

MINUTES
Floyd County Solid Waste District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 19, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Brad Striegel

Present

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

Absent

Adam Dickey, 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 July 18 meeting minutes. Dr. Knable moved to approve the July 18 minutes as submitted. Mr. Sharp seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Striegel called for a motion regarding the September 5 meeting minutes. Dr. Knable moved to approve the September 5 minutes as submitted. Mr. Sharp seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

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

Mr. Striegel called for a motion to approve the September Register of Claims as submitted. Mr. Sharp moved to approve the September register of claims. Dr. Knable seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Marketing & Communications

- August Website Analytics- we had 706 users and 674 new users.
- We partnered with Storm Water to support the Clean Sweep event on September 9.

Staffing Update

- Laura Riggle is currently working a new full time assignment to include education and outreach in the community to help us reach our "50 by 30" goal. She will split her time as an operator and educator. Laura is a retired science teacher and will be visiting the schools to educate students on recycling. Laura will also work on recruiting new cardboard service customers.
- Amy Light has been off while recovering from surgery, but will return the week of 9/25.
- This returns us to 8 active recycling operators and 4 transporters.

- We also partner with Community Corrections who will provide a temporary operator from time to time who is serving out community service. The young man who has been working with us for a number of weeks has been doing a great job on the recycle line and is a hard worker.

Budget/Financial

- The budget target for earned income is \$5,000 per month; we are currently at 86% of target, partly due to drop in value of OCC. However, the loose cardboard rate has increased from \$5.00/ton to \$25/ton. Baled now yields \$55/ton.
- The IDEM grant is pending. The award meeting is scheduled for October 26.
- IDEM asked Mr. Stewart if he would be interested in participating in a conference to explore the economic impact of recycling, and Mr. Stewart replied he would be interested.
- On the budget target for salaries and wages, we are at 98%. We are at 91% on fuel, 136% on repairs and maintenance (mainly due to the equipment being so old), and we are at 45.8% on recycling services.
- We noticed this week that Westrock has inadvertently failed to invoice us at all this year in 2023. We have reached out to them and they are sending the monthly invoices for Jan-Sep.
- Cost savings-
 - We are evaluating our options to consider if we continue to work with Westrock, or if there is a better option with another company.
 - For HHW processing, we have spent roughly \$7000 this year (with Inviromental Technologies). Purdue hosted a “clean sweep” event on 8/16 for processing of pesticides. We took advantage of the opportunity. There was no cost to us other than the fuel to drive to Brownstown.
 - For E-waste, our operations manager, Dave Watson has researched alternative options for processing. Last year we spent roughly \$2,000 to process. This year we eliminated that expense and now generate a small amount of revenue.
 - For Aluminum and Sheet Iron, historically we used Repak for processing, which is a 15 mile drive (one way). We have been using River Metals which is a 1.3 mile drive, but they now require the aluminum cans to be bagged. We are testing Red Ball Recycling in Jeffersonville, which does not require the cans to be bagged. That is a 9 mile drive.
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Operations/Initiatives

- Capital Planning
 - On September 5 the board approved the purchase of a new truck and trailer. We plan to take possession tomorrow (on 9/20).
 - We are looking at a possible donation on a used forklift.
 - On September 5 the board approved the hiring of an architect for the design work on a new building. We have a meeting this Friday morning with the architect to begin that work.
- We are still scouting out areas for a new location for the Annex drop off center.
- The August Dashboard is attached in the packet materials. Recycling volume is down and traffic is down. We had 7 closures due to weather events so far this year.
- Proposed Recycle Floyd County (RFC) Partnership with Baptist Health Floyd (BHF) - the BHF facilities manager is on vacation this week. The next step will be to define the MOU.
- The IDEM Community Recycling Grant application is due September 29. We are looking to fund a baler (in addition to the one from BHF). The cost options are roughly \$35,000. With the matching grant at 25%, our cost would be approximately \$9,000. If we have two balers, that will mean more revenue. Plus, if BHF were to pull their baler (we would be borrowing), or if one baler breaks down, it would be good to have a backup.

- Last Saturday we conducted an informal survey and asked customers where they lived. Most were from the New Albany fringe area, some were from Floyds Knobs, and one drove from Georgetown on his way to Walmart.
- We are planning to participate in the Harvest Homecoming Parade, including our new truck and trailer.

Public Input

- none

Adjournment

At Mr. Striegel’s request, Mr. Schellenberger moved to adjourn at 4:52 p.m., and Dr. Knable seconded. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 21 @ 4:30PM

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Approval of September 19, 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