

Summary of Transcript/Minutes  
Indiana Recycling Market Development Board (RMDB)  
IDEM Indianapolis Shadeland Office  
2525 N. Shadeland Ave.  
Virtual Zoom Meeting  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46219  
Thursday, November 5, 2020

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Members present: Chairman Bruce Burrow, Matt Gratz, Debbie Hackman, Craig Lutz, Andrew Nunan, Kelly Weger, and Sandy Whitehead

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members: Julia Wickard (IDEM), Representative Donna Schaibley, Representative Sue Errington, Senator Jean Breaux

IDEM staff included: Pat Daniel, Deanna Garner, James (Michael) French, Kathy Mills, Alison Taylor, Cameron Maschino, and Tom Leas

Other: Dan Graeter, GT Environmental; Marla Cherney, IRC; Allyson Mitchell, IRC; Brock Patterson, Governor's Office; Michael Austin, Law Offices of Hulse, Lacey, Hardacre, & Austin (attorney for Cox Recycling); Corey Cox, Cox Recycling; Jerry Cox, Cox Recycling

Chairman Bruce Burrow called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. A quorum was present. Bruce welcomed the new board members, Sandy Whitehead, Craig Lutz, Debbie Hackman, and Andrew Nunan. Bruce started a discussion for board members to share what brought them to become involved with the board.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The summary for the RMDB meeting held on September 24, 2020 were approved.

## **3. IDEM UPDATE**

Julia Wickard shared IDEM's Office of Program Support current efforts including:

- Julia and IDEM staff attended a ribbon-cutting of the expansion to the Medora Recycling Facility. The project was partially funding through a Recycling Market Development Grant.
- On behalf of IDEM, Julia provided a presentation at the Senate Chamber about the work of the Recycling Market Development Board at an October 5 Interim Study Committee of Environmental Affairs meeting. The meeting included 2.5 hours of testimony that included industry leaders that spoke on recycling and their circular economy efforts in Indiana.
- By November 1, IDEM will be presenting legislative reports on all IDEM efforts, but also the Recycling Activity Report and E-waste Report.
- E-waste recycling event at the Indiana Government Center is scheduled for two days in the next few weeks.
- Finally, Julia recognized the work of the recycling staff at IDEM.

## **4. STATUS UPDATE OF EXISTING GRANTS**

Deanna Garner shared that grants are moving forward from FY20. FY21 grants are being finalized. Deanna then highlighted a specific grant from Warren County Solid Waste Management District and introduced Jenny Hobaug, director at Warren County to not only talk

about the purchases made through the grant funding, but also discuss the new facility and how the solid waste management district is managed in this rural community.

Jenny Hobaugh thanked the board for the funding and discussed her new facility and the grant purchases of the glass pulverizer and cardboard collection drop off bins.

After the board thanked Ms. Hobaugh for sharing, Deanna introduced Jerry Cox from Cox Recycling, who gave an update on the recycled asphalt grant project funded by the board. Jerry Cox indicated the equipment worked okay, but the project was launched quickly without much testing of a new and innovative product and had some failures getting the asphalt patch to be effective. That caused some vendors to steer away from the product. Jerry has worked to improve the process with a new Rejuvenator product. With the new process, the city of Anderson has agreed to try out the product for this winter. A discussion ensued about the new product and the board offered assistance throughout the process to ensure a successful project.

Next, a grant update was provided by GT Recycling on the Recycling Infrastructure and Economic Impact Study. Surveys were distributed to solid waste management districts, communities, and end users. IUPUI students working with GT Environmental will provide finalized reports by November 20. Dan Graeter of GT Environmental anticipates that in December/January maps will be produced to get a picture of the infrastructure and in January/February the economic impact study portion of the study will begin working with IU, Public Policy Institute.

A discussion followed to ensure completion of the surveys and it was agreed that a cover letter signed by the board's legislative members would be produced.

## **5. RECYCLING PROGRAM REPORTS**

Tom Leas and Jacob Schmicker provided a summary of the IDEM, 2019 Recycling Activity Summary and E-Cycle Reports, respectively. Both reports were approved.

## **6. OTHER**

Next meeting will be held February 1, 2021 and the remaining meetings for 2021 are scheduled for May 6, August 5, and October 21.

A discuss was held about the duties outside of board meeting for our new members.

Representative Errington asked and it was confirmed that IDEM's budget proposal for legislative approval includes \$2 million each fiscal year to fund the recycling market development grants for the next biennium budget cycle. Rep. Errington offered to provide assistance to ensure the request for \$2 million is approved.

## **7. ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting concluded at 11:07 p.m.