

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2011

Board Members Present: Judge Lanny Fite, Mr. J.R. Walters, Mayor Jeff Arey, Mayor Jill Dabbs, and Dr. Don Brashears

Others Present: Mr. Eddie Jones, Executive Director; Mr. Gary Beck, Saline County Task Force; Mr. Jim Goble, Inter District Tire; Mr. Michael Grappe, Saline County Task Force; Mr. Jim Erwin, Bryant 20/20; Mr. Don Roe, Razorback Car Wash; Ms. Linda Hollenbeck, Benton Courier; Mr. Chad Krebs, citizen; Mr. Mike Nalley, Benton

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order. Mayor Arey recognized four Board members present and two absent. Mayor Arey asked everyone to sign in on the sign in sheet. (Mayor Dabbs came in during the Inter-District Tire Report.)

Reading of Minutes: Mayor Arey stated the first order of business was the reading of the minutes. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the minutes from the February Board meeting. Dr. Brashears seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with no discussion. Dr. Brashears made a motion to approve the minutes from the February and March Special Board meetings. Mr. J.R. Walters seconded the motion. Motion passed with no opposition or discussion.

Financial Statement and Financial Position Statement: Mr. Jones stated that the financial report does not reflect the sick time or vacation time that was paid to employees that now work for Republic Services; however, the severance packages are listed in the check registrar and accounted for in the bank statement balances. Mr. Jones stated this was the money brought in and paid out. Mr. Jones stated that Worker's Comp should be reimbursing us soon for part of the \$19,000 paid out in January to them. Mr. Jones stated that the District reimbursed Hot Springs Village for part of the quarterly payment they paid in due to the ending of the Flow Control Policy. The District brought in \$213,000 for the month of February. Mayor Arey asked if any accounts receivables had been received. Mr. Jones stated that yes there had been some received. Mr. Jones stated that there is a lot of interest that needs to be written off due to interest charges automatically accrued in the computer. Someone asked Mr. Jones where the receivables were in the Board packet. Mayor Arey stated it was in the very back of the packet and the total owed to the District as of March 4 is \$194,000. Mayor Arey stated that about 75% is between large haulers. Mayor Arey stated that we would watch this in the next 30-60 days and before getting attorney involved. Mayor Arey asked for any other questions or comments. There were none.

Inter-District Tire Update: Mr. Jim Goble stated that things are going well. Mr. Goble stated that tires are still being picked up at the landfill. Mr. Goble also stated that Tire Town of Benton has informed him they no longer want to be a collection site. Mr. Goble stated that the Inter-District Program is looking

for a new collection site to replace Tire Town. Mr. Goble stated the numbers and financial reserve is good. Mr. Goble stated that there have been recent changes in the law. There were no questions or comments.

Recycling Date: Mr. Jones stated that there was a load of paper sold last week. Mr. Jones stated that metal intake has gone way down since the sale of the landfill. Mr. Jones stated that we are getting about one or two trailers per month. Mr. Jones stated that cardboard and paper intake has really picked up. Mr. Jones stated that we are now picking up for Sears in Benton, and are currently trying to pick up for more interested businesses in the county. Mr. Jones stated that we have done lots of E-Waste lately too (two trailers per week to the recycling center in Little Rock ~6 tons per week). There were no questions or comments.

Old Business

Saline County Solid Waste Task Force – Michael Grappe’: Mr. Grappe’ stated that the Task Force meeting was the first Tuesday of the month and there were five present. Mr. Grappe’ stated the discussions ranged from how to recycle all the way to having employees recycle versus subcontracting recycling. Mr. Grappe’ stated the Task Force would like to license all of the recyclers in the county. Mr. Grappe’ stated that we have all this material going out of the county and we are not getting any credit for it. Mr. Grappe’ stated that if there is a licensing program in place, with a minimum fee of \$1 - \$25, whichever the Board would like, then the recycling could be captured and how much material is going out so that we can get credit for it. Mayor Arey asked so each recycler would have to be licensed and report to the District Board. Mr. Grappe’ stated yes, and Wal-Mart ships out lots of cardboard per year that was going into the landfill and taking up air space, but now they are sending it elsewhere. Mr. Grappe’ stated that there has to be some sort of recording system for the county to capture the numbers and the easiest way to do that would be to license the recyclers and have them record those numbers and report to the Executive Director monthly. Mayor Dabbs asked if this would be a simple process for the businesses to do. Mr. Grappe’ stated that yes it should be. Mr. Grappe’ stated that we need to keep it as simple and inexpensive as possible. Mayor Arey and Mayor Dabbs agreed because we need these businesses cooperation for this. Mr. Jones asked if the permits in place right now do not work. Mr. Grappe’ stated no. Mr. Gibson stated this is correct by the District to take these steps by adopting the program with regulations and this is a good program and the Board will need to adopt the regulations by resolution. Mr. Gibson recommended that there be a public hearing within the Task Force that can be captured by the Board’s consideration or conducted by the Board. Mr. Gibson stated that he would be willing to help out however he could. Mayor Arey asked Mr. Grappe’ if the Task Force already had something in writing or a proposal that the board could look at. Mr. Grappe’ stated that he has a draft. Mayor Arey stated that the Board would welcome this if he could present it at the next meeting. Mr. Grappe’ stated that the next Task Force meeting would be on April 5 at 6p.m. There were no other comments or questions.

New Business

Discussion of Recycling RFP: Judge Lanny Fite handed out a rough draft for the RFP to the Board. Judge Fite stated that he would like to send out something like this to see what we can get from the private sector for recycling. Judge Fite stated that they looked at Faulkner County and there were 11 full time employees and there were 2 shared employees from their landfill and this recycling program was a 10 million dollar investment. Judge Fite stated he's interested in seeing what the feedback from the public would be for this as well in a request to recycle. Mayor Arey asked for any comments or questions. Dr. Brashears said he didn't have time to absorb all of this information at once. Judge Fite stated that he didn't expect action today, but that he would like the Board to review this and receive input on this to have a starting point. Mayor Dabbs asked is the goal of the RFP to select a company that would provide these recycling services to the entire county or to divide the county up into sections. Judge Fite responded yes to the entire District. Judge Fite stated that curbside recycling is what most of the public wants. Judge Fite also stated that it may be better that we collect here and take it to Waste Management's facility. Judge Fite would like to bring the Saline County Recycling to the magnitude of the Faulkner County facility overtime, but the District does not have the money to invest in something like this at this time. Mayor Dabbs agreed and stated she believed a private sector would do a better job of running it. Dr. Brashears asked if there was a time table on this. Judge Fite answered no and the attorney will need to look at this as well. Judge Fite stated that if this is not feasible, the District will have to start recycling and we won't have a choice. Mayor Arey stated that if we don't try this, then we won't know what is out there and what the public can do until we ask them. Mayor Arey stated he thinks this smart to try. Judge Fite stated that RFJ is doing this right now, so it may be profitable to do this. Judge Fite stated that he knows in rural areas they can't do the same thing as in city areas. Mayor Dabbs stated that if we had better programming for the urban areas, then maybe the trailers could be used out in the county. Mr. Erwin said thank you for this proposal and idea, but if the goal is 40% recycling then that should be easily gotten through curbside recycling, but we need to look at what exactly we will need. Judge Fite said that the need would be determined by the response of the private sector. Mr. Walters asked if this would be advertised. Judge Fite stated yes like a state law. Mayor Dabbs stated that to get the most people to participate in this it would be important for the company to provide a bin that all recyclable items could be placed in similar to the way that Conway does it. Mr. Jones stated that this sounds like a really good program, but keep in mind the cleaner the stuff is, the more money you get, especially separating that, which is very time consuming process, but there will have to be a facility somewhere to separate, because if not there will not be enough money generated to keep this going. Mayor Arey suggested each Board member take this and review, email suggestions back and forth and send this to Mr. Gibson for reviewing. All agreed. There were no questions or comments.

Mr. Jones stated that he has had several cities asking for more trailers. Mr. Jones presented the information to the Board for new trailers to purchase with some of the recycling grant money. Mr. Jones asked the Board their opinion on purchasing new trailers due to the public request for these. Judge Fite asked Mr. Gibson if the Board has to advertise the bid given for the trailers. Mr. Gibson stated that you have to follow the bidding procedure but specs can be written in accordance to informal

pricing. Mr. Nalley stated that there were people in Saline County that could build recycling trailers for cheaper. Mr. Grappe' asked if they would need a larger vehicle to pull a larger trailer with. Mr. Jones stated that he believes the one the Recycling has now would be sufficient. Mayor Arey asked if there was a time frame for this. Mr. Jones stated that he will have to check with ADEQ about the time frame for spending grant money. Dr. Brashears asked when the grant was received. Mr. Jones responded November or December 2010. Someone asked if the Board was aware of this money coming in. Mayor Arey stated yes that is was reported in the Recycling Financials at a meeting. Judge Fite asked if the Education money had been spent yet. Mr. Jones stated that he ordered some items the other day for the upcoming Earth Day program for Harmony Grove we are participating in. Judge Fite asked Mr. Jones to get specs for these trailers. Mr. Jones stated that he would. Mr. Jones also brought up as an item for new business that Lynn Cardin from Bethel Middle School has contacted him, because when Roger Brown was still here, he promised Bethel a picnic table in exchange for so many tons of newspaper collected, and they are wondering when they will get this. Mayor Arey stated that he would like to know the time limit for the grants. Mr. Goble stated that the grants are for a year and you can get a change order to get it extended for up to three years. Mr. Jones stated he would check on this.

Mayor Arey asked for any other new business. Mr. Erwin stated that Mr. Don Roe from Razorback Car Wash was present concerning cardboard pick up for his company. Mr. Erwin asked if Recycling had worked out something for Sears in Benton, if something could be done for Mr. Roe. Mr. Jones stated that we placed the new trailer (replaced from the stolen trailer) to Sears, but there are no more trailers to take out and drop at this time for cardboard. Judge Fite asked Mr. Roe how much he generates in a month. Mr. Roe responded that he gets quite a bit and asked if he could take his cardboard to Sears for pickup. Mr. Jones stated that he didn't have a problem with that but would have to check with Sears first. Mr. Jones stated that Recycling has money to buy new trailers and could buy just one for about \$3100 to place at Razorback. Mr. Erwin stated that if a trailer was placed here, there are several businesses in the area that generate a lot of cardboard that could collect in this trailer as well. Mr. Goble stated that Central District in Lonoke has an excellent cardboard program and they have built 16ft. trailers with cage that they collect in and you could check with them to see what they do to adapt here. Mr. Jones stated that he believes they are very similar to what we have currently. There was some discussion about plastic and cardboard from this business and where a trailer could be placed. Judge Fite made a motion to have Mr. Jones check this out and bring a report to the Board next month. There was discussion about cardboard getting wet and lowering the value, but that is the only option at the time, but the cardboard would be generated quickly enough to be picked up on a regular weekly route to keep the value from depreciating too much. There was discussion about trailers and tarps as well. Mr. Erwin stated that we need to get this program going. Mayor Arey asked Judge Fite about the RFP, if it was just residential or commercial too. Judge Fite said it was mainly residential asking the community what it could do. Mr. Erwin asked where all the recycling is picked up in Saline County. Mr. Jones stated that he would get him a list of the places. There was discussion about this, companies that bale their own cardboard, companies that want to be picked up, and some we'd like to pick up for. Mr. Goble commented that this is an excellent area to get volume in cardboard for recycling and this is a great start. Judge Fite stated that Mr. Jones is going to check this out, bring it back to the Board next month, and then the Board will take action on this. Mr. Jones stated yes. Mr. Grappe' stated that in the

beginning the Board stated they didn't want to extend the employee base, the equipment base, etc. and that is what he is hearing right now. Mr. Grappe' stated that the focus should be the RFP and getting the private sector involved in this because we can overextend ourselves with trucks and people and picking up in all of Saline County. Mayor Arey agreed with Mr. Grappe' and that the RFP would tell the Board exactly what they need to know. Judge Fite stated that there is a great interest out there and he receives phone calls about this everyday. Mayor Dabbs stated that this is a great job creation program and there are some people out there who can help do this and make our county greener. Mr. Jones asked what direction the Board wants him to go in to try and take care of the recycling, "get more cardboard or not do anything until the RFP comes out". Mayor Arey said that there are requests so the thing to do right now is to take care of the requests. Mr. Walters said that job could be done without having to buy anything. Mayor Arey said no, we would probably have to buy something. Mr. Jones stated would have to buy at least two more trailers to handle the stuff that needs to be brought in. Judge Fite asked if this trailer could be bought with the grant money. Mr. Jones stated yes. Mayor Arey stated that this would be talked about at the next meeting. There was some discussion. Mayor Arey asked for any other comments.

Public Comments: Mr. Goble thanked the Board for moving the meeting to 2p.m. in the afternoon.

There was a motion and a second to adjourn. All were in favor.