56 leaving a current balance of \$340,640.68 in the KeyBank checking account, \$500.00 in the PNC Checking account and \$213,401.46 in the savings/annuity account for a total dollar amount of \$554,542.14.

There were receipts of \$43,401.82 for April. There were claims presented from a variety of sources for \$27,516.86 leaving a current balance of \$206,256.80 in the KeyBank checking account, \$500.00 in the PNC Checking account and \$363,670.30 in the savings/annuity account for a total dollar amount of \$570,427.10.

There were receipts of \$45,125.77 for May. There were claims presented from a variety of sources for \$46,081.57 leaving a current balance of \$205,023.86 in the KeyBank checking account, \$500.00 in the PNC Checking account and \$363,947.44 in the savings/annuity account for a total dollar amount of \$569,471.30

Mr. Santelli asked if there were any corrections or objections regarding the March, April, and May financial reports.

The March, April and May financial reports were read and approval to pay the claims was given by a motion made by Mayor Gentry, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, and passed unanimously. The March, April and May financial reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Kennedy indicated that he needs permission to move \$100,000 to an annuity. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to move \$100,000 to the PNC annuity, seconded by Mayor Gentry and passed unanimously.

V. New Business

The Board needed to move things around on the agenda to make sure we had a quorum to vote on everything that needed a vote.

a. 2023 Health Insurance

Mr. Santelli indicated that he spoke with the County Human Resources (HR) office and the District is allowed to be on the County's insurance if we so choose. There was some discussion regarding this, and Mr. Santelli will work out the details as to what that entails with the County rates, etc. Mr. Wolfe suggested to meet with the insurance company as well to look at their options to make sure it is beneficial to switch plans. There will need to be a reimbursement from the District to the Commissioners. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that the staff does pay into TASC which is then reimbursed to the employees so doesn't think that will be an issue. It was suggested that Mr. Santelli meet with the staff, HR and insurance representatives and bring it before the Board in September.

b. Proposed 2023 Budget

Mr. Santelli indicated that he thought the proposed budget numbers were fine except he wants to see an increase to salaries of eight percent. He indicated that with inflation and other cost of living increases that the District needs to increase the wages. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that the Board would decide on the actual wage increase when they approve the Salary Ordinance later in the year. Mr. Lawson indicated that sometime in the future it may be beneficial to look for another employee to help with hours and events. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to accept the proposed budget with the change in salaries to reflect an eight percent increase, seconded by Mayor Gentry and was passed unanimously.

VI. Legal Update

Mrs. Thompson indicated that she didn't have anything for the Board but wanted to pass along information that IDEM had made some changes to their Risk-Integrated System of Closure (RISC) standards for contaminated properties. They are looking at what is in the ground and what can be left there or needs remediation.

VII. CAC Budget Recommendation

Ms. Messenger, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) indicated that the CAC reviewed the budget and gave their input to Mrs. Lawrence. The CAC approved the proposed budget as submitted to the Board.

VIII. Report from the Executive Director

Community Grant updates included new water bottle refilling stations at the Thorntown Public Library and Zionsville Hussey Mayfield Memorial Public Library. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that these are well received by the public and are making a difference by refilling their own bottle and keeping the plastic water bottles from the landfill. Maplawn Farmstead hosts many events and received a grant for the portable clearstream recycling bins. These work better for them than permanent ones, so they can put them out when they have an event and keep them stored when not in use.

Mrs. Lawrence attended the DOT Training hosted by Indiana Household Hazardous Waste Task Force, also toured the Republic Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Mrs. Lawrence also toured the Rays Trash MRF along with Board Members Tom Santelli, Jason Plunkett and Craig Melton. Mrs. Lawrence also attended a Circular Economy Symposium at Heritage Center, Intech Park hosted by Circular Indiana (formally known as Indiana Recycling Coalition).

The ABC (A Bench for Caps) Program has a new registrant, Mental Health America of Boone County. They have agreed to start collecting caps, sorting, cleaning, etc. to receive a bench for all their hard work. Thorntown Christian Church placed a bench at Old Mill Run in honor of a child who died from cancer, and they recently picked up their second bench.

Ms. Bevard worked a booth at the Zionsville Greenfest where she answered questions and promoted the Tox Day in April. She distributed tote bags and educational flyers.

In April for Earth Day the District distributed tote bags to all the libraires in Boone County including, Jamestown, Lebanon, Thorntown, and Zionsville. If you visited the library in April, you received a free tote bag to carry your books. This is a good way to help us promote who we are and what we can do to assist the residents of Boone County.

The Spring Tox Drop Collection Day had 584 vehicles that attended on Saturday, April 30th. Items collected included 4.5 tons of tires to be recycled, 10.6 tons of electronics, and 14.1 tons of household hazardous waste that will be either recycled or properly disposed. Mrs. Lawrence wanted to thank the Boone County Highway Department for allowing us to use their facility. They always have it prepared and ready for our event and have an employee stand by to open/close for us. Thanks also goes to NuGenesis the contractor we use to handle the materials, and Ms. Messenger and the Boone County Health Department who always provides several employees to help with the event.

The District teamed up with the Lebanon City Market where they are distributing our reusable shopping bags and Tox Drop Collection day information. The District continues to be on RadioMom where we spotlight different items every month. In June it was the Flag

collections bin and events coming up. Lebanon Podcast with Joe LePage interviewed Mrs. Lawrence who advertised the Spring Clean Up event with the Lebanon the Cleanest City in Indiana. (LTCCII). The District donated reusable shopping bags to the Zionsville Farmer's Market as well as loaned the Clearstream bins for their events. It was encouraged for them to submit a grant for recycling bins to keep and use at all their events. The Zionsville Farmers Market has an upcoming Environmental Day and the District donated five insulated lunch bags with reusable items and a zero-waste lunch flyer. The District had an ad in the Lebanon Reporter for Earth Day.

Ms. Bevard taught a class at the Zionsville Nature Play Days where she read a book called Compost Stew, and had an activity for the kids to participate in.

For Earth Day, Ms. Bevard taught the 4th graders at Central Elementary school a class called Freddy the Fish where she spoke about the proper disposal of items and water quality.

Also, the District is back to reading to the preschoolers at Presbyterian Preschool Ministry. The District reads an environmental book every week. This was temporarily stopped due to Covid but has started back again.

Keep America Beautiful states that litter is the number one litter item in the United States. The District purchased cigarette butt buckets to help alleviate the litter from cigarette butts. Dull Tree Farm had requested a free butt bucket as well as the Indiana Family of Children and Family Services. Mrs. Lawrence indicated that the Heart of Lebanon has requested a butt bucket for the corner of Main and Meridian Streets and with the Mayor's permission, can be placed this week. Mayor Gentry indicated that was fine with him.

The first Throwaway Thursday of 2022 was held in April and volunteers met at the old Popeye's restaurant and cleaned their parking lot, the tree line behind the restaurant as well as part of Kroger's parking lot. The annual Spring Clean-up was held in May and had over 250 volunteers that cleaned up over a three-day event. The 2022 sponsors were GXO from the Industrial Park, Crossroad Imprints, BCSWMD, Rotary Club of Lebanon and Dairy Queen. Participants received a t-shirt and a coupon from Dairy Queen for a free item. Many thanks to Dairy Queen for also allowing us to borrow their parking lot for the distribution of the team materials.

Upcoming events include the heavy trash clean-up with the City of Lebanon on June 25th, Throwaway Thursday dates are June 23, July 21 and August 25th. Creekfest is scheduled for August 20th in Zionsville and the next Tox Day is Saturday, September 17 in Zionsville.

Mrs. Lawrence indicated the Board had requested the website analysis and she put together that information. Daily views range from 0 to 568 but the average is between 50 to 100. The number one page is the Home Page, then Recycling page and the third most visited page is Tox Drop Collection page. Mayor Gentry indicated that he was impressed with those numbers.

Municipality Grants – Mrs. Lawrence indicated that as proposed in the 2023 budget the District would like to have a separate grant line only for municipalities. This line item would be \$40,000 and at this time limited to \$5,000 for each entity in Boone County. Those entities include Advance, Boone County, Jamestown, Lebanon, Thorntown, Ulen, Whitestown and Zionsville. The grant would be open all year as opposed to only once a year like the Community

Grants. The grant funds would allow for proper disposal, recycling, or products made from recycled materials. New service items included for municipalities could be dumpsters for neighborhood/town clean-ups or clean-up supplies. The municipality grants include Cities and Towns in Boone County while the Community Grants will focus on non-profit organizations, schools, libraires, civic organizations, club and businesses operating in Boone County.

IX. Old Business

No old business

X. Announcements

Next regular meeting -

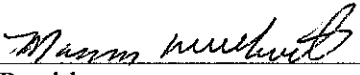
Thursday, September 15, 2022
Boone County Annex Building
Connie Lamar Meeting Room -8:30 a.m.

XI. Public Comments


Mayor Gentry indicated that the City of Lebanon has completed their trash bid. The bid had two options – One was for trash and optional recycling and the option two was everyone had to pay for trash and recycling. The Lebanon Board of Works voted to stay with separate opt in for recycling. Rays Trash won the bid for the trash service through 2027. Rays Trash will provide bins for every home in the City and the trash trucks will use electronic arms that will pick up the bins. If a household has a need for more than one trash bin, they have the option to either buy additional bags, buy another trash bin or get a recycling bin which is the cheapest option, and it promotes recycling instead of so much going to a landfill.

XII. Adjournment

Mayor Gentry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Santelli and was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.



President



Executive Director