

Miami County Solid Waste District
Minutes for the November 17, 2008 Meeting

Attendance: Greg Deeds, Craig Boyer, Tom Gustin, Gary Hawley, Shirley Mull, David Grund, John Haines, Samantha Ward, Carla Smith. Absent: Jim Walker, and Don Morris.

At 8:10 A.M. the meeting was called to order by Greg Deeds.

The minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting were presented. Gary Hawley motioned to approve the minutes as is; Craig Boyer seconded, motion passed.

The November 2008 financial statement was presented. Greg Deeds noted that he and Don Morris were issued checks, but were in fact absent at the last board meeting. John stated he caught the oversight, and would hold the check until the next board meeting. Craig Boyer motioned to approve the financial statement as is; Gary Hawley seconded, motion passed.

John stated he turned the bill for the repair of the well-casing at Bennett's Switch in to the insurance company. The insurance company stated if we did not hear back from them to consider it a covered repair and paid. John will follow up with both the insurance company and also the owner of the property at the Bennett's Switch site to be sure the matter has been settled.

Presented rough draft for the 2009 events calendar. We suggested some changes for the Tire Days for the 2009 year. We suggested cutting back to four collection days and a 5 tire per property owner limit. Gary Hawley motioned to cut back the number of tire collection days to four per year, but keep the present limit of 10 tires per property owner, Craig Boyer seconded, motion passed.

Presentation of Contract Bids:

There was a question about the total amount of liability insurance required by the contractor. Craig Boyer motioned to leave the amount of liability insurance required at three million dollars, Tom Gustin seconded, motion passed.

City of Peru-

One bid received from Recycling Recovery. There were no changes made to the current contract. John recommended to continue using them for the next contract. Gary Hawley motioned to accept the bid from Recycling Recovery for a total of \$3,000.00 per month, Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed.

White Goods pickup-

Two bids received from The Helping Hand and R&B Service.

R&B Service raised base pay from \$250.00 per month to \$300.00 per month. Other areas of bids remain the same as their current contract, which is \$24.00 per pickup, \$15.00 for Freon removal, and \$3.00 per tire disposal fee.

The Helping Hand bid \$18.00 per pickup. They also stipulated a fuel surcharge for fuel over \$3.25 per gallon, and a 5% cost of living increase per year for 2010 and 2011. The required documents for freon disposal and tire disposal were not included with the original bid documents and were delivered to John via email after the bids were opened. The Helping Hand also included a letter with their bid stating that they would like to be awarded either both contracts or no contract at all.

David Grund questioned the legality of awarding one contract contingent upon receiving a second contract, due to both contracts being separate from each other. John noted that one contractor for both the county drop off site pickups and the white goods pickups would be too difficult to keep up with. The program has grown considerably over the past several years, and John felt this would be a step backwards for our recycling programs.

At this point, the board chose to quit discussion of the white goods contract and move to the county drop off site pickup contract.

County Drop Off Site Pickups-

Two bids received from The Helping Hand and Recycling Recovery.

Recycling Recovery bid \$95,000 per year and they would supply roll-off containers for each drop-off site.

The Helping Hand bid \$83,880 per year, with a fuel surcharge for fuel over \$3.25 per gallon, and a 5% cost of living increase for 2010 and 2011. The Helping Hand also included a letter stating they wanted to be awarded either both the County Drop-off Site contract and the white goods pickup contract or no contract at all.

There was discussion on what aspects of the bid made it responsive or non-responsive to the required bid specifications. The Board requested reading of the bid specifications. John read all the bid specifications to the Board. David Grund stated that extra stipulations to the contract bid would make the bid non-responsive to the original required bid specifications. The extra fuel surcharges, cost of living increases, and the letter stating the desire for both contracts or neither contract make the bids from The Helping Hand non-responsive.

Gary Hawley motioned, based on past performance and responsiveness to bid specifications to award the contract to Recycling Recovery. Gary Hawley stated that the lower bid was not responsive to the required bid specifications based on the 5% cost of living increase and the fuel surcharge stipulations added to the bid. The past performance issues of the numerous extra trips and extra charges to the monthly bills have created issues with measure of trust and respect for the relationship between the contractor and

the board. Greg Deeds seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. The county drop off site contract is awarded to Recycling Recovery.

The board resumed discussion of the White Goods pickup contract. It was noted that The Helping Hand did not include the provisions for Freon removal or tire disposal that was requested in the bid specifications. Their bid does include the cost of living increase and fuel surcharge as stated previously. The Helping Hand provided the information via email to John after the bids were opened and read during the October meeting.

David Grund stated that the bids should stand as is at the time of submission, and the fuel surcharge and cost of living charges make the bid non-responsive to the original required bid specifications.

Gary Hawley motioned and Craig Boyer seconded to award R&B services the White Goods pickup contract.

Greg Deeds motioned to adjourn at 9:14 A.M., Tom Gustin seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,