

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2011

Board Members Present: Judge Lanny Fite, Mr. J.R. Walters, Mayor Jeff Arey, Dr. Don Brashears, Mr. Jim Erwin, and Mr. Bob McKeon

Others Present: Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director; Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Mr. Gary Beck, Saline Waste & Recycling of Benton; Mrs. Tai Marshall, Office Manager; Mr. Michael Brooks, Powell Sanitation; Mrs. Kimberly Brooks, Powell Sanitation; Mr. Jim Goble, Inter District Tire; Mr. David Blevins, Environmental Officer

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order. Mayor Arey asked everyone to sign in. The Board welcomed Mr. Bob McKeon back.

Reading of Minutes: Mayor Arey stated the first order of business was the reading of minutes from the September meeting. Mr. J.R. Walters moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Jim Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Reading of Financial Statement and Financial Position: Mr. Grappe' read the financial report from September. Mr. Grappe' stated the District has a total of 4.6 million dollars. Mr. Grappe' stated the District spent \$25,523.05 for September. Mr. Grappe' stated the District had \$114k in revenue. Mr. Grappe' stated the District spent \$15k in recycling operations for September. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are finished with renovations to the new office. Mr. Grappe' stated the grand total for office renovation was \$22.5k, which includes engineering, construction, and furniture. Dr. Brashears stated the new office looks great and asked if we have a 5 year lease on the building. Mr. Grappe' replied yes to a five year lease at \$350 per month. Mr. Gary Beck asked if the fuel cost is included in the recycling operations. Mr. Grappe' answered yes. Mr. Beck asked who pays the electrical on the recycling building. Mr. Grappe' replied Republic, because we lease the building. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the financial reports. Mr. Bob McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Inter District Tire Update-Jim Goble: Mr. Goble stated that our tire intake for this month was slightly ahead, but the revenue is down. Mr. Goble stated this is because District isn't collecting money for tires at the landfill. Mr. Goble stated he hasn't received the tire grant for this year, but should be in soon. Mr. Goble was asked by Officer Blevins about doing an illegal dumpsite clean-up from Bryant, and Mr. Goble stated that would be fine, and could bring in extra trailer if needed.

Environment Officer-David Blevins: Officer Blevins thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the training conference in Texas. Officer Blevins stated he is accomplishing a lot but it's a slow process. Officer Blevins is currently working to illegal dumpsites on Chicot Rd. and N. Mills Rd. for trash clean-up.

Officer Blevins is pursuing an illegal dumpsite on Zuber Rd. Officer Blevins stated he is also establishing a database for next month.

Executive Director Update

New Office Update: Mr. Grappe' stated the new office is complete and we plan on hosting an Open House as some point in the future. Mr. Grappe' stated the external and internal issues have been repaired.

Credit/Debit Report-Mrs. Marshall: Mrs. Marshall stated there are 11 debtors remaining; one paid in full in response to the registered letters that were mailed out. Mrs. Marshall stated three are on payment plans, and only one of the three is making consistent payments. Mr. Erwin asked if the Board could have the monthly payments drafted out of those debtors bank account. Mr. Gibson replied yes, as long as the debtor agreed and supplied their information. Mrs. Marshall stated she would ask if those three debtors were willing to do this.

Recycle Update: Mr. Grappe' stated there are now two paper bins at Benton and Bryant for collection that are serviced twice weekly. Mr. Grappe' stated our recycling efforts are working and the amount of public participation has increased. Mr. Erwin stated that he had spoken with Mr. Grappe' about getting a collection for plastic/aluminum/metal at Bishop Park per request of Mayor Dabbs.

E-Waste Event: Mr. Grappe' stated the District had a successful E-waste collection on October 1st, bringing in 200k lbs. of electronics. Mr. Grappe' stated we spent \$13k on this event and \$5k of that will be reimbursable from ADEQ. Mr. Grappe' stated we had three school groups with parents and sponsors that volunteered at the event plus Bin There Dump That and Goldman Recycling and our own employees. There was some discussion. Mr. Grappe' stated that this is the first of many events to come, and next time the event will possibly be held for a couple of days at one location instead of several locations on one day. Mr. Grappe' stated that next year the funding from ADEQ will be done differently for this program, and more money will be available and Districts will actually be able to get reimbursed for contracting the event out.

Reclamation Update: There was no information to report at this time.

Household Hazardous Waste: Mr. Grappe' and Mayor Arey met with Rineco and are working to develop a household hazardous waste program for collection and disposal in our District. More information to come later.

Lake Norrell Clean-Up: Mr. Grappe' stated this clean-up was a success as well. Mr. Grappe' stated there was a total of six 20 yd. containers collected that day.

School Paper Pick up: Mr. Grappe' stated every week we use two employees 8 hours plus to collect all paper/cardboard from all schools in Saline County. Mr. Grappe' stated last week experimented by using Republic truck and learned that only collecting 3700lbs. of paper/cardboard wasn't not feasible considering the fuel cost to run that truck although it cut the running time to 5 hours. Mr. Grappe' also stated that Republic will only provide paper containers at Benton schools if they get contract to pick up

trash as well. Mr. Grappe' stated that Republic currently services Bryant school district and are working on getting the okay for paper containers there.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Grappe' stated that Republic did not get the bid with Southwest Central District; they were out bid by 5 cents/ton. Mr. Grappe' stated he has a meeting with the HSVPOA next week because they've contacted him asking to be included in the Saline County District and to be provided service from our District for trash and recycling. Mr. Gibson stated our District has a good long term relationship with the HSVPOA while the District owned the landfill. Mr. Gibson explained that because the irregular county lines through the Village it was merely impossible to set trash pickup route that made economic sense, and it worked out better for the Village to pay the District through contract the estimated value of municipal solid waste being generated in the Village, but would take the trash to a transfer station in Garland County and some would be brought to the landfill because of a tonnage limit in the contract. Mr. Gibson explained this contract that was established by flow control ended with the sale of the landfill. Mr. Grappe' stated that he will report back to the Board how his meeting goes.

Mr. Grappe' stated he has started a scholarship program through Pulaski Technical College for \$1,500 per semester for journalism major to be the District's PR person. Mr. Grappe' stated that the school takes applications and then sends us the most qualified candidate. Mr. Grappe' stated this person will be responsible for advertising, writing articles for the papers, taking pictures, etc. Mr. Erwin stated the District could also turn articles in to Rob Patrick with the Bryant Daily for more publicity.

Mr. Grappe' stated that he met with Mr. Dale Woodall about the Alexander Human Development Center concerning the District's baler. Mr. Grappe' stated this is a very large baler; there was no large shredder, just small office shredders. Mr. Grappe' stated we are still researching numbers for reporting from AHDS and the last we found is from 2003. Mr. Grappe' stated Pathfinder is working on taking over that facility and would like to use the baler. Mr. Grappe' stated he is considering this for a future paper shredding facility and electronic dismantling program for the District. Mr. Grappe' stated the District has currently been giving our E-waste to Goldman Recycling in Little Rock. Mr. Grappe' stated Goldman takes the material, breaks it down, then sales it. Mr. Grappe' stated he is currently looking into a different method, in which we would reclaim the precious metals from the electronics. Mr. Grappe' stated he has an upcoming meeting to work out the fine details on this.

Old Business

Land Purchase Negotiations: Mr. Grappe' provided a copy of the recent survey of the property on Neely St. Mr. Grappe' made the Board aware of the changes that would have to be made to get the property ready to use properly as a material recovery facility; which could cost approximately \$400k-\$500k which includes purchasing, dirt work, construction, etc. There was some discussion which did include ways to make the project cost cheaper. Judge Fite stated if we are going to do a recycle center, then we need to do it right from the beginning. The entire Board agreed. Mr. Grappe' stated master planning the project would be the first step. Mr. Bob McKeon asked what the land had appraised for. Mr. Grappe' stated for \$65k and Mr. Wilson Jones has agreed to sale us the land for that price. There was discussion about security at the site, fencing, gating, etc. Mayor Arey stated he would like to know

exactly where materials would be taken once collected before building is in place. Mr. Grappe' stated that would be part of the master plan. Mr. Grappe' stated we need a true recycling facility in the county. Mr. Grappe' also stated that he has a meeting November 8 with Republic for discussions on plans for the current recycling center at the landfill. Judge Fite stated the Road Department has plans to move to the airport and if that takes place, he would like to see another one of the facilities placed there. Mr. Sam Ed Gibson stated there is a statute that requires the District to report its intention to make a purchase like this to the Governor's office prior to completing the purchase, and then the Governor reviews and approves and if approved a public notice will be ran statewide for 30 days. Mr. Bob McKeon made a motion to start the process to purchase the property following the proper steps by having the attorney send the Governor's office the proper paperwork. Mr. J.R. Walters seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed with no opposition. Judge Fite made a motion to start a master plan through a subcommittee of Mr. Michael Grappe', Mr. Jim Erwin, and Mayor Jeff Arey. Mr. J.R. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

City of Benton/FEMA House condemnation project: Mr. Grappe' stated the update for this project is one house will be completed this year; city trucks will haul the debris and the District will pay for the dumping disposal fee. Mr. Grappe' stated next year there will be two houses and the third year there will be three. There was a question asked pertaining to city, county, and district entity that could not be heard on the recorded tape. Dr. Brashears stated that the confusion comes from the Saline County District being its own single District, a state government entity. Dr. Brashears explained that there are 18 different solid waste districts in the state of Arkansas and Saline County is unique because it doesn't have any other counties included in this district.

Executive Director Vehicle Purchase: Judge Fite stated we are in transition of the new state bid list coming out. Judge Fite stated the new list will be available before the next meeting and we will discuss this next month.

New Business

Recycling Trailer Theft: Mr. Grappe' stated the District had a recycling flatbed trailer at Sears in Benton, and last Sunday night, someone stole this trailer. Mr. Grappe' stated we have filed a police report and turned the information into our insurance carrier. Mr. Erwin asked what kind of anti-theft was on this trailer. Mr. Grappe' stated a trailer ball lock. There was some discussion on how the trailer would have been stolen.

Interlocal Agreement: Mr. Grappe' stated about a month ago the Mayor of Little Rock directed the Pulaski County Board to pass an Interlocal Agreement so that they get \$2 on every ton of trash that leaves Pulaski County and is disposed of in Saline County. Mr. Grappe' presented the Board with an Interlocal Agreement to enter into with Pulaski County that states this District will receive \$1 for every ton coming from Pulaski County to this District and Pulaski County gets \$1 for every ton that leaves Pulaski County and is disposed of in Saline County. Mr. Grappe' stated that this agreement allows us to share the \$2 collection fee they have imposed. Mr. Grappe' also stated if we choose not to enter into this agreement, Pulaski County gets to keep the entire \$2 for their District. Mr. Grappe' stated the

reason for this is to control the waste. Pulaski doesn't want their waste leaving their county because they will lose money, and we do not want waste leaving our county because we lose money. Mr. Grappe' read the Interlocal agreement to the Board. There was some discussion. Mr. Bob McKeon made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Mr. J.R. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with no opposition.

Public Comments: Mr. Bob McKeon thanked the Board for all of the prayers, phone calls, visits, and plant while he was sick and in the hospital.

A motion and second were made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.