

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 18thth, 2012

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

Others Present: Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Mr. Mike Lauderdale, Terry's Waste; Mr. Jim Goble, Inter District Tire Program; Deputy David Blevins, Saline County Environmental Officer; Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director SCRSWMD; Mayor Dave Mattingly, City of Benton; Roger Finley, Terry's Waste; Mrs. Tai Marshall, SCRSWMD.

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order and asked everyone to sign in and recognized that all Board members were present.

Reading of Minutes from June meeting: Mayor Arey stated the first order of business was the reading of minutes from the June meeting. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the June minutes. Mr. Bob McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

UALR Initiative: Mayor Mattingly with the City of Benton presented the future plans for the new Benton UALR campus. Mayor Mattingly expressed how economic development and higher education go hand in hand. Mayor Mattingly explained the need for the campus expansion and the pros to the situation. Mayor Mattingly stated the City would appreciate any financial help the District could provide with this future initiative. Mayor Mattingly left after his presentation. Mr. Gibson stated to the Board that this was not something the District could be involved in, because it is illegal to use State Funds for a donation to a non-profit group.

Reading of Financial Statement and Financial Position from June: Mr. Grappe' stated that we changed the financial statement up a little and that from May back we took numbers from our bank account and recorded it but in our revenue and expense accounts we not only reported what had cleared the bank but also what hadn't cleared. Mr. Grappe' stated that he could never get the numbers to match up to be more transparent so we reorganized it so that it would be clear. Mr. Grappe' stated that what the Board has in front of them for June is the actual bank account and the cleared amount that has gone through the bank and the numbers now add up. Mr. Grappe' stated that the District broke the financial statement up showing on the bank account, savings account, revenue, and the operating cost (expenditures). Mr. Grappe' stated that in the past the recycling report was also attached to that but we have taken that out. Mr. Bob McKeon asked the question if the \$960 from Dewpoint is a payment. Mr. Grappe' stated that it is garnishment from Dewpoint that Mr. Sam Ed set up for us and is paid weekly. Mr. Grappe' stated that the wire transfer isn't set up yet. Mr. Sam Ed stated that Dewpoint offered to mail checks or to set up an ACH automatic fund transfer from their bank account. Mr. Sam Ed stated that he encouraged them to contact Mrs. Marshall with the information to make that happen. Mr. Sam

Ed stated that the exact amount that they will be paying will be determined by Judge Arnold and if he allows us extra collection costs, attorney's fees, and costs when he enters the judgment against the two corporations. Mr. Sam Ed asked the question to the Board if he has full concurrence to ask the court to approve as much as he can talk the Judge into approving. Mr. Sam Ed said that we have the ability to procedurally fair market value of the legal services that he has provided even though what they charge the Board is a discount. Mr. Grappe' stated that on the financial report that we have closed the Capital Improvement Fund, Disability Disbursement Account, and the Closure/Post Closure Account. Mr. Grappe' stated we have our Operating Account which currently holds \$1,541,754.75, Revenue account holds \$914,780.18, and our Recycling Account which is our grant funds is \$27,774.00. Mr. Grappe' stated that you will see a big drop between May and June. Mr. Grappe' stated that we didn't spend the money we actually transferred the money out because we had too much money in the account and we had more money than we had grants. Mr. Grappe' stated that we transferred it back into the Operating Account. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have a total of \$4.5 today. Mr. Grappe' stated that conversely, if we had done it like we were doing before we would show that we make almost half a million dollars in our savings account this month through our bond issue which will be reflected next month, but the market holds strong. Mr. Grappe' stated that our total Revenue was \$7,167.39. We had a refund from the IRS for \$1,846. We accrued interest of roughly \$2,250. We are getting a check from MidArk, and we sold recycling material for \$1,700. Mr. Grappe' stated that on our operating expense we had \$83,640.80 and the majority of that was engineering fees for both buildings and the associated field costs. Mr. Bob McKeon asked the question if the engineering fees are all paid in full. Mr. Grappe' stated that they are all paid in full and that all the documents are ready to go and we will talk about the next step later on. Mr. Grappe' pointed out that our overall expenditures for May was \$71, 440.00 and that number actually drops down a great deal for instance professional fees in May were \$48,585.50 and you also see that number repeated in June because of the accounting method that we were using. Mr. Grappe' stated that we had cleared checks and non-cleared checks that were recorded in May and this month they've cleared so we are recording it under our new procedure guidelines. Mr. Grappe' stated that there is good news in the recycling operation we made revenue of \$11,602 with an expense of \$7,700 which gave us a profit of \$3,800. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the Financial Statement and Financial Position report from June. Mr. Jim Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Inter-District Tire Update-Jim Goble: Mr. Jim Goble stated that the numbers were still holding up due to Officer Blevins cleaning up illegal dumpsites and tire dealers such as Firestone and Wal-Mart that are turning in tires. Mr. Jim Goble stated that the numbers are coming up and that financials at the end of the year were just slightly lower than June of last year, but well within tolerance. Mr. Jim Goble stated that everything is running smoothly.

Environmental Officer Update-Officer Blevins: Officer Blevins stated that in the last month that they have cleaned up three dumpsites one in Bauxite at Pump Road, Oklahoma Inn road, and have an ongoing problem with Area Road which consists of Bertha Mine, Sullivan Rd., Mt. Olive Road, and Mt. Olive Cut Off which are all Alcoa property. Officer Blevins stated that he is working with ADEQ to get a PDS number that we can use as a PO number to keep open on a yearly basis so that he won't have to

wait on paperwork and can continue to clean up. Officer Blevins stated that on Narrows Road he is working with Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Goble with getting in contact with Mr. Davis at Davis Tire to get a tire trailer there, because between the two houses there are at least 400 tires. Officer Blevins stated that there is a house on West Colonel Glenn that has at least 500-600 tires and trying to get in contact with homeowner. Officer Blevins stated that the dumpsite on Green Road is still open and that is an ongoing issue that has been there for years. Officer Blevins stated that this road cuts through from Green Road to Lana that cuts into the backside of Royal Oaks Property. Officer Blevins stated that someone has cut the road on Royal Oaks side and would like to get a hold of the property owner that lives in Arizona to get them to cut the other side. Mr. J.R. Walters asked where he was with the house on Lowe Lane. Officer Blevins stated that the house is now gone. Officer Blevins stated that he is taking two houses to Quorum Court next month to have condemned. Officer Blevins stated that he has talked with several home owners that are willing to comply and are tearing down on their own. Judge Fite asked the question if it is a driveway on Green Road that they are illegally dumping on. Officer Blevins stated that it is on Royal Oaks Side but from Green Road side it looks like a four wheeler path. Officer Blevins stated that it looks like there are at least 100+ tires out there. Officer Blevins stated that the jail population is down so it's been hard to get workers out there to clean out. Officer Blevins stated the he is going to take twelve people out there and give them trash bags and haul it out because there is no way to get a trailer out there. Officer Blevins stated that they have pulled out 10-15 computer monitors and some furniture out. Mr. Grappe' stated that we can get volunteers out there to help with the clean-up.

Executive Director Update:

RFP Status: Mr. Grappe' stated that at the beginning of the month the District sent out a request for proposal for replacing the Districts operations and servicing the drop of sites, the schools, and the businesses that we currently take care of. Mr. Grappe' stated we are trying to privatize that and asked for quotes from haulers. After the first week we had no response, we advertised in the newspaper and sent out the RFP to all the haulers. Mr. Grappe' stated that today we have two people that have responded which is Terry's Waste and Bin There Dump that. Mr. Grappe' stated the bids are due are on July 27th and we will evaluate the bids at that time. Mr. Grappe' stated that what we are looking for is a partner to work and grow with for community service activities that we are currently taking care of ourselves. Mr. Grappe' stated that today we have two people that run out, collect, sort, and bale the materials. Mr. Grappe' stated that currently we have three temporary people that work with us but once the RFP is in place we can drop all the temporary people and just have two workers in the Recycling Center. Mr. Grappe' stated that once we get that partnership established we will start talking about our expansion program, how we are going to grow this program, and make it more cost effective for the District and our citizens. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that there were actually three companies that submitted bids A&M Equipment, Terry's Waste and Bin There Dump That.

Recycling: Mr. Grappe' stated that we need to have something in place for the composting program by middle of winter/October. Mr. Grappe' stated that this is being driven by state requirements from ADEQ because of grants associated with it. Mr. Grappe' stated that he would like to go ahead and move forward with putting the composting area at the southern end of the airport like we had originally talked

about and have it open to the public so that they can come in and drop off yard debris, grass cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and etc. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have to get a water permit. Mr. Grappe' stated that he went to a meeting at ADEQ and they are re-classifying the composting program they're calling it a type Y. Mr. Grappe' stated that our operation of reclamation is now considered a MRF because we take the material instead of composting it or playing with the material we are re-using it somewhere, in this case in our reclamation process. Mr. Grappe' stated that he had to get a water permit and has 30-45 days to get that started. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question what is a water permit and Mr. Grappe' stated that it is a Storm Water Permit. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question to Mr. Grappe' how he proposes to handle the composting. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are going to take the leaves and grass and bale it and make it available to the Road Department at a discount for what they would normally pay for hay. Mr. Grappe' stated that the trees and limbs are going to chip up and spread out on a piece of property of the airport that needs to be cleaned. Mr. Grappe' stated that he just finished his study with PMI engineering company on taking Hot Springs Village solid sewage waste and taking it to the airport. Mr. Grappe' stated we did a feasibility study to see if it would make economic sense. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will go to HSV and get their solid waste and instead of taking it to the landfill at \$34.50 we will take it to the airport for \$20.00 generating revenue for the airport. Mr. Grappe' stated we will spread it out, put the chips with it, grass seed with it, and we will reclaim that area. Mr. J.R. Walters asked the question how long we can do this before we run out of ground. Judge Fite stated that Alcoa has a great interest in doing this but we will be doing this for a really long time. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that Bryant would like to use that same situation. Mr. Grappe' stated that in 20 years the technology may be so that commodity would be quickly grabbed up by a private facility. Mr. Grappe' stated that for now we have a good solution, we will be reclaiming and re-using hence the term MERF. Mr. Grappe' stated we don't have to fill out all the paperwork that's required for a composting facility we just have to give them a notification, get the Storm Water Permit, and then we can start operations. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question if we will have to buy all new equipment to do this. Judge Fite stated that we will have to buy a baler at some point to bale all the leaves and yard waste. Mrs. Marshall stated that we have grant money that is sitting aside which is what is pushing all this forward. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if the county has a chipper. Judge Fite stated that we have a chipper at the road department to help determine what size we need and come back and make a decision on what we need. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have a place now in our budget a contract program that we will contract with the Road Department where they would do the chipping for us with their chipper and we would pay them for their services. Mr. Bob McKeon asked the question if the Storm Water Permit would have to be looked. Mr. Grappe' stated that it is two separate things, the Storm Water Permit is for the operation of baling and grinding so when you drop it off if it sits there for a day or two and it rains they would have to determine if it is a danger to the environment. Mr. Grappe' stated that on the second permit which would be the application process will be for the airport, the airport will be licensed and permitted. Mr. Bob McKeon asked the question we won't be permitted to do the process it will be the airport. Mayor Arey stated that it is the location that is approved.

Mr. Grappe' stated that he would like to move forward with the Benton recycling center. Mr. Grappe' stated that it is the cheaper of the two centers, the land is already paid for, and would not have to man it because of our commitment with the Sheriff's Office to provide the man power. Mr. Grappe' stated

that we really need to have a location set up today to start operating and gathering up some things that we are currently not taking like hazardous waste. Mr. Grappe' stated we are gathering some hazardous waste at the Recycling Center but having to quickly remove it. Mr. Jim Erwin asked what we would gather at the Benton Location. Mr. Grappe' stated that we would gather all paper, plastic, metal, aluminum, hazardous household waste, light bulbs, everything but yard waste and that would include paint, thinners, fuels, and household chemicals. Mr. Grappe' stated that this morning they were listening to upcoming issues that will be directed by the next 10 years of the solid waste management plan, instead of suggesting or implying the right to change legislation to mandate issues like hazardous household waste and composting. Mr. Grappe' stated that it would be a good idea to go ahead and get one in place and start operating since it is the cheaper of the two overall, we could go ahead and start operating it, learning from it, and later on making decisions on how we want to expand that. Mayor Arey asked Mr. Grappe' to remind the Board how much the cost is of the Benton location. Mr. Grappe' stated that it was about \$450,000. Mr. Jim Erwin asked where the money would come from. Mrs. Marshall stated that we have some grant money that we can use on the recycling center. Judge Fite made a motion to approve a bid for the Benton Recycling Center. Mr. Jim Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Grappe' stated that the District bought a bulb eater and we have filled up the first drum. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have done the Maintenance Department, Bauxite Schools, and John's Gym. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will fill up three more and he will haul them to Shreveport which is the closest recycling center. Mr. Grappe' stated that Coors Tech gave us 12 containers and they are paying for their life right now being treated and gave us the cans and lights. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are probably one of the only District's that isn't charging for the treatment of the fluorescent light bulbs. Mr. Grappe' stated that in Northwest Arkansas they charge a \$1 or \$2 fee. Mr. Grappe' stated that he is still working under the assumption that we do not want to charge the citizens fees for services. The Board stated not at this time. Mr. Bob McKeon asked the question if we plan to inform electrical businesses like Fleming Electric. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that we need to update the website that we are now taking Bulbs.

Mr. Grappe' stated that ESCO our e-waste partner is now located at the landfill which has removed about \$1,000 a month in transportation costs. Mr. Grappe' stated that our latest numbers as of June is 56 tons of E-waste so far this year. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are not only processing ours but e-waste from Arkansas Children's Hospital, Baptist, several Dr. Offices, and also getting e-waste from a medical community in Dallas. Mr. Grappe' stated that he has a commitment with the Southeast District that has eleven counties that are sending their e-waste to us. Mr. Grappe' stated that the Northeast District is also sending their e-waste to us because their truck passes through here going to Texarkana. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question if Esco will still be at the Recycling Center. Mr. Grappe' stated that for the moment they are. Mr. Grappe' stated that they were originally going to go to Pathfinders but got held up in bureaucracy and had a meeting with them and expects some kind of operation before the end of the year. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if we are getting anything out of the partnership. Mr. Grappe' stated that not right now but he is working on that and that right now he is saving us \$1,000 a month on transportation of them being in the center.

Events: No events are scheduled for the month of August or September. Mrs. Marshall stated that National Recycle Day is on November 15th and we are trying to come up with a county wide event and would like suggestions on event ideas. Mrs. Marshall stated that we would like to do a yard waste event in the fall. Mr. Jim Erwin asked about the ARC meetings. Mrs. Marshall stated that will be held in September and everyone will be in attendance except for Mr. Bob McKeon and Mr. J.R. Walters. Mrs. Marshall stated that all rooms have been booked.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Grappe' stated that we are working on the mascot and we have settled on Smarty the Fox. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are putting together a coloring book now with the kid's caricatures. Mr. Grappe' stated that coloring books should be ready by the time school starts and trying to get the mascot ready by then as well. Mr. Grappe' stated that he has a production company that shoots commercials and videos and we will do several commercials that will house Smarty the Fox and Recycling. Mr. Grappe' stated that our goal is to make the mascot a well known figure and associate it with Saline County Recycling. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will be giving the mascot a website page and a Facebook page. Mr. Jim Erwin asked about the RFP and what will be picked up. Mr. Grappe' stated that all paper products will be picked up.

Old Business:

Forklift Purchase Update: Mr. Grappe' stated that we went with the lowest bidder and had a little issue about scheduling but that the forklift will be here on Friday. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are doing forklift training tomorrow to be certified to operate the forklift. Mr. Grappe' stated that the issue is do we trade in or try to sale the forklift. Mr. Grappe' stated that our trade in value is \$1,000 and to repair the forklift will be \$14,000. The Board stated that the District will trade the forklift in.

New Business: Mr. Grappe' introduced Smarty the Fox to the Board. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if we take glass at the Recycling Center. Mrs. Marshall stated that we are taking the glass at the recycling center only for people that call and ask about it and that we have not made it public on our website yet because we are trying to move all the plastics out that have been accumulated over the past two years to make room for the glass. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are moving all the plastics to Waste Management and they are taking it for \$15 a ton. Mrs. Marshall stated that the students that turned in a permission slip are going to have a caricature of the students in the coloring book. Mrs. Marshall showed the Board our new ad that will be used for schools, school programs, and on our website. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question if we are going to be continuing our name. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will use the same name. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will have the coloring books and the mascot ready for the school year.

Public Comments: Mr. Sam Ed Gibson stated that we can't give state money to a non-profit. According to the Constitution it prohibits to pay state money as a direct donation to a non-profit. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that the City of Bryant sent out a survey to citizens of Bryant. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that there were 133 responses out of that 49% were male and 51% were female. Mr. Jim Erwin stated the age categories of the people that responded were 26-35 was 14%, 36-45 is 14%, 46-55 was 20%, 55-65 was 24%, and above 66 was 25%. Mr. Jim Erwin stated how long have you lived in Bryant was another

question asked and the question was answered 0-5yrs. was 30%, 5-10 yrs. 20%, 10-20 yrs. was 23%, and 20+ yrs. was 27%. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that one of the questions asked was in the table below check the level of importance you give to the quality of life factor in Bryant. Mr. Jim Erwin stated they did a lot of factors such as jogging/walking trails, environmental health, etc. Mr. Jim Erwin stated this one particular question was for recycling. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that out of those responses 48% said recycling was very important, 36% said it was important, 11% said it was somewhat important, and 5% isn't important at all. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that what he found interesting was that the #1 response he had in an area where you could write in additional comments was that residence were tired of several trucks coming down the streets and that they would like to have a one trash haul system.

Mayor Arey made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Mr. J.R. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned.