

MINUTES
Floyd County Solid Waste District
Board of Directors Meeting
November 21, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Brad Striegel

Present

Brad Striegel, John Schellenberger, Brandon Hopf, Al Knable, Jason Sharp, Adam Dickey

Absent

Jeff Gahan

Attending

Rick Fox (County Attorney), David Isaacs (Community Member), David Watson (Operations Manager), Scott Stewart (Director)

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Striegel called for a motion regarding the September 19 meeting minutes. Dr. Knable moved to approve the September 19 minutes as submitted. Mr. Schellenberger seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

Mr. Striegel called for a motion to approve the October Register of Claims as submitted (which were provisionally approved electronically in October), as well as the November Register of Claims. Dr. Knable moved to approve the October and November register of claims. Mr. Dickey seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Striegel called for a motion to approve the September Special Register of Claims as submitted. Mr. Dickey moved to approve the September Special Register of Claims. Mr. Schellenberger seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Marketing & Communications

- October Website Analytics- we had 741 users and 721 new users.
- The New Albany Tribune ran a very positive article about Recycle Floyd County, generating a good deal of attention and which particularly proved very motivating to our team.

Staffing Update

- No changes

Bid Opening

- There were two sealed bids submitted for the new building proposal. The Board President opened the sealed envelopes and announced the two bids.
- AML total bid was \$347,000. McRae Enterprises total bid was \$284,616.40. Both bids were significantly higher than the projected budget on this project.

- Mr. Stewart recommended that the board reject the bids and proceed with a re-bid process with a modification of specifications to include a wood frame instead of a steel frame. Mr. Millea, the architect, believes this modification will significantly reduce the cost.
- Mr. Striegel called for a motion to reject the bids. Mr. Dickey offered the motion to reject the bids. Dr. Knable seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
- Mr. Striegel asked for a motion regarding a re-bid process to have the new bids reviewed at the December 19 Board meeting. Mr. Dickey moved to begin a rebid process with new specifications on the building. Mr. Schellenberger seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
- Mr. Schellenberger also mentioned a possibility of adding on to the current structure at the Annex location rather than building an entirely new, separate structure. He also asked if we might consider multiple bid options for a simple structure, then another option to add electricity, etc.

IDEM Recycling Market Development Program Grant

- The RMDP award was announced October 26.
- Mr. Stewart thanked Mr. Schellenberger for attending the meeting in Indianapolis to review our application with the IDEM grant committee.
- The panel rated each application and applied a score. We scored 6 out of 18 applicants.
- The distribution of the grant is as follows: \$63,010 for equipment, to include a new trailer with bin, and a new roll-off trailer; \$41,500 for Education and Community Outreach to help us reach our goal of 50% by 2030. Alan Howie of Idealogy has committed \$10,000 pro bono work towards this effort. We also plan to partner with IUS. We will identify neighborhoods for an advanced separation program and will need to get creative on how to staff this program.

IDEM Community Recycling Grant Program

- This grant announcement is pending announcement in December.
- We are asking for \$23,000 for a baler and \$10,000 towards education materials. This is a 25% matching grant.

Budget/Financial

- The 2024 budget includes a 1% increase in operations.
- Mr. Stewart will modify a few line items in the 2024 budget, to include:
 - a new line item for appropriated funds.
 - Combining the line items for capital equipment and buildings into one, account# 4000-01.
- Mr. Striegel called for a motion concerning these changes to the 2024 budget line items. Mr. Schellenberger moved a motion to approve the additional line item for appropriated funds and combining the capital equipment and building line items. Mr. Sharp seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
- Resolutions
 - Resolution number 2023-02 Permitting Prepayment of Designated Claims: We have updated the list (Exhibit A) by adding a few more vendors. Mr. Striegel called for a motion concerning this resolution. Dr. Knable moved a motion to approve the additional vendors added to Exhibit A list. Mr. Sharp seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Resolution number 2023-03 Earmarks 2023 funds for the 2023 IDEM Recycling Market Development Grant in the amount of \$52,255 (our 50% match) to carry over to 2024. Mr. Striegel called for a motion concerning this resolution. Dr. Knable moved a motion to approve the earmarking of \$52,255 into 2024. Mr. Sharp seconded. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Resolution number 2023-04 Earmarks 2023 funds for the Construction of a Recycling Storage Building at the North Annex: From the \$225,000 appropriated funds, we have \$83,000 set

aside for the new building. We are requesting the board's approval to carry over these funds into 2024, which would be payment of the building contract for which to be executed no later than December 31, 2023 with payment carrying over into 2024 upon completion of the project. Mr. Striegel called for a motion concerning this resolution. Dr. Knable moved a motion to approve the carry-over of payment on the building contract into 2024. Mr. Sharp seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

- Mr. Stewart thanked Mr. Fox for his work on these resolutions.

Operations/Initiatives

- October Dashboard
 - We are projecting to finish the year with a traffic count of just under 52,000 vehicles, which is up 2.5% vs. 2022.
 - Volume, however, may be down with a projected decrease of 9% vs. 2022.
 - We are considering a promotion for customers to bring their flat screen TVs to recycle.
- We are planning to conclude the Water Step program next month.
- Proposed Recycle Floyd County (RFC) Partnership with Baptist Health Floyd (BHF) - the BHF facilities manager is on medical leave. Fortunately, his management is on board with the partnership. The next step will be to define the MOU, which we are hoping to finalize in December.
- PC Home Center is interested in looking into how to better organize recycling. They may consider making a show kitchen that has built-in organized spaces in the cabinets for advanced separation recycling.

Next Board meeting and 2024 Proposed Schedule

- The December 19 meeting will be the review of the year end financials and potentially the re-bid for the baler building.
- The board has committed to have regular scheduled meetings six times in 2024. The proposed schedule is: Jan 16, Mar 19, May 21, Aug 20, Oct 15, and Dec 17. A special meeting between the regular meetings can be called if needed.
- This 2024 schedule will be approved at the December 19, 2023 board meeting.

Public Input

- David Isaacs congratulated the board for having 6 of 7 members in attendance.

Adjournment

At Mr. Striegel's request, Mr. Schellenberger moved to adjourn at 5:10 p.m., and Dr. Knable seconded. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 19, 2023 @ 4:30PM

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Approval of November 21, 2023 Minutes, Solid Waste District Board of Directors Meeting:

Brad Striegel, President

John Schellenberger, Vice President

Al Knable, Member

Adam Dickey, Member

Jason Sharp, Member

Brandon Hopf, Member

Attest: Scott Stewart, Director