

## Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

### Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2012

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

Board Members Present by Proxy: Judge Lanny Fite – proxy Mayor Jeff Arey

Others Present: Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director; Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Mr. Gary Beck, New Focus of Benton; Mr. Mike Lauderdale, Terry's Waste; Mrs. Tai Marshall, Office Manager; Mr. Chad Lowry, Master Plan Project Manager.

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order and asked everyone to sign in. Mayor Arey recognized five Board members present and one present by proxy.

**Reading of Minutes:** Mayor Arey stated the first order of business is the reading of minutes from the December meeting. Mr. McKeon stated there was a typo in the minutes on Page 2 commission needed to be changed to convention. Mrs. Marshall stated she would get that corrected. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the December minutes. Dr. Don Brashears seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed with no opposition.

**Financial Statement and Financial Position:** Mr. Grappe' read the financials from December 2011. Mr. Grappe' stated the District has \$4.6 million total of all accounts. Mr. Grappe' stated the District's revenue for December was \$151,746.04. Mr. Grappe' reported the District spent \$31,355.42 in general operations, salaries, insurance, etc. Mr. Grappe' stated the District spent \$1,800.13 for December 2011. Recycling did not bring any revenue this month. Dr. Don Brashears made a motion to approve the financial statements. Mr. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

**Inter District Tire Update: Jim Goble-** Mr. Goble was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Arey reported that Mr. Goble stated to him at a meeting last week that everything in this area was going well.

**Environmental Officer Update: Deputy Blevins-** Officer Blevins was unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Grappe' stated he met with Sheriff Pennington whom reported he was very pleased with Blevins performance since taking this position. Mr. Grappe' stated the Sheriff agreed to help sponsor a forum hosted by the District for all Environmental Officers in the State of Arkansas. Mr. Grappe' stated this will build the Environmental Officer program on a state level and meet the demands of ADEQ.

#### Executive Director Update

**Credit/Debit Report: Mrs. Marshall-** Mrs. Marshall stated there was no change since last month. Mrs. Marshall stated the Board voted last month to take these debts off the books and turn over to collection agency. Mr. Grappe' stated the audit will be complete in February then he and Mrs. Marshall will move forward with this process.

**Recycle Update:** Mr. Grappe' stated he hired Mr. Chad Lowry from the Saline County Airport Commission at the beginning of January for \$5,000 to be the project manager for the Master Plan for the District's upcoming recycling centers. Mr. Grappe' has entrusted Mr. Lowry to prepare the packet for the Bryant DRC. Mr. Erwin stated he spoke with Mayor Dabbs and this Bryant Center shouldn't be a problem, but the presentation needs to be done correctly because of the City of Bryant's current issues. Mr. Grappe' asked for an extension from the Board for Mr. Lowry's hiring because the Executive Director's limit for areas such as this is limited to \$5,000. Mr. Walters made a motion to amend the Airport Commission contract with Chad Lowry until the DRC approves the packet/plans for the Bryant Recycle Drop-Off Center. Mr. Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

**APC/LRC/SRC:** Mr. Chad Lowry presented a topographic survey of the ARC on the computer. Mr. Lowry explained to the Board what his ideas and plans for this center are. Mr. Lowry pointed out locations of everything important on the picture. There was discussion on this. Mr. Grappe' reported a Recycling Tonnage Report from 2009-2011. These numbers showed that paper recycling has increased tremendously, and the metal recycling decreased significantly. The metal sales decreased due to selling the landfill.

**E-Waste Update:** Mr. Grappe' stated he has a meeting tomorrow in Rogers with Esco to discuss sending the electronic waste to the old Alexander Human Development Center, that will soon be run by Pathfinders, to disassemble for recycling and reusing. Mr. Grappe' stated this is striving for success in a state program to sale refurbished electronics. Mr. Grappe' stated Esco is coordinating with PMI for a trip to Italy to work on the future program for refining precious metals from electronic waste to see if this process would be feasible. There was discussion on this topic.

**School Logo Contests:** Mrs. Marshall stated the contest is finished and we need a committee to go to the schools and judge the entries. There was discussion on this. The Board as a whole decided it would be best for Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Grappe', Mr. Ben Faver, and Mr. Spencer Campbell to do the preliminary judging then bring the selected entries back to the Board at the February meeting to do the final judging.

**Miscellaneous:** Mr. Grappe' reported he and Mr. Mike Lauderdale with DC Trash met with the Hot Springs Village Property Owner's Association. Mr. Grappe' stated Terracon is currently preparing the documents needed for a waste transfer station.

## **Old Business**

**Land Purchase Update:** Mr. Gibson stated he is still working on the paperwork to deliver to the Governor's office by the end of the month.

**Master Plan Committee:** Mr. Grappe' recommended the District to disband this committee due to him hiring Mr. Lowry to prepare this. Mr. Grappe' stated when two or more Board members are present at the same time in the same place; it must be reported to the Courier for public notice. Mr. Grappe' stated it would be easier to report issues via phone, email, and Board meetings for this matter. Mr. Walters made a motion to dissolve the Master Plan Committee. Mr. McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with no opposition.

**Closure/Post Closure Trust Update:** Mr. Gibson stated he has redone the documents for the Board Chairman and Secretary to sign to dissolve this trust. Mr. Gibson stated the first document had the incorrect landfill permit number listed.

## **New Business**

**Resolution for H.R. Policy:** Mr. Gibson stated the Board has before them Resolution 1 of 2012 which will adopt the District's new Personnel Policy. Mr. Gibson stated the District must keep three copies of this booklet on file at all times. Mr. Walters made a motion to accept Resolution 1 of 2012. Mr. McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition or discussion.

**Resolution for Incentive Program:** Mr. Grappe' stated the District was unable to hold the public hearing for the Incentive Program today because the notice for the public hearing was not publicized in time. Mr. Gibson apologized. There was some discussion. Mayor Arey asked if the Board would need to be present for the public hearing. Mr. Gibson stated the Board does not have to be present, and him or Mr. Grappe' could represent the Board in this case. Mr. Walters made a motion to hold a public hearing at 1:45 on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the OEM to consider an incentive program for trash being hauled into the District from other Districts. Mr. Bob McKeon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed with no opposition.

**Public Comment:** Mr. McKeon thanked Mr. Grappe' and Mrs. Marshall for the recent articles in the Saline Courier. Dr. Brashears stated he attended Mr. Grappe's speech for the Rotary Club and praised him for a job well done.

Mr. Walters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Brashears seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed. Meeting adjourned.