

## Summary of Meeting

Indiana Recycling Market Development Board (RMDB)  
Johnson County Public Library-Clark Pleasant Branch  
350 Clearwater Boulevard  
Whiteland, Indiana 46184

July 25, 2024

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Chairman Bruce Burrow, Terry Guerin, Debbie Hackman, Craig Lutz, Andrew Nunan, Vice-Chairman Kelly Weger, Tara Wesseler-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 April 25, 2024, RMDB MEETING SUMMARY

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

### 3. IDEM, OFFICE OF PROGRAM SUPPORT UPDATE – Pat Daniel, Recycling, Education, and Quality Assurance Section Chief

Pat Daniel shared current IDEM projects and staffing updates. Stephanie Schuck was involved with the state fair and CTAP vacancies were filled by Samantha Nunnery, Malorie Medellin, Tammy Haug, and Katya Drake. April Jette started in Quality Assurance. IDEM is also conducting a \$5 million improvement for data handling.

### 4. RMDP GRANTS UPDATE – Deanna Garner, RMDP Manager

Deanna Garner provided the following updates on existing grants:

- Status update of existing grants
  - o FY24 – all executed; FY23 – Petoskey renewed; FY22 –Plus 5/Revive renewed
- Overview of FY25 grant applicants
  - o We received a total of 17 eligible applications (2 ineligible) totaling \$4,695,785 in requested grant funding with \$11,689,210 in total project costs. If the board were able to fund all the projects, an estimated additional 125, 896 tons of materials would be diverted from final disposal. There are a lot of good projects this year from MRF improvements, waste tire recycling, education and outreach, and recycling receptacles, to a mobile e-waste recycling truck. Of note, we do have 8 applicants that have received past funding and two additional applicants that applied last year but did not receive funding.

- CTAP Compliance Checks and site visits start next week,
- Proposals and score sheets to board August 28<sup>th</sup>, due September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- CIWDP Update – open until October 1<sup>st</sup>
- The Recycling grant interactive [web map](#) and dashboard has been published to the Recycle.IN.gov website.

## **5. EMERGING MATERIALS MANAGEMENT TRENDS – Expert Discussions with Q & A**

The following presentations and respective presenters spent time to talk to the board regarding there area of expertise and project work in the subject area:

- Recycling Grants Collaboration in Indiana, The Recycling Partnership, Matt James, Grant Development Manager
- PFAs in Compost, Green Bottom Line, Inc., Kelvin Okamoto, Owner
- Solar Panel Recycling, Solar Cycle, Nick Cain, Director of Government Affairs; Jesse Simons, Co-Founder and CCO

## **6. REVIEW PRIORITIES AND RECYCLING INFRASTRUCURE & ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The board reviewed prior identified priorities and recommendations provided as a result of the Recycling Infrastructure and Economic Impact Study and discussed whether to change any. Attention was given to reducing contamination and increasing awareness through education & outreach as well as bonus points for public/private partnerships in scoring. Communities should support own plans with local tax dollars.

## **7. OTHER**

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

## **8. ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting concluded at 11:50 p.m.