

Summary of Meeting

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

April 28, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Chairman Bruce Burrow, Matt Gratz (Zoom), Terry Guerin, Debbie Hackman, Craig Lutz, Tara Wesseler-Henry, and Sandy Whitehead

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members: Representative Sue Errington (Zoom), Robert Lugar

IDEM staff included: Kevin Bump, Pat Daniel, Deanna Garner, Tom Leas, Kristen Koesters, Kathy Mills (Zoom), James French (Zoom), Trisha Tennis, Jennifer Helrigel (Zoom)

Other: Allyson Mitchell, Circular Indiana; Cortnee Yarbrough, Circular Indiana

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE February 1, 2022, RMDB MEETING SUMMARY

The summary for the RMDB meeting held on February 1, 2022, was approved.

3. IDEM UPDATE

Pat Daniel, Section Chief for Office of Program Support: Recycling, Education, and Quality Assurance introduced the new IDEM Office of Program Support Assistant Commissioner, Robert Lugar. He replaced Julia Wickard, who recently was appointed as the Indiana Farm Service Agency State Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Lugar provided some of his background and shared current IDEM projects:

- Mr. Lugar has overseen IDEM's regional offices, the Health and Safety program, helped with a 7-day compliance reporting metrics and the environmental justice efforts for the agency.
- IDEM has implemented state policies to help retain employees including allowing for remote work.
- IDEM is working to implement the recently passed House Bill 1226
- Community Recycling Grant round concluded. The program was able award eighteen grants for \$465,000.
- IDEM is funding collection and disposal of PFAS containing firefighting foam.
- Southwest regional IDEM office is conducting a river sweep clean up on the Ohio River in Evansville on May 12 in partnership with US EPA Region 5 and ORSANCO.
- IDEM Earth Day presentations were conducted reaching about 8,000 classroom students via virtual presentations.

Discussion followed regarding how IDEM has managed the issue of PFAS contamination. IDEM is following the EPA roadmap and has already conducted drinking water testing with results found at IDEM's website including comprehensive information on PFAS.

4. STATUS UPDATE OF EXISTING GRANTS

Fiscal Year 2021 had one open grant that was closing out soon. Fiscal Year 2022 has all but one grant executed and two with finished projects just awaiting final reports to close them out.

Daniel Zelaya with Recycling Works, a materials recovery facility in Elkhart, presented on the upgrades to their recycling line funded by grant funding in Fiscal Year 2021. The project increased output of recycled materials from 1,500 tons per week to 2,000 tons and increased efficiencies.

Tim Ragsdale from CW Recycling presented on another grant funded project that installed an automated construction and demolition debris recycling system at a new 500 tons per day facility just off I-70/Keystone in Indianapolis on 11 acres. The project created 20 new jobs and was located specifically for 3rd party hauler arrangements as an alternative to transfer stations with landfill disposal. Compared to previous company operations at Troy Avenue with a tipping pad, overall diversion increased from 8% to 40% and a potential to get 75% with LEED collection.

5. HEA 1226 Update

Deanna Garner provided an update and synopsis of the House Enrolled Act 1226 and discussed the roles of IDEM and the Recycling Market Development Board. While the additional funding for Marion County is helpful, the board further commented that the waste industry supports using funding from the fifty cent Solid Waste Management Fee for waste diversion projects on a statewide basis.

6. 2022 (FY23) Grant Round

The board reviewed and considered for approval proposed changes to the process and request for proposal guidelines of the Fiscal Year 2023 grant round. The board approved the suggested changes with the addition to require the grant applicants be present at the meeting when grants are awarded.

7. OTHER

The remaining 2022 board meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, July 28, 2022
- Thursday, October 27, 2022

8. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting concluded at 10:35 a.m.