

**Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Board Members Present: Mayor Jeff Arey (proxy for Dr. Don Brashears), Mr. Jim Erwin, Mr. J.R. Walters, and Mr. Bob McKeon, and Judge Fite (Absent).

Others Present: Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Mr. Mike Lauderdale, Terry's Waste; Mrs. Tai Marshall, Office Manager, Saline County RSWMD; Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director, Saline County RSWMD; Ms. Tiffany Dunn, Administrative Assistant, Saline County RSWMD.

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order and asked everyone to sign in.

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

**Reading of Financial Statement and Financial Position from September:** Mr. Michael Grappe' stated to minimize the confusion of the Financial Statement there is a new format. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that the Board sees in front of them the September 2012 Financials. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that in our accounts we have an operating total of \$1,361,422.25 and of that there were deposits of \$516.51 with \$46,248.80 in expenses. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that in our revenue account there is \$1,052,649.76 with deposits of \$11,174.78. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that our recycle grants account stayed the same with \$96,738.94, the investment account increased to \$2,077,775.52. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that the interest on that account was \$23,510.09 with management and adjustment fees of \$19,867.18 which gives us a grand total of \$4,588,586.47. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the September 2012 Financial Statement and Financial Position. Mr. Jim Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

**Recycle Report from September:** Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that for the month of September we processed and sold 49.3 tons of paper, 52.1 tons of cardboard, 23.12 tons of mixed, 4.18 tons of metal, for a total sale of 128.7 tons. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that the grand revenue is \$9,801.28. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated we had an expense of \$23,431.16. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that is broken out by expenses which gives us a loss of \$13,629.88. Mayor Arey asked Mr. Michael Grappe' what the \$8,000 education expense is. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that part of that was Smarty the Fox and coloring books. Mr. Jim Erwin made the motion to approve the September 2012 recycle report. Mr. Bob McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

**Inter-District Tire Update-Jim Goble:** Mr. Jim Goble was absent.

**Environmental Officer Update-Officer Blevins:** Officer Blevins was absent. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that if you look in the board packet you will see an end of the year report for Officer Blevins that the board can look over.

### **Executive Director Update**

**Pilot Program Status:** Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we started our Pilot Program Curbside. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that Terry's Waste is providing the trucks and containers for the 102 participants and is hauling it to the landfill to be processed. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that on the back page you will find the results of the first week. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that out of 102 households we had 73 participants or 71.5% participation. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that one of the things that we do when we pick up is examine how much material is in the container. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we had 6% that had 10% or less filled, we had 20% that had 25% filled, 11% that had 33% filled, 20% with 50% filled, 25% with 75% filled, and then 18% that had 100% filled. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that when we sorted the material after it was delivered to the recycle center that roughly 1,900lbs were delivered and of that 1,584 lbs. or 87% were paper products, 70lbs or 4% were plastic products, 22lbs or 1% was aluminum products, 39lbs or 2% was metal product, and then 107lbs or 6% was trash. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that it proves his point that paper is the primary focus of curbside recycling. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we did a man hour breakdown to see how long it took to sort the 2,000 lbs. of material. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that it took 15 hours and 10 minutes to sort and an average cost of \$25 per hour that equates to \$378.13 based on two men sorting. There was some general discussion about what can be recycled for the program. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that he was pleased with the first week of the curbside pilot program. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that there are five more weeks and we can build a database on the recycling in Hurricane Lake Estates and King's Crossing. There was some general discussion about the pilot program. Mr. Bob McKeon asked the question if at the end of the program we will have a total cost per ton. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we will have a total breakdown from beginning to end. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that one of the problems with extracting the cost is that Terry's Waste made a \$6,000 initial investment and you have to amortize that over a period of time. There was some general discussion about how to calculate the cost of the program.

**Upcoming Events:** Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that on Nov.8<sup>th</sup> there will be a planning meeting with the board and will be putting out a public notice of the meeting.

**Bid Status:** Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that in the board packet there were seven bids that were received and opened on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 for the construction of a recycle center in Benton and Bryant. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that the winner of the bid was Connell Construction out of Searcy Arkansas with a bid of \$925,217. Mr. Jim Erwin asked why there is a difference between this bid and all the other ones. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that they all fell in the range of \$900,000 and 1.2 million dollars except for one, and was very happy with the overall bidding process. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that he brings in front of the board that if we are going to be starting the curbside recycling that we don't

need the recycling centers. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that this time last year we were going to issue an RFP in the first quarter of this year. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that some board members were asked based on their proxy's to put it on hold for a couple of years. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we were going with the alternative that if we weren't going to do the curbside recycling for a couple of years that we needed to have the collection centers in the major municipalities to make it available to do recycling. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we are now back where we were last year and doing the curbside recycling. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that he is asking the board to rescind the approval to build the collection centers at this time so that he can instruct the successful bidder of that delay. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that he needs a motion to rescind the authority to build. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to reject all bids. Mr. Jim Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition. There was some general discussion about the bids and telling the bidders of the proposed changes.

**Miscellaneous:** Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we are currently collecting e-waste through our e-waste events and at the Recycle Center at the Landfill. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated he met with ESCO and is negotiating, and ESCO is teaming up with Goodwill. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that there will be some major changes to our e-waste program that will benefit the community but is not at liberty to discuss those details yet but said that it will be in our favor. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we are looking for a piece of land to purchase where we will have the land and the storm water permit. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that he is looking at private companies who will run and operate the composting operation. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that they will be responsible for treating and disposing of the material. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that he is talking to two companies one is public and one is private. Mr. Bob McKeon asked the question how much property we are talking about. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we are looking at a couple acres, twenty acres max. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we would put a Household Hazardous Waste shed that you can get from the side of the interstate for 2 or 3 thousand dollars out there and store the household hazardous waste there. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we would get Safety Kleen or Rhineco to come by and take it for processing. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we would also have the bulb crusher there as well or move it to the county. Mr. J.R. Walters asked about setting up yard waste. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that he would like to issue the RFP for curbside recycling and it will include weekly trash pick-up, bi-weekly curbside recycling pick-up, and monthly yard debris pick-up. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that the trash would go to the landfill, the recycling material would either go to Little Rock or a materials facility here, and the yard debris would go to the private company here. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if we would still have to deliver the household hazardous waste personally. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that yes you would have to deliver them personally for storage. Mr. J.R. Walters asked if we were going to have the yard waste picked up. Mr. Jim Erwin stated once a month. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that it would still be open to the public if they wanted to bring debris in for processing. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that Bryant does a spring and fall clean-up where the city comes by to pick-up. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that they are dumping at that south end of the airport right now. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that it will not be restricted it will be open to the public in the county and that the curbside pick-up once a month will only be in urban areas. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that one of the companies that he is talking with the problem that they are having is that they are buying their product from American Composting and it has bagged debris in it.

Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that it will depend on the company that we end up partnering with at the end of the day. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that Smarty the Fox is here. Mrs. Tai Marshall showed the board the new Smarty the Fox t-shirts and told the board to get her sizes so that each board member would receive a shirt. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question how Smarty is being perceived. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the E-waste didn't go that well because of the weather but at the Old Fashioned day event he was a huge hit. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that we have been taking Smarty the Fox to each school to do presentations and handing out the 2012 recycling coloring book. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we did the Salt Bowl this year and it was successful. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that we are doing Spook City, and fall festivals for schools that have invited us to come. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we did the Mayor's council and Benton Old Fashioned Days last weekend. Mr. Bob McKeon stated that he and Dr. Brashears showed up at the E-waste event and the team said that they would do it again at anytime. Mr. Bob McKeon stated that one of the incentives that they suggested was giving them a t-shirt that they could wear at the event. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we are going to be giving the t-shirts to the green teams at the schools. Mr. J.R. Walters asked if the weather rained us out. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that we were there till the end. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that we collected 5 tons of electronics. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that what we are getting now is replacements of electronics which is a good sign for us. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that he wanted to close by making everyone aware of where we are in our state mandate. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that the state mandates that we do 40% of our solid waste diverting it to recyclable material, re-use, and etc. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that in 2010 we did 90,000 tons of trash that passed through the gates at the landfill. Mr. Michael Grappe' stated that 40% of that is 36,000 tons to date and of that we have recycled 430 tons which is still less than 1%.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to report.

**New Business:** There was no new business to report.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Mr. Jim Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned.