

Summary of Meeting

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

April 25, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

IDEM staff included: Pat Daniel, Deanna Garner, Tom Leas, James French (virtual), Jennifer Helrigel (Virtual), Marcus Painton, Aiden Whitney, and Carl Wodrich

Other: Michelle Smith, Knox County SWMD; Mike Mikiska, Knox County SWMD; Teddy Mapeka; Heather Siesel, Bartholemew County SWMD; Taylor Koutropoulos; Makenzie Binford

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2024 RMDB MEETING SUMMARY

The summary for the RMDB meeting held on January 25, 2024, was approved.

3. IDEM UPDATE

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

- The Office of Program Support in Indianapolis has relocated office space to the south building of the government center while IDEM renovates and updates the workspaces.
- Several staff vacancies have now been filled in the central and regional offices including new leadership in the Northwest Regional Office, Compliance Technical Assistance Program staff (CTAP), Quality Assurance staff, and Technology Assistance staff.
- PFAS fire fighting foam collection project is ending soon with only \$300,000 left. To date, 37,184 gallons of PFAS containing fire-fighting foam have been collected.

STATUS UPDATE OF EXISTING GRANTS

Deanna Garner provided the following updates on existing grants:

- Fiscal year 2022 has all grants closed except for Plus 5/Revive which has been extended for an additional year. Revolution Jadcore contract expires in May and the company chose not to complete their project.
- Fiscal year 2023 has ERI site visit before closing and Petoskey Plastics received a 6-month extension and is on track to close on time.

- Fiscal year 2024 grants are all executed, except Indiana Shingle Recycling which had to clear up some issues with the Department of Revenue and is now being executed.

Deanna then introduced Michelle Smith, Knox County Solid Waste Management District Director to talk about the Knox County SWMD grant project. Michelle and her colleague Mike Mikiska presented an overview of their grant project work to establish a new recycling drop off location. The project increased recycling capacity and almost quadrupled the monthly tonnage of recycled materials collected for further processing.

4. 2024 (FY25) RMDP GRANT - Consideration of approval of process changes and RFP guidelines for next grant round.

The board reviewed the proposed recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2025 RMDP grant round. Recommendations included keeping funding amounts and timeline the same, adding higher education institutions to the eligibility list, adding a budget table to the cover page of the proposal, and providing more detailed submittal instructions. The board approved all recommendations.

5. 2024 (FY25) CENTRAL INDIANA WASTE DIVERSION PROJECT (CIWDP) GRANT - Consideration of approval of process changes and application guidelines for next grant round.

The board proceeded to discuss the process changes and application guideline recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2025 grant round for the CIWDP. The board discussed in length setting a maximum funding amount of \$2 million for eligible applicants. The discussion also moved to whether a minimum amount should be set. The board voted to not include a maximum or minimum funding amount in the application guidelines. Other changes to the guidelines were made in accordance with the new state statutes. They include only private sector entities located in Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks, and Boone Counties are eligible to apply and the project length was extended to a term of four years. The board approved the rest of the changes to the application guidelines.

6. JULY MEETING PLANNING DISCUSSION

The board members discussed options for the next meeting to include the option of a facility tour, strategic planning session including the need for any additional studies, or other. The board requested the next meeting include guest speakers on emerging recycling concerns with some strategic planning discussion.

7. **OTHER**

Remaining 2024 Schedule (Quarterly on 4th Thursday of the Month)
Thursday July 25, 2024
Thursday October 24, 2024

8. **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting concluded at 10:44 p.m.