

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 21st, 2012

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

Board Members Present by Proxy: Mayor Arey (proxy Judge Fite)

Others Present: Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director; Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Mr. Mike Lauderdale, Terry's Waste; Deputy David Blevins, Environmental Officer; Mr. Chad Lowry, Airport Commission; Mr. Jonathan Greer, Saline County; Mrs. Tai Marshall, Office Manager; Mr. Jim Goble, Inter District Tire Program

Mr. Gibson stated that Mr. Erwin would preside in absence of Chairman by consensus of the Board. Mr. Erwin thanked the Board and called the meeting to order. Mr. Erwin asked everyone to sign in.

Reading of Minutes: Mr. Erwin stated the first order of business was the reading of the minutes from the February meeting. Mr. McKeon stated there was a typo on Pg. 4 line 3 and needed to change word "on" to "only". Mrs. Marshall said that she would change the typo. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to accept minutes with changes. Dr. Don Brashears seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Reading of Financial Statement and Position: Mr. Grappe' read the financial statement and position report to the Board. Mr. Grappe stated the overall total for February is \$4,525,129. Mr. Grappe' stated the Post Closure account contained \$1.3 million at Regions Trust in bonds. Mr. Grappe' stated as interest goes up bond value goes down. Mr. Grappe' stated he spoke with Regions and they must have a Board resolution with specific instructions for closing the account. Mr. Erwin asked how to get out of the bond. Mr. Grappe' stated that he was finding out. Mr. Erwin asked how the bond market is now. Mr. Grappe' said the market is down currently. Mr. Gibson stated that Regions will give us written request of instructions for the Resolution and then he will proceed with developing it. Mr. Gibson suggested to the Board that Mr. Grappe' and Mayor Arey have authorization for handling the Post Closure account. Judge Fite motioned and Mr. J.R. Walters seconded the motion. Mr. Grappe' has thirty days to work out the Post Closure account and present options at the next meeting. Mr. Grappe' stated he would like accounting needs to be simplified and to get a higher interest rate. Mr. Grappe' stated, after reading the recycle numbers, that he is down to one full time operator and one part time operator; had to let one full time operator go last week. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to accept the Financial Statement and Position and Dr. Don Brashears seconded the motion. All approved and motion passed with no opposition.

Inter-District Tire Update-Jim Goble: Mr. Goble stated that he will be retiring at the end of the year. Mr. Goble stated the reserve is exactly where it was last year. Mr. Jim Goble stated ADEQ is closing the EMS landfill in Wynne in July and not reissuing a permit. Mr. Goble stated that's where he's currently sending big tires and going to try to get a grant to buy equipment to sheer/shred. Mr. Goble stated the Upper Southwest Landfill is under a CAO, no longer being able to take tires and giving him problems in Southwest Central District in the process of changing them over and taking them to Davis because they haven't met the requirements for the past twenty years and have 300,000 tires on the ground; the Bald Knob reclamation project is the only place that can take big tires. Mr. Goble said the economy is going up, tire numbers are going up, and our District is running smoothly.

Environmental Officer Update-Officer Blevins: Officer Blevins stated he will be attending training in Camden April 17th -19th for an illegal dumpsite class. Officer Blevins stated he had a nuisance problem on Foxfire that started back in October and owners have been there for over forty plus years. Blevins stated with the help of the District he was trying to work with owners to get it cleaned up and the problem ended up being a lot bigger than what originally thought. Blevins stated after filling two thirty yard containers the clean-up was put on halt and the property has become condemned, sending to quorum court, and filing for Nuisance Resolution. Officer Blevins reported an illegal dumpsite on Terrace Drive in Royal Oaks and sending paperwork to Mrs. Marshall and ADEQ to get PDS number to get a P.O. number for tracking. Officer Blevins introduced new game camera to Board and said that he is setting up with the Road Department to place camera and stop consistent dumping issues. Blevins stated Dale Rd and Almatris property cleaned up. Officer Blevins stated working on site at Congo Ferndale that has received 10-15 complaints and approached Mr. Grappe' to use website to cut calls down so public can refer to the website and if they have any information about the properties, they can leave on website. Blevins also stated cleaning site up on Salt Creek.

Executive Director Update

APC/SPC/LRC/HSVPOA: Mr. Grappe' stated the layout for APC is done and the City of Bryant approved. Mr. Grappe' will be meeting with Chief Cox to discuss finalizations. Mr. Grappe' stated were going to do core samples at SPC but couldn't because of rain. Mr. Grappe' stated cost is \$900 to do three ten foot core samples and have almost four acres at the APC and one acre at SPC. Mr. Grappe' stated building itself is going to cost somewhere around \$20k; the concrete slab, retaining walls, and street connection could cost anywhere from \$200k to \$300k for each location. Mr. Grappe' stated it will cost somewhere between \$400k-\$600k for both centers together. Mr. Grappe' stated centers should be in operation somewhere around late summer or early fall. Mr. Grappe' stated we are having an issue with household waste going into our recycling trailers and causing contamination. Mr. Grappe' stated there will be 24 hour surveillance video on new sites. Mr. Grappe' stated we will need to talk about purchasing a horizontal baler (which costs about \$160k) at our next meeting. Mr. Grappe' stated he will get formal bids to the Board soon. Mr. Grappe' will meet with Hot Springs Village the first week in April to work on plans for transfer station, which should be operating by June. Mr. Grappe' stated we've had to work out an alternative to provide them with a recycling location temporarily for the next six months. Mr. Grappe' stated HSVPOA wants a recycling center too; they will provide us with the land, we build center and then they'll supply man power to operate all by next year. Mr. Grappe' said the District should get

substantial amount of recycling from that center. Mr. Grappe' stated the concept of the manned drop off recycle centers are people drive up; workers unload recyclables and separate/place in proper containers. Mr. Grappe' explained this process will keep everything organized and uncontaminated and once containers are full can then be shipped to proper locations.

Recycling: Mr. Grappe' will meet with Donna Utter from Ripple Glass on April 4th to discuss future operations for accepting glass for recycling. Mr. Grappe' stated he will be taking a trip to Michigan to observe a plastic processing center that which he hopes to begin sending this District's plastics to by August. Mr. Grappe' presented a graph to the Board of recyclable materials we've accepted the past few years and how the numbers have fluctuated.

Earth Day Celebration: Mr. Grappe' stated the District will be hosting an Earth Day Celebration in Benton on Main St. at the old Harvest Foods parking lot April 23rd-27th from 8:30-4:00 weather permitting. Mr. Grappe' stated we will accept all paper, cardboard, glass, E-waste, metal, aluminum, and plastics. Mr. Grappe' stated Civitan will provide workers for the event. Mr. Grappe' stated we will be shooting first commercial April 3rd with Comcast/U-verse. Mr. Grappe' stated in the next two months Pathfinders, Esco, and SCRSWMD will be partnering an operation for dismantling E-waste at the old Alexander Human Development Center. Mr. Grappe' stated we'll run a commercial publicizing this as well. Mr. Grappe' stated there will be City Clean Up Days for Alexander on Saturday, April 21st, and for Haskell April 12th.

Environmental Officer Summit: Mr. Grappe' stated our District is hosting an inaugural Environmental Officer Summit on April 2nd from 10-12 for all Sheriffs, Environmental Officers, Solid Waste Districts, and Code Enforcements in the state. Mr. Grappe' stated guest speakers will be Officer Blevins, Randy Harper from SAU, ADEQ, Representative Kim Hammer, and Sherriff Pennington.

School Logo Contest: Mrs. Marshall stated all winners have received their prizes for the contest. Mrs. Marshall stated preliminary winners received Tinseltown movie passes, 1st place overall received two Magic Springs season passes, 2nd place overall received one Magic Springs season pass and \$25 gift card, 3rd place received one Magic Springs season pass, honorable mentions received two Tinseltown movie passes and each host school of overall winners received \$250 Go Green Participation award. Mrs. Marshall stated now working Pulaski Tech to establish an official logo, mascot, and slogan for the District based on the winning art pieces.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Grappe' stated he was preparing an RFP for solid waste pick-up/curbside recycling. Mr. Grappe' recommended postponing the RFP because of public response. Mr. Grappe' stated he would like to spend between now and next year to get the two recycling centers operating efficiently; then in 2014 expand recycling locations to East End and Hot Springs Village; then in 2015 revisit curbside recycling plan again. Mr. Grappe' stated in the meantime, educate public so that we can get a unanimous voice from public and then Board decide what direction to go. Mr. Erwin asked how the centers would benefit in 2015 and 2016. Mr. Grappe' responded there will always be a useful need for the recycling centers, especially for rural areas. Dr. Don Brashears asked if this had anything to do with

FOI request. Mr. Grappe' stated not the FOI but has more to do with the politics and we want to make sure that we have everyone's support. Note all heads shook.

Old Business

Land Purchase: Mr. Gibson stated Neeley purchase paid into Escrow and everything is underway.

Airport Commission Contract: Mr. Grappe stated we've had two contracts tabled previously. Mr. Grappe' stated the APC land lease contract is for \$22,000 per year and we'll have all legal descriptions entered. Mr. Jonathon Greer stated the land lease is for 30yrs and two 10 year extensions. Mr. Greer stated there is a clause in the contract for an escalator provision for FAA committee. Judge Fite stated County normally includes CPI that goes up and down. Mr. Chad Lowry stated the escalator clause is a requirement. Mr. Grappe' stated Terracon is working on permit process that will generate fees at airport that will allow sludge to be brought in then covered with seeds and chips from Hot Springs Village. Mr. Grappe' asked to extend Mr. Lowry's service for remainder of year with contract. Judge Fite made a motion to have contracts negotiated by Attorney's, chairman and Airport Commission before next meeting. Mr. JR Walters seconded the motion. All in were in favor and motion passed without opposition.

New Business: Mr. Gibson stated previously held Dewpoint Meeting and was very generous with timelines but has heard nothing from either party. Mr. Gibson made a formal recommendation for the Board to proceed with litigation against Dewpoint to collect bad debt of \$28k. Mr. Gibson stated if successful in litigation, there could be some reimbursement of Attorney fees. Mr. Gibson stated the new owners are making periodic payments over the next three years to our debtors and that money can be garnished with proper authority from the court. Mr. Gibson also stated Mid Arkansas Waste caused property damage in Haskell. Mr. Gibson stated he will be working on the paperwork for the next meeting.

Public Comments: There were no public comments. Mr. JR Walters made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bob McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned.

