

Summary of Meeting

Indiana Recycling Market Development Board (RMDB)
IDEM Indianapolis Shadeland Office
2525 N. Shadeland Ave.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46219

October 27, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Chairman Bruce Burrow, Vice-Chairman Kelly Weger, Matt Gratz, Terry Guerin, Debbie Hackman, Craig Lutz, Andrew Nunan, Tara Wesseler-Henry, and Sandy Whitehead

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members: Representative Donna Schaibley (Zoom), Representative Sue Errington (Zoom)

IDEM staff included: Kevin Bump, Pat Daniel, Deanna Garner, Tom Leas, Jacob Schmicker, Kathy Mills (Zoom), James French (Zoom), Jennifer Helrigel (Zoom)

Other:

In-Person: Derek Carpenter, Rumpke; Duane Willoughby, Rumpke; Sue Maskaluk, Petoskey Plastic, Inc.; Ben Pedigo, Rumpke; Aaron Highly, Intertech Products; Mica Beaugreman, Orange County Recycling Coop; Emmanuel Reymond, UGN; Irene Tarr, Orange County Recycling Coop; Jason Donati, Muncie Sanitary District; Phil Reagon, Muncie Sanitary District; Dustin Jones, RecycleForce; Geoff Fisher, Entech; Jen Willey, Entech; Emily Fitt, Entech; Amy Humphrey, Quincy Recycle Paper; Michelle Smith, Knox County Recycling SWMD; Shane Langmeier, Best Way Company; Crista Carlino, RecycleForce

Zoom: Carl Anderson, Orange County Solid Waste Management District; David Hirschler, Electronic Recyclers International (ERI); Matt Lake, Merrillville Stormwater Utility;

Chairman Bruce Burrow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE April 28, 2022, RMDB MEETING SUMMARY

The summary for the RMDB meeting held on April 28, 2022, was approved.

3. IDEM UPDATE

Carl Wodrich, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Office of Program Support provided some of his background and shared current IDEM projects:

- The Recycling, Quality Assurance, and Education section filled the vacant Environmental Education position with an internal hire, Jessica Irvine.
- OPS is coordinating and sponsoring an e-waste collection event Saturday November 5th in Seymour, IN in coordination with our regional office.
- IDEM OPS has continued its work with local firefighting agencies to properly dispose of PFAs-containing firefighting foam in partnership with Department of Homeland Security, the state Fire Marshalls office, and the Indiana Finance Authority. To date, over 22,000 gallons of foam collected so far with a goal of 30,000 gallons.

- IDEM’s Environmental Stakeholder Inclusion program recently filled two coordinator positions, Herb Engman in the central office and Rahim Evans out of the northwest regional office. They have a focus on environmental justice and began community outreach meetings throughout the state.

4. STATUS UPDATE OF EXISTING GRANTS

Fiscal Year 2021 had 5 completed grants and 3 still on track. One Fiscal Year 2020 grant, Munster High School had a three-year agreement, but has not been in contact with IDEM recently. We will continue to reach out to them and provide updates. Last remaining fiscal year 2020 grant with Growing Green received an extension until 2024. The extension requires Growing Green to give bimonthly reports and an in-person progress report to the board at their fall meeting. Growing Green did not attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Ms. Garner provided a brief update in their place. Growing Green is continuing to meet with potential funding partners and is working on the development of the Eco park.

5. CENTRAL INDIANA WASTE DIVERSION PILOT PROJECT (CIWDPP) UPDATE

Deanna Garner provided an update on the CIWDPP and discussed the roles of IDEM and the Recycling Market Development Board. IDEM received eight applications. The eight applications totaled \$18,208,755 in requested funding with total project costs of \$101,827,169. IDEM will provide board with recommendations by December 1. Currently the applications are undergoing the compliance checks. Ms. Garner reminded the board that this is not a typical grant process and will not include a score sheet process, but review, discussion, and board decisions will occur during the February board meeting. Terry Guerin asked to consult with legal counsel to ensure that the funding is only used for new material coming out of the waste stream and addresses flow control.

6. RECYCLING PROGRAM REPORTS

Tom Leas and Jacob Schmicker provided a summary of the IDEM, 2021 Recycling Index Report and E-cycle Report, respectively. Both reports were approved.

7. CONSIDERATION OF THE RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Burrow reminded the members of the code of ethics and training and asked for any conflicts of interest.

The board reviewed 13 proposals totaling \$2,756,198 in funding requests. Available funding by the board was \$2 million. Nine projects were awarded funding as listed below.

Entity	County	Amount Funded
Entech, Inc.	Elkhart	\$457,029.00
Electronic Recyclers International, Indiana Inc.	Hendricks	\$139,457.00
Intertech Products, Inc.	Wabash	\$96,710.00
Knox County Recycling SWMD	Knox	\$154,829.00
Muncie Sanitary District	Delaware	\$468,798.00
Orange County SWMD	Orange	\$56,817.00
Petoskey Plastics, Inc.	Blackford	\$172,902.00

RecycleForce (Workforce, Inc.)	Marion	\$87,500.00
Rumpke of Indiana, LLC	Monroe	\$365,958.00
TOTAL		\$2,000,000.00

8. OTHER

The proposed 2023 board meeting schedule are:

- Thursday, February 2, 2023
- Thursday, April 27, 2023
- Thursday, July 27, 2023
- Thursday, October 26, 2023

9. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting concluded at 12:02 p.m.