

**Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District**

**Special Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2013**

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**Others Present:** Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Ms. Stacy Edwards, Inter-District Tire Program; Mrs. Tai Marshall, Office Manager, Saline County RSWMD; Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director, Saline County RSWMD; Ms. Tiffany Dunn, Marketing Coordinator, Saline County RSWMD; Mr. Mike Lauderdale, Terry's Waste Management; Mayor Johnny McMahan, Bauxite Mayor;

Dr. Don Brashear's stated that the public meeting is now open and taking any comments from the public for the grant requested from Ms. Howell for the Avilla Community Center.

Mayor Arey stated he would ask again if there are any public comments for the public request for the Avilla Community Center in the amount of \$2,500.

Mayor Arey closed the meeting. There were no public comments.

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

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

**Reading of Financial Statement and Financial Position from July:** Mr. Grappe' stated that in our operating account there is a total of \$850,917.59 and in the revenue account there is a total of \$1,448,923.66. Mr. Grappe' stated that there is \$138,065.61 in our recycle grant account and just received notice that we have received our grant money from ADEQ for approximately \$98,000. Mr. Jim Erwin asked what the grant total has been in the past. Mr. Grappe' stated that in the past it has been over \$100,000. Mr. Grappe' stated that part of the reason it went down was because ADEQ took their full 25% and that there will be an Executive Director meeting to discuss the issues and course of action. Mr. Grappe' stated that in the investment account there is \$1,986,033.50. Mr. Grappe' stated that for our cash assets we have a total of \$4,423,940.36 with deposits of \$12,990.50 and the expenses and cost were \$129,064.04. Mr. McKeon asked if we were losing money on the interest in the investment account. Mr. Grappe' stated that it was a one year charge. Mr. Grappe' stated that our gross expense for the recycling program was \$47,670, last month we sold \$865 worth of metal, and sold \$10,000 for cardboard and paper. Mr. Grappe' stated that we had a net loss of \$36,625.61. Mr. Grappe' stated that our labor for sorting etc. was \$27,592.68, for hauling to get black boxes from point A to point B was \$6,843.11, fuel for the forklift was \$292, water for the employees was \$292, miscellaneous was \$220 for a blown hose on the forklift, \$4,200 to replace pins and bushings for the forklift, for supplies the cost was \$7,872 which included: bins, safety vest, bailing wire, gloves, trailer lights, tractor supply, and auto supplies. Mr. Grappe' stated that unless we come up with an alternative to the recycling program we will continue to be a net loss of approximately \$36-\$45,000 a month. Mr. Erwin stated that on our operations detail report it shows that \$19,237.71. Mr.

Grappe' stated that the operation detail report goes by checks clearing the bank and that his report was about actual cost. Mr. McKeon asked about the expense for the HHW in the amount of \$22,724.12. Mr. Grappe' stated that it was for the initial clean-up of the warehouse, material, and supplies. Mr. McKeon asked about check number 24596 and 25597. Ms. Marshall stated that they were for the security on site for the Lake Norrell clean-up. Mr. McKeon made a motion to approve the Financial Statement and the Financial Position from July. Mr. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

**Inter-District Tire Update-Stacey Edwards:** Ms. Edwards stated that last month there were 5,965 tires processed from Saline County and that was our portion of the total 66,238 tires that were processed. Ms. Edwards stated that on the financials for the month ending in June there is a total of \$107,326. Ms. Edwards stated that they haven't chosen an agency for the advertising that they want to do. Ms. Edwards stated that they will be issuing a refined RFP for the advertising so that it will be more of what they want and more specific. Ms. Edwards stated that she would like the campaign to begin in October or November. Ms. Edwards stated that her first push in the campaign would be about we are here don't dump tires, the second push would be about the used tire dealers and not doing the right thing and the consumers pushing them to do the right thing. Ms. Edwards stated that Roger Davis has received a preliminary approval for the permit of the bailer from ADEQ. Ms. Edwards stated that Mr. Davis is putting a notice in the paper. Ms. Edwards stated that the trailers for the tires will be arriving this week. Ms. Edwards stated that they custom designed the tire trailers. Ms. Edwards stated that Mr. Davis was very proactive in looking for options when his purchasers no longer accepted the metal out of the tires. Ms. Edwards stated that he learned how to have a blade and screen combination on the liberator. Ms. Edwards stated that he installed it and has it working and has already sold a load of steel out of the passenger tires and making the clean fuel. Mr. Bob McKeon asked Ms. Edwards if government entities or cities can buy the ground up tires. Ms. Edwards said that they can. Ms. Edwards stated that the flier that she made is for the ADEQ solid waste hearings and the recommendations that they have. Ms. Edwards stated that they are already complying with most of the recommendations from ADEQ. Mr. Grappe' stated that they have been tracking an issue on Vandiver Rd. that has over 1,000 semi truck tires. Mr. Grappe' stated that the estimate for them to clean-up will be over \$5,000 and the rest of the clean-up will be about \$15,000. Mr. Grappe' stated that the house that was on the property burned down. Mr. Grappe' stated that he will put together a plan giving the land owner options of how to clean-up but won't use any of the Districts money for the clean-up. Mr. Grappe' stated that Terry's Waste went out to look at the tires. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if ADEQ had a grant for emergency situations for helping to clean up. Ms. Edwards stated that you can get a tire abatement grant if there are 2,000 or more tires on the site. Ms. Edwards stated that she didn't think that they would be able to get it without a court order. Mr. Grappe' stated that he would like direction from the Board on what to do with this property. Ms. Edwards stated that she will look into the abatement grant for the property. Ms. Marshall stated that this property has been in the database since last year before the house went up for auction.

**Environmental Officer Update-Tai Marshall:** Ms. Marshall stated that the first thing was Vandiver which has already been discussed. Ms. Marshall stated that they closed a case on Willow in Alexander. Ms. Marshall stated that she went to look at Shaw Bridge road and took pictures and contacted ADEQ for a PDS number. Ms. Marshall stated that there were tires and drums that were being dumped into the river. Ms. Marshall stated that we have done two clean-ups this past month on Area Road and Pine Haven Road. Ms. Marshall stated that Officer Strickland has made contact with the owner on Lee Lane where there were two complaints of people dumping. Ms. Marshall stated that Officer Strickland is giving them 30 days to clean-up or will pursue it in court. Ms. Marshall stated that they looked at Chattfield and turned that over to Benton code enforcement. Ms. Marshall stated that Donnie Drive in Shannon Hills has been turned over to code enforcement and Barnes Rd. in Alexander is an ongoing issue where they have made contact with the property owner and are working with the owners to get the property cleaned up.

**Neeley St. Clear off: Gary Hunnicutt:** Mr. Grappe' stated that Mr. Hunnicutt has withdrawn his bid for the clear off of Neeley Street.

**Upcoming Events/Advertising Efforts: Tiffany Dunn:** Ms. Dunn stated that we are doing our regular advertising for Bryant Daily, Saline County Lifestyles, and Saline County Shopper's Guide which will feature a new article. Ms. Dunn stated that we issued a PSA on Facebook for the bicycle program and Gary Higgins was able to collect 12 bikes and out of those 12 bikes he was able to create 5 refurbished bikes. Ms. Dunn stated that we are still doing the advertising in the water bills for the household hazardous waste program. Ms. Dunn stated that we have the Salt Bowl coming up. Ms. Dunn stated that her main focus was on Green Teams at the schools. Ms. Dunn stated that she will be meeting with Green Team leaders to discuss ways to unify the program and make it more successful. Ms. Dunn stated that she had a homework assignment for the Board to boost our likes on Facebook and encouraged them to go like our page and invite their friends to like the page.

#### **Executive Director Update:**

**Recycling Program:** Mr. Grappe' stated that we have no plans to expand at this point and are still working two shifts with 3 people on nights and 4 people on days. Mr. Erwin asked if the tonnage has increased. Mr. Grappe' stated that it has increased to over 1500 tons.

**Community Efforts:** Mr. Grappe' stated that we haven't done any community efforts in the last thirty days. Mr. Grappe' stated that Benton Matters will be doing a clean-up the next day.

**Tarp Law Enforcement:** Mr. Grappe' stated that they are still writing tickets. Ms. Marshall stated that the Board asked for a report on what has been done since they started the Tarp enforcement. Ms. Marshall stated that there have been 16 tickets written and several warnings. Mr. Erwin asked if they had to pay a fine if they are found guilty. Mr. Grappe' stated that it goes to the City of Bauxite and to the State of Arkansas. Mr. McKeon asked how long will the

program go on. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will do it as long as the Board will allow it. Mr. Gibson asked if we were providing any kind of incentive for them to write tickets. Mr. Grappe' stated that individual officers will work for 8 hours. Mayor McMahan stated that its one day a month and he talks to Johan at the landfill to hand out fliers to haulers that come in to let them know about the enforcement day. Judge Fite asked if we are paying the officers directly. Mr. Grappe' stated yes. Mayor McMahan stated that they will still enforce the tarp law because it works and what we are doing is directing a time frame of when the tarp law will be enforced. Mr. Grappe' stated that we hire off duty officers for one day a month for 8 hours. Mr. Gibson stated that as long as there is a department policy of the use of the equipment and it is approved from the department then it is appropriate.

**Miscellaneous:** No report for Miscellaneous.

**Old Business:**

- a. **Dewpoint/Mid Ark garnishments:** Mr. Grappe' stated that we haven't received payment from them since December. Mr. Gibson stated that they will be looking at the different steps to take to collect payment. Mr. Erwin asked how much they owe us. Mr. Gibson stated that they are behind 7 or 8 payments but owe us the full amount of the judgment that was given to us. Mr. Gibson stated that we agreed to take the installments of payments. Mr. Gibson stated that one step that they do have is the option to pick up and auction their equipment. Mr. Gibson stated that he isn't going to make a recommendation until he has gotten further into it.
- b. **Section 218:** Mr. Gibson stated that for as long as the District has had employees we have collected and withheld from the employees to pay the federal FICA and Medicaid taxes with the full understanding that the employees were fully covered by Medicare. Mr. Gibson stated that recently we have been notified that a government entity is supposed to have a separate agreement with there office for the employees to be covered. Mr. Gibson stated that he has asked for a copy of the agreement that they want us to sign. Mr. Gibson stated that he was pretty sure that the recommendation would be to do whatever is necessary to keep the employees covered but before he could make his final recommendation that he wants to see the agreement.
- c. **Act 1333 Grant Procedure Adoption:** Mr. Gibson stated that the Board is going to work with the recommended rules for about 6 months to be sure that they are comfortable with the rule process. Mr. Gibson stated that we don't want to be the last District to adopt the grant procedures. Mr. Gibson stated that he feels that it's important that each time that we consider a grant to take note that using the procedure that we have in place in fact did work and the Board is comfortable in using the procedure and rule process. Mr. McKeon stated that he had a few notes that he could copy to the Board. Mr. Grappe' stated that to do that and we can continue to tweek the rules and eventually adopt. Mr.

Grappe' stated that we are following the same guidelines as we have used with any other ADEQ grant that we have received in the past.

**New Business:**

- a. Bauxite Grant:** Mayor McMahan stated that next Wednesday they will start their first e-waste pick-up at residences. Mayor McMahan stated that he put the information in the water bills and has received some feedback. Mayor McMahan stated that the last couple of years that they have had a clean-up where containers were set up at City Hall. Mayor McMahan is requesting two 30 yard containers delivered on October 4<sup>th</sup> and stay seven days or until they are full. Judge Fite made a motion to accept the grant request. Mr. Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.
- b. Benton Matters Grant:** Mr. Spurlock stated that he is with Benton Matters a volunteer group for Benton. Mr. Spurlock stated that he is going to be doing service days for Benton. Mr. Spurlock stated that his next project is going to be around the schools. Mr. Spurlock stated that they are going to be doing four projects a year in different areas and is working with the churches around town to help with the projects. Mr. Spurlock is requesting our help with the maximum amount of \$5,000. Mr. Erwin made a motion to accept the grant request. Mr. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

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

Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.