

# ALLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## Board Meeting Tuesday March 25, 2014

### Present:

Chair: Linda Bloom, Vice Chair: Don Gerardot, Secretary Therese Brown, Nelson Peters, Russ Jehl

### Also Present:

Tony Burrus: Director, District Attorney: William Fishing

### Call to Order

**Linda Bloom:** Called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

**Therese Brown:** Motion to approve the February Meeting minutes.

**Russell Jehl:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Motion passed 5/0/0**

### Yard Waste Contracts

**Tony Burrus:** Presented the changes to the 2014 City and Republic Yard Waste Contracts. The entire contract is available at your convenience to read. Again we do subsidize the materials brought in at 7.25 per ton and provide numerous hours of grinding.

**Therese Brown:** This is a subsidy for compostable debris brought in by residents. Is there a cost to the resident?

**Mat Gratz,** City of Fort Wayne Solid Waste: There is a nominal cost of \$1.00 up to 250 – 260 pounds. Beyond that we prorate the cost to 17.00 per ton.

**Therese Brown:** So I could basically clean up my yard for approximately \$2.00 or so?

**Mat Gratz:** Yes. This is offered to city and county residents as well.

**Tony Burrus:** This subsidy keeps cost reasonable for residents. By charging a higher rate for those with large quantities, the subsidy is provided for residents mainly – not businesses.

**Therese Brown:** Motion to approve the Yard Waste Contracts

**Russell Jehl:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Motion passed: 5/0/0**

### Director's Report:

**Tony Burrus:** There has been a change in management at Earth first. Kirk Salerno is now the director. Greg Walbridge continues in his role of part owner of the company. We did receive the first tipping fee from Earth First recently.

House Bill 1183 is on the Governor's desk. It requires everyone that handles recycling to report at least annually. Additionally there is a 50% recycling goal. The goal has no date established however.

The aesthetic value issue of the trailers has been resolved. Republic did have the trailers wrapped in colors with logos that are a much needed improvement.

We have launched an ABC Program, caps for a recycled bench, in one school. We will reach out to more schools in the fall. The District helps the school get materials (caps) to the processor, and the fabricated bench back to the school and helps to provide the school's color on each bench.

Partnership Breakfast is to be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Review of Claims:**

**Nelson Peters:** Inquired as to where the monies for investments came from and whether the District was required to follow the same guidelines as other government entities when investing funds.

**Carol Strauss:** Yes, we are required to follow same guidelines and the majority of money came from matured investments.

**Therese Brown:** Motion to approve Claims

**Russell Jehl:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Motion passed: 5/0/0**

**Public Comments:** none

**Adjournment**

**Linda Bloom:** Meeting adjourned. 10:51 a.m.