

**Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District**

**Public Hearing/Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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

Others Present: Stacy Edwards, Inter-District Tire Program; Mrs. Tai Marshall, Office Manager, 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 proposed Resolution to impose fee on collection of lamps for recycling:**

**Discussion:** Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question if the fifty cent fee will be just for businesses or for individuals. Mayor Arey found the answer in Section 3 of the resolution. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if we get in a lot fluorescent bulbs. Ms. Tai Marshall stated that we have two drums full of bulbs from residential and most of them came from the schools. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if the schools will get charged. Mayor Arey stated that it would be left up to the discretion of the Executive Director. Mayor Arey stated that as in the past we want to be very cooperative with the school districts and that the intent of the Resolution is to recover cost from businesses that are out there on a regular basis that bringing the bulbs to us for free whether they pay as much as a dollar a piece at other places. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question how the bulbs will be collected. Ms. Tai Marshall stated that the District will have a collection day once a month where we will coordinate it with Safety Clean to do it the same day as we do Household Hazardous waste. Ms. Tai Marshall stated that Mr. Michael Grappe' would like to have the collection beside the office and one of our employees would be there to take the money when citizens or businesses bring in the bulbs. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question how citizens and businesses will be made aware of the fee. Ms. Tai Marshall stated that the District will put it in the paper, on our website, and possibly do a mail out. Mayor Arey asked the question if there has been a big request from electrical companies to bring in bulbs. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the only company that we have so far that has said something to us about bringing them to us instead of paying for them to be shipped off was CoorsTek. Mr. Bob McKeon asked the question if there is room in the District office to take the bulbs. Ms. Tai Marshall stated we will have a contract with the Maintenance Department where there employees will process the bulbs. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that we will collect the bulbs in our box trailer and then store them at the Maintenance Department until the employee has time to process the bulbs. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the District will move the bulb crusher from their facility to the Maintenance Department and once they crush the bulbs they will load those drums and deliver to the recycle center. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that once there is enough to send off on a truck the truck will actually come out to the recycle center where they will load them and ship them off. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that we should contact all electrical companies to make them aware of the fee. Mrs. Tai Marshall

stated that they are not aware of the machine yet. Mayor Arey stated that we had to come up with some kind of procedure to collect money to recover costs. Mr. Bob McKeon stated that he believed at the last meeting that Mr. Michael Grappe' had already contacted some electrical companies where they were interested and it will save them money. There was some general discussion on how companies were disposing of the bulbs. Dr. Don Brashears asked the question of what the schedule of the collection would look like. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that he she is working with Safety Kleen and we might do it monthly or quarterly. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that we Safety Kleen had mentioned doing the Household Hazardous Waste collection on the same day that we do the bulb collection. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the collection would more than likely be on a Saturday. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question of most people are moving to fluorescent lamps that are canned fixtures and that's not classified as a four eight or a u-shaped totally. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that a lot of businesses are moving more to energy efficient. Mr. Bob McKeon stated that it would be up to the discretion of the Director on the bulbs that the District takes. There was some general discussion on what type of lights are being used more in businesses. Mrs. Tai Marshall asked the question if the board would like Mr. Sam Ed Gibson to remove the 4ft, 8ft, or u-shaped bulbs from the resolution. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that before in the Resolution it didn't have the 4ft, 8ft, or u-shaped bulbs in the Draft of the Resolution that they were added in. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that we can always go back and change the resolution.

**Public Comments:** There was no public Comment.

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**Others Present:** Mr. Mike Lauderdale, Terry's Waste; Stacy Edwards, Inter-District Tire Program; David Blevins, Environmental Officer; Mrs. Tai Marshall, Office Manager, 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 December meeting:** Mayor Arey stated the first order of business was the reading of minutes from the December meeting. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the December 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 December:** Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that in the packet it shows that the District has an operating total of \$1,195,620.58 and shows the interest deposit that was made and the District spent \$44,162.28 in operating expenses. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the District has \$1,181,603.14 in the revenue account. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the District has \$98,914.67 in Recycle Grants and that the investment account is now up to \$2,080,223.92 which gives the District a grand total of all accounts \$4,556,362.31. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that for

Operations for the month of December totaled \$44,162.28. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that on the recycle report shows that the District sold 67.88 tons of material and received \$5,387.85 of revenue for those sales. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that in the left column it shows expenses that were paid out of the operating account and on the right side shows what was paid out of the grant account. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the miscellaneous was for sorting tables, cardboard carts, and mascot. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that totals \$14,263.12 out of the operating account and \$3,541.47 out of the grant account making a total expense of \$17,804.59 and with the revenue still put us at a loss of \$12,416.74 for the Recycling program. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the December Financial Statement and Financial Position. Dr. Don Brashears seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passes with no opposition.

**Inter-District Tire Update-Stacey Edwards:** Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that the Tire shredder was delivered to Davis Rubber and can now accept tractor trailer tires. Mayor Arey asked the question if the the tires will be able to go into a regular trailer or if they need a different point of delivery. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that they are actually hammering out the new details of their contract with Davis Rubber and that is one of the things that will be negotiated on how to account for those. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that he is on the process of getting the site permitted. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that on the Tire report for December Saline County collected 5,153 tires. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that on the financials that they received their grant revenue for the quarter in November and that those financials will end on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that on the December financials that you will see two new items outside the realm of what they normally do. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that they sold their old roll-off containers to an environmental company for \$55,020 and a portion of that will go back to the Saline County operating fund of about \$4,900. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that with the new shredder the Districts supplied approximately \$80,000. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that \$178,000 was a support grant from ADEQ. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that Davis Rubber was the only bidder for the tire collection. Mr. Bob McKeon asked the question if there is any grant money used on purchasing the containers that the District has to worry about. Mayor Arey stated that they are not our containers. Ms. Stacey Edwards stated that they are the tire programs containers and that the money was divided by the districts and will stay in the Inter-District program

**Environmental Officer Update-Officer Blevins:** Officer Blevins stated that for the past month he has been working on a Database that it will make it easier for the District to track and see what he is working on. Officer Blevins stated that he checked on Green Road where he ended up getting close to 2,000 lbs. of trash from and that he closed out last year. Officer Blevins stated that Mother Nature has helped a lot with trees falling across the road and isn't seeing any trash being dropped. Officer Blevins stated that he is starting off the New Year with the new Database and getting it up and running.

#### **Executive Director Update**

**Pilot Program Status:** Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the Pilot Program was completed in December. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that she wanted to thank Terry's Waste for helping with the program. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the numbers for the pilot program are listed on the website.

**Recycling Program:** Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the District is doubling on material that is being brought in. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the trailers are being picked up more often and more material is coming to the Recycle center. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that we are trying to get trucks in to pick up the material. Mayor Arey asked the question if it is mainly cardboard that is being brought in. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that it is mainly everything but paper and cardboard especially. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the guys at the recycle center are doing a really good job of being safety compliant and keeping it clean. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the whole back corner of the building is all paper and cardboard and the mills aren't taking anything right now. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that we are supposed to have six trucks come and pick up loads but there are no dates set for that right now. Mr. Jim Erwin stated that in Bryant the containers have been packed especially plastics and paper/cardboard maybe because of the Christmas season. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that our recycle hauler Bin There Dump That, Pat Blakely calls each week with a status update on the containers for pick up. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated we had to have Republic pick up the paper/cardboard containers an extra time and usually they run that route twice a week. Mr. Bob McKeon stated that usually the first of the year businesses are cleaning out and taking stuff for recycling. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that in the last few weeks we did receive two or three loads that had to be thrown away because of contamination from the ice storm and everyone trying to get their house cleaned out. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the District has been visiting a lot of the schools and doing presentations and educating. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that she visited Bauxite High School and did a presentation and they're green team is going to participate in the recycle bowl. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that she took the leader from Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Liz Philpot and she is going to work with them to do the Recycle Bowl. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that there were only 11 schools in the state of Arkansas that participated last year and no school from Saline County has ever participated.

**Upcoming Events:** Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that she and Ms. Tiffany Dunn will be attending the SWANA conference on January 30<sup>th</sup> called the Rendezvous with ADEQ in Ferndale. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that we will be doing an e-waste collection for the Saline County Municipal Complex on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that there will be another SWANA conference in Mississippi that the District will be attending. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the Magic Show will be here the second week of February. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question how the school recycling is going with Bryant. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the schools have increased what they are taking. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that just about every school is now doing plastics and aluminum. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the District has supplied them with containers to collect those items. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that each school is trying to create if they don't have a green team and going around in their schools collecting bins and we are receiving less contamination in their pick-ups. Ms. Tiffany Dunn stated that schools are doing extra programs like Benton Junior high where they did a collection for cell phones and electronics. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the District supplied the containers for that drive. Mr. Bob McKeon asked a question about there being one vacancy open for the Magic of Recycling show and if Harmony Grove ever responded to be a participant. Ms. Tiffany Dunn stated that there are actually still two spots available for the Magic of Recycling Show.

**Miscellaneous:** Officer Blevins stated that he is in the process of moving the bins from by the tracks to the property that the District bought. Officer Blevins stated that weather has been getting them down but as soon as there is a nice day they will get over there to cut down some trees and move all the bins over. Mr. Jim Erwin asked Mr. Mike Lauderdale what he thought about the Pilot Program. Mr. Mike Lauderdale stated that the Pilot Program was all a volunteer program and there was a lot of participation and isn't sure when it's not a volunteer program how it will play out with participation. Mr. Jim Erwin asked about the contamination factor. Judge Lanny Fite stated that most recycling programs take some training for the citizens. There was some general discussion on the type of plastics being recycled and the amount and maybe there should be a deposit on plastic bottles because compared to paper it takes more plastic to make a bale and sell. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that Haskell's recycling has really picked up instead of those bins being on an as call basis they are now on a schedule for pick up. Mayor Arey stated that a lot of that is coming from Christmas and from the education efforts of the District educating inside the schools. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if the District is keeping numbers on what is coming from each location. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that we don't because it is hard to know which load Republic is bringing to the Recycling Center. Officer Blevins asked about a plastic shredder for the plastic bottles. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that the District has looked into the plastic shredder for the District. There was some general discussion on contamination with plastic bottles. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question what direction and how we should handle legislation. Judge Fite stated that he believes that all Districts need to be unified on the program of what to do with plastics.

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

**New Business:**

- A. Resolution for Fee for Business Lamp Disposal:** Motion by Mr. J.R Walters made motion to approve the resolution for fee for Business Lamp Disposal that was met on in the Public Hearing. Mr. Bob McKeon seconded the motion. Mr. Jim Erwin asked the question of when the Resolution would be effective. Mayor Arey stated immediately based on its passing. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.
- B. Chairman:** Mr. Jim Erwin made a motion for Mayor Jeff Arey to remain chairman. Mr. J.R. Walters seconded the motion. Mayor Jeff Arey accepted the nomination. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion for Judge Fite to remain secretary. Mayor Arey seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Mike Lauderdale asked the Board if they had any control over the landfill. Mr. Mike Lauderdale stated that he or his drivers weren't aware that the landfill would close due to the weather. Mr. Mike Lauderdale stated that he talked with Mr. Steve Falon about them opening the next day late the evening before. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if that was the first time that had happened. Judge Fite stated the he didn't think that was a matter that we could address right now resolve that he thinks that Mr. Falon would be more than willing to work with the Waste Haulers. Mayor Arey stated that they have been good to respond with issues that haulers have had. Judge Fite suggested that Mr. Grappe'

write a letter to Mr. Falon about notification to the closing of the landfill. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that she didn't know that the landfill was closed until employees called to inform her of the closing. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if they have an inclement weather policy. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated the landfill doesn't typically close. Mayor Arey stated that he agreed with Judge Fite about writing a letter to Republic about getting notification to the haulers. Mr. Jim Erwin asked Judge Fite how the storm waste collection is going. Judge Fite stated that the burn site is for storm waste only and anybody can bring that out. Judge Fite stated that he is waiting on FEMA right now to notify them if the President is going to declare the state a Natural Disaster State. There was some general discussion about the pick-up and drop off of yard debris from the storm. Judge Fite stated that he said that one of the things that they will talk about at the retreat is yard debris and clean-up. Mr. Bob McKeon asked about the businesses with recycling and if that program has started. Mrs. Tai Marshall stated that was something that will be discussed at the retreat as well.

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