

Summary of Meetings

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

May 5, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Chairman Bruce Burrow, Vice-Chairman Kelly Weger, Terry Guerin, Debbie Hackman, Craig Lutz, Andrew Nunan, Tara Wessler-Henry (Zoom), and Sandy Whitehead

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members: Representative Sue Errington (Zoom), Senator Shelli Yoder (Zoom)

IDEM staff included: Kevin Bump, Deanna Garner, Tom Leas, Kathy Mills (Zoom), James French (Zoom), Jennifer Helrigel (Zoom), Carl Wodrich

Other: Stephanie Nutter, Growing Green (Zoom)

Chairman Bruce Burrow called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2 AND 15, 2023 RMDB MEETING SUMMARIES & TRANSCRIPTS

The transcripts and summaries for the RMDB meeting held on February 2 and 15, 2023, were approved.

3. IDEM UPDATE

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

- IDEM received \$572,065 from EPA in SWIFR grant funding to develop a new state materials management plan and provide pass-through funding to local entities for local planning.
- The Office of Program support has filled the Compliance Section Chief position with Julie Rhodes.
- PFAS foam collection from fire stations is continuing. So far, 30,000 gallons has been collected. OPS is pursuing an opportunity to provide an alternative PFAS-free fire-fighting foam to stations that have disposed of their PFAS containing foam with IDEM's program.
- The Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence received 25 nominations. Review committees are being formed. Awards will be announced at the Partners for Pollution Prevention conference on September 20th at the Marriott North.
- OPS will have three interns for the summer for the Recycling, Pollution Prevention Compliance Assistance, and Health and Safety sections. Two additional interns will assist staff in the Northwest and Southeast regional IDEM offices.
- IDEM is in the early stages of an office renovation to make more efficient use of the space.
- Last, the Central Indiana Waste Diversion Pilot Project grant agreements are being drafted.

4. STATUS UPDATE OF EXISTING GRANTS

FY20 Munster High School grant is expired, and we are finalizing paperwork for their final reimbursement. Growing Green is on Zoom to provide an update. FY21 has all grants closed out.

FY22 has two closed out grants. The additional six grants required one year grant extensions due to supply chain issues that created a delay in delivery of equipment. Equipment is beginning to arrive, and we should see some of them close out shortly. FY23 grant agreements are on track.

Stephanie Nutter from Growing Green provided an update to the board regarding the progress of their grant project. She began by asking to present again at the next meeting in July to provide more information regarding a potential pivot in the project to different equipment and location. Growing Green has been working on funding for the grant funded, Machine X PET Optical Sorter. One funding source is BHAG, which stands for Big, Hairy, Audacious Goal. The fundraising was unsuccessful, so they began to look for ways to pivot the project. So far, Growing Green raised about \$75,000 towards the project which the majority went towards environmental studies to locate the recycling facility on the land identified and option-agreed to purchase.

5. HB 1512 Update

HB 1512 was approved and signed by the governor's office on May 1st. Deanna Garner reviewed the HEA 1512 Digest that highlighted changes to the first round of the Central Indiana Waste Diversion Projects. Pilot was removed from the language. The board discussed similarities to the market development grants and the request to add a cash match to the second round of funding.

The board had additional concerns that the project was restricted to private entities, and that the total award amount and timeline had conflicting language. The board requested that IDEM's legal office present at the next meeting to provide clarification. In addition, they discussed having a lower match requirement than the market development grants.

Kelly Weger discussed the solar panel recycling study legislated in the most recent session. She asked the board if they would be willing to consider funding solar panel recycling projects. The board concluded they would absolutely consider such projects.

6. IDEM RECYCLING GRANTS ONLINE DASHBOARD

Deanna Garner presented an overview about an online GIS dashboard being developed for projects awarded funding by the RMDB as well as IDEM's Community Recycling Grants. The dashboard gives the project locations and profiles. It will be posted on IDEM's website when finalized.

7. 2023 (FY24) GRANT ROUND

The board reviewed and considered for approval proposed changes to the process and request for proposal guidelines of the Fiscal Year 2024 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. Also, an online web form will be available for submitting applications.

8. OTHER

The remaining scheduled 2023 board meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, July 27, 2023
- Thursday, October 26, 2023

9. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting concluded at 1:02 p.m.