

## Summary of Meeting

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

October 26, 2023

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Members on Zoom: Vice-Chairman Kelly Weger

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members: Representative Lori Goss-Reaves (Zoom), Representative Sue Errington, Senator Niemeyer

IDEM staff included: Kevin Bump, Pat Daniel, Deanna Garner, Tom Leas, Jacob Schmicker, Marcus Painton, Kaitlin Carroll, Natalie Rodriguez, James French (Zoom), Jennifer Helrigel (Zoom), Drake Abramson (Zoom)

Other: Paul Andrade, Plus5/Revive; Julie Kempf, IN Office of Energy Development; Jessica Parker, IN Office of Energy Development; Robert Christian, SMI; Joshua Campbell, CW Recycling; Tim Ragsdale, CW Recycling; Reid Pittard, CT Polymers; Freddie Rowland, Warrick Co. SWMD; Reagan Opperman, Warrick Co. SWMD; Zachary Spellman, Imperial Grp/CT Polymers; Steve Lundergan, Exeon/Blackwood; Lorenzo Ferro, Sirmax NA; Gino Nobili, Sirmax NA; Scott Stewart, Floyd Co. SWMD; John Schellenberger, Floyd Co. Commissioner; Liesel Ray, Indiana Shingle Recycling; Tim Meckstroth, GDC (Zoom); Bryce Black, City of Rensselaer; Ernest Watson Jr, City of Rensselaer; Liz Mets, Opportunity Enterprises; Joe Hogan, Opportunity Enterprises; Sven Nelson, Heliponix/Anu; Heather Deal, Heliponix; Scott Massey, Heliponix; Karrum Nasser, Vigo Co. SWMD; Nathan Broadfoot, Blackwood; Jason Feagans, Blackwood; Sasi Noothalapati, Frankfort Plastics; Allyson Mitchell, Mobile Recell (Zoom)

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

### 2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE July 27, 2022, RMDB MEETING SUMMARY

The summary for the RMDB meeting held on July 27, 2023, was approved.

### 3. IDEM UPDATE

Carl Wodrich, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Office of Program Support shared current IDEM projects:

- IDEM received an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant for \$3 million to put together a statewide plan for climate pollution reduction. This will allow an opportunity for Indiana to apply for more grant funding from EPA that will become available for implementation projects.
- The Clean Community Program will be relaunched on November 28<sup>th</sup> to be more flexible and tiered base for the size of the community. It was formerly known as the Clean Community Challenge.

#### 4. STATUS UPDATE OF EXISTING GRANTS

Deanna Garner provided the following updates on existing grants:

- FY 20 & 21 Grants Closed (Growing Green was last one)
- FY 22 – Clearline, Plastic Recycling, various stages of reimbursement; DAK Americas – needs site visit and final report; Revolution Jadcore – project on hold
- FY 23 – Closed out (except final report): Rumpke & Muncie; In reimbursement stage: Intertech, Knox, Orange Co.; In progress: Entech, Petoskey Plastics & RecycleForce
- Plus 5/Revive extension request: FY22 Grantee has one year extension expiring January 17, 2024. Received \$400,000 award for towards the purchase of a Materials Conversion System that uses a pyrolysis batch process to convert scrap tires to carbon and petroleum-based liquid products.

Deanna introduced Paul Andrade of Plus5 Indiana, LLC to request an additional year extension. Mr. Andrade explained the need for additional time due to operation changes at the facility. The board approved a year extension for the current grant funding amount to expire January 17, 2025.

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

Deanna Garner provided an update on the CIWDPP. Chairperson Bruce Burrow met with with Rep. Speedy and Hamilton, they agreed that funding should be 2 million plus leftover money from round one, eligible entities should be expanded from private sector, and timeline will be a set forth (July – December 2024). Changes will need a legislative amendment to the statute in the 2024 short session. IMS asked for their first drawdown of funding and Republic had not yet provided any progress updates.

#### 6. INDIANA OFFICE OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT – Julie Kempf and Jessica Parker –

As required in state statute, representatives from the Office of Energy Development presented to the board information on a new grant/revolving loan program they are implementing. Nearly \$10 million was received from the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 for funding to give out loans and grants utilized by commercial and residential entities to lower their energy consumption and save on overall energy costs.

#### 7. RECYCLING PROGRAM REPORTS

Tom Leas and Jacob Schmicker provided a summary of the IDEM, 2022 Recycling Index Report and E-cycle Report, respectively. Both reports were approved.

#### 8. 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 18 proposals totaling \$5,645,103 in funding requests with total project costs of \$14,941,729. Available funding by the board was \$2 million. Eight projects were awarded funding as listed below.

Entity	County	Amount Funded
CT Polymers LLC	Marshall	\$300,000.00
CW Recycling, LLC	Marion	\$500,000.00
Exeon Processors, LLC	Grant	\$288,343.00
Floyd County Solid Waste Management District	Floyd	\$52,255.00

GDC, Inc.	Elkhart	\$98,992.00
Indiana Shingle Recycling LLC	Marion	\$360,213.00
Sirmax North America, Inc.	Madison	\$296,654.00
Strategic Materials, Inc.	Marion	\$103,543.00
TOTAL		\$2,000,000.00

## 9. OTHER

The proposed 2024 board meeting schedule are:

- Thursday, January 25, 2024
- Thursday, April 25, 2024
- Thursday, July 25, 2024
- Thursday, October 24, 2024

## 10. ADJOURN

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