

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Regular Board Meeting

April 16, 2014

Board Members Present: Mr. Jim Erwin; Dr. Don Brashears; Mr. J.R. Walters; Judge Fite (Proxy); Mayor Jeff Arey; Bob McKeon.

Others Present: Mr. Shane Knight, Operations Manager, Saline County RSWMD; Ms. Tiffany Dunn, Marketing Coordinator, Saline County RSWMD; Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director, Saline County RSWMD; Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney Saline County RSWMD; Roger Finley, Terry's Waste; Owen Carpenter, Terracon; Jordan Woolbright, Jordan & Associates.

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

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

Reading of Financial Statement and Financial Position from March-Jordan Woolbright: Mr. Woolbright stated that the prior month's cash and cash equivalents are \$4,470,376 and the total cash and cash equivalents for the month of March is \$4,427,171.01. Mr. Woolbright stated that the operating account has an ending balance of \$328,151.02, revenue account has an ending balance of \$1,910,137.25, the recycling account has an ending balance of 176,180.48, and the investment account has an ending balance of \$2,012,672.26. Dr. Brashears asked to explain the money market investment account. Mr. Erwin stated that it's bonds and the bond market hasn't been very good and when interest rates goes up the bond value goes down. Mr. Erwin stated that we probably won't see the bond market be very good this year. Mr. Grappe' stated that due to the charter for the Board we are very limited on what we can invest in. Mr. Woolbright stated that the APERS contribution was \$2,042.14 and insurance was \$2,148.23. Mr. Woolbright stated that we had a health insurance bill come in. Mr. Woolbright stated that on insurance we have Delta Dental and United Healthcare that was \$1,640.00, and unemployment insurance we paid \$422 that we don't pay on a recurring cycle. Mr. Grappe' stated that we paid the employees that we laid off insurance for the month of February and that is showing in the month of March. Mr. Grappe' stated that we also had to pay KARMA which is our property insurance. Mr. Grappe' stated that the health insurance is still being sent to Ms. Marshall. Mr. Woolbright stated that he now has access online so if he doesn't receive the paper bill he can go online to get it. Mr. Woolbright stated that miscellaneous is \$4,067.74 that includes a \$4,000 fee to Scotty Carter for the Neeley Street demolition. Mr. Woolbright stated that office expenses were \$306.22, professional fees is \$860.00, recycling expenses are \$2,286.08, rent is \$1,850.00 which includes

storage space that we are leasing from Bin There Dump That, salary wages were \$9,561.50, taxes \$3,171.04, utilities \$680.10, vehicle expense \$294.94, waste disposal \$782.40, and waste transport is \$5,956.32 which is the contract with Bin There Dump That. Mr. Woolbright stated that the next pages are the check detail reports. Mr. Erwin made a motion to approve the Financial Statement and Financial Position for March. Mr. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Inter-District Tire Update-Stacy Edwards: Ms. Edwards stated that February there were 4,031 tires collected in Saline County and in March 4,600. Ms. Edwards stated that the monthly total for February was 47,246 tires and for the month of March 54,658. Ms. Edwards stated that she has visited some dump sites with Mr. Knight that had tires buried in a creek bed. Ms. Edwards stated that Davis Rubber has opened the second site. Ms. Edwards stated that the Inter-District total for February ended with \$425,369.07 and Saline County's portion of that is \$76,871.87. Ms. Edwards stated that the only expense the District had was for the contractor expense for processing tires. Ms. Edwards stated that the \$25,000 was paid in December for the public information campaign. Mr. Erwin asked if they will continue with the public information campaign. Ms. Edwards stated that they don't have the funds unless there is an overage and then can ask ADEQ if they can use the funds for that purpose. Ms. Edwards stated that an overage is when you have more in your reserve than you received in the prior calendar year in grant funding. Ms. Edwards stated that if your amount goes over last year's grants all combined that is considered an overage and Regulation 14 requires it be used. Ms. Edwards stated that there will probably be a little overage for Saline County and Southwest District. Ms. Edwards stated that UALR the Master Public Administrative program is doing a report on the Waste Tire program for their Cap Stone program. Ms. Edwards stated that they are looking at the program as a statewide program but isolating the Inter-District to look at what we can do better. Ms. Edwards stated that they have taken waste tire processing and established a continuum. Ms. Edwards stated that the lowest end of the continuum would be dumping them in the river and the highest continuum would be the most advanced production of crumb rubber that is used in asphalt. Ms. Edwards stated that they have taken the program and have compared the Inter-District to other states and have compared best practices. Ms. Edwards stated that the students will do a presentation at the next Waste Tire Board meeting.

Environmental Officer Update-Shane Knight: Mr. Knight stated that there has been an increase of calls of burning in burn barrels. Ms. Knight stated that the District has licensed another hauler and there are now 32 in the District. Mr. Knight stated that the two tire clean-ups are lining up. Dr. Brashears asked how many haulers are actually doing curbside trash. Mr. Knight stated that there are 26 haulers that pick up trash. Mr. Erwin asked how the black boxes were. Mr. Knight stated that we had to increase the pick-up frequency including pick-up on Monday at Bishop Park and they are continually being used.

Executive Director Update:

Recycling Program: Mr. Grappe' stated that in the first 15 days starting April 1st-15th we have collected curbside approximately 60 tons of material. Mr. Grappe' stated that exceeds our expectations. Mr. Finley stated that it is going faster than he thought it would and there was a single digit percentile of people that didn't have their can out. Mr. Finley stated that they are signing up between three and eight every business day. Mr. Finley stated that every time he sets one up he gets another call from a neighbor wanting a recycling can. Mr. Finley stated that the cans were very full and exceeding what he thought it would be. Mr. Finley stated that they are unloading in the recycle building at Republic Services. Mr. Grappe' stated that once it is dropped there it is then loaded up and taken to Little Rock. Mr. Grappe' stated that Goldman has signed an agreement for renting the recycle building and moving forward with getting them on site hopefully by May 1st to handle the recycling program. Mr. Grappe' stated that currently we are paying \$17 a ton for everything Republic or Terry's brings in for curbside. Mr. Grappe' stated that the cost for the Little Rock transport is being managed by Republic and Goldman. Mr. Grappe' stated that our black boxes are going directly to Waste Management in Little Rock. Mr. Grappe' stated that our agreement with Republic is that we will pay the gate rate until they get up and running and then the fee from the sale of the material will neutralize the gate rate. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will re-evaluate after they get up and running. Mr. Erwin asked if any other haulers have asked how they can start curbside recycling and if they have picked up customers from other haulers. Mr. Grappe' stated that they have but don't have the funds to buy another truck to handle the curbside recycling. Mr. Finley stated that they have picked up customers from other haulers and it was more than what he thought they would receive. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are doing Keep America Beautiful this month and next month. Mr. Grappe' stated that we had an event with Benton Matters last Saturday and picked up 2 ½ tons of trash, 159 tires, 2 ½ tons of E-waste, 1.1 tons of metal, and some household hazardous waste. Mr. Grappe' stated that the next event will be in Bryant at 2 locations, then there will be one in May for Shannon Hills, and Haskell. Mr. Grappe' stated that to date the District has issued 4,294 coupons which equates to 2,147 people come through our door and 703 have been redeemed for a total of 269 tons. Mr. Grappe' stated that because we give the coupon away Republic still has to pay two things which is \$2.50 for ADEQ and then the District \$2.25. Mr. Grappe' stated that Republic is looking to get out of the coupon program and looking at new technology to read driver's license for specific information. Mr. Grappe' stated that the citizen wouldn't have to come to the District office and the citizen would just pay a \$5 processing fee. Mr. Grappe' stated that the plan is to get the technology identified and start an educational campaign from fall to the end of the year and starting January 1st they can go straight to the landfill. Mr. Grappe' stated that the issuing of coupons has been steady. Mr. Grappe' stated that citizens in Benton have used 397 coupons and the next largest city is Bryant that has used 95 coupons. Mr. Grappe' stated that what we are finding is that the majority of the users are using the coupons to get rid of their trash and saving their trash for 6 months. Mr. Grappe' stated that the coupon program for 2015 needs to be very clear that it's not used for trash. Mr. Grappe' stated that there are 16,000 people in Bryant and there is 2900 in Alexander. Mr. Grappe' stated

that Bryant has used 95 tickets for 34 tons and the city of Alexander has used 94 coupons for 41 tons. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have an agreement with Republic for yard debris and all is free to the citizens. Mr. Grappe' stated that they were taking it to North Little Rock to American Composting and we are paying the hauling and disposal fee which amounts to \$100 a load. Mr. Grappe' stated that instead of taking to American composting now they are now taking it to L&W where they grind up the yard debris and bring it back to use on the road bed for the entrance of the landfill. There was some general discussion of the yard debris program. Mr. Grappe' state that he is working with landscape companies to receive their materials. Mr. Grappe' stated that in the packet there is a picture of a badge. Mr. Grappe' stated that this would be for Mr. Knight and it is for use in Saline County and Pulaski County. Mr. Grappe' stated that he has talked with John Roberts with Pulaski District and they are working out the final details to share the IDCO splitting a \$58,000 salary. Mr. Grappe' stated that he is still working on looking at ways to invest our money, and also working on a template for a mandatory trash service if a city wants to go out for an RFP.

Upcoming Events: Ms. Dunn stated that we have started our Spring Clean contest with six of our schools in the county. Ms. Dunn stated that they have all replied that the contest is going very well and receiving a lot of donations. Ms. Dunn stated that she visited Hurricane Creek Elementary and Davis Elementary to get the 4th and 5th grade students pumped up for the contest and also gave them color changing pencils. Ms. Dunn stated that Sheri Shilling has won an award through SWANA for the Unsung Hero contest nominated by the District. Ms. Dunn stated that they are one out of 50 nationwide that have won the award and will be taking Ms. Shilling to Wastecon in August to receive the award. Ms. Dunn stated that we are working on revamping our Green Team program. Ms. Dunn stated that we have pulled teachers out of each school District to make the Green teams more like a youth council. Ms. Dunn stated that through this we are looking at providing students with scholarships that stay in the program from 9th grade on. Mr. Grappe' stated that the District is up for another award through SWANA and should find out in June if we will be receiving it. Mr. Erwin asked what other Districts think about the SCRSWMD. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are the only District that does what we do with our programs that aren't done anywhere else. Mr. Grappe' stated that he has answered questions with a reporter with the MSW magazine about zero waste. Mr. Grappe' stated that the past two years we have done coloring books but it has kind of phased out and we are going to look at other opportunities. Mr. Grappe' stated that overall our District carries some weight in the state.

Advertising Efforts- Tiffany Dunn: There was no report given.

Miscellaneous: There were no miscellaneous items to report.

Old Business:

A. Public Reading-Landfill Assessment Need- Mr. Grappe' stated that Owen Carpenter with Terracon is going to walk through the needs assessment that he is here to ask about. Mr. Grappe' stated that he is going to present the information and we will have a public hearing 15 minutes before next Board meeting, another one in June, and one in July for public comment. Mr. Grappe' stated that if there isn't any public comment there will be a resolution prepared by Terracon and the District Attorney and then presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Grappe' stated that it will be then submitted to ADEQ for approval and if approved they will work on amending the permit. Mr. Carpenter stated that he was with Terracon and has put before the Board a certificate of need application which is mandated by statutes and regulations. Mr. Carpenter stated that he is representing Republic Services that does business as BFI Waste systems of Arkansas at the Saline County Landfill. Mr. Carpenter stated that the certificate of need is to make some modifications at the landfill. Mr. Carpenter stated that there is an existing Class IV landfill but most traffic and haulers are routed to the Class I landfill. Mr. Carpenter stated that one thing that is going to happen with the permit modification is that the two cells he pointed out on the map are the last developmental cells in the Class I landfill and they're going to be reoriented and dropped a little bit because right now if you establish these permitted bottom grades you have to bring hundreds to thousands of yards of soil to bring the area up in the pond area to the bottom grades. Mr. Carpenter stated that as part of this modification BFI plans to incorporate what is now the Class IV landfill into the Class I landfill, all of their waste both C & D, debris and municipal solid waste will go into one facility. Mr. Carpenter stated that most of these larger private companies that have one working face and one operating crew is more economical than operating two landfills. Mr. Carpenter stated that both of these will add to the capacity of the existing Class I landfill and this expansion will also require us to turn these and bring the leachate collection to the north so that you can extract it. Mr. Carpenter stated that BFI is also negotiating with ALCOA for some property. Mr. Carpenter stated that they spent 2 million dollars in making capital improvements to the landfill when it was sold. Mr. Gibson asked if ADEQ grants this permit what impact will that have on the useful life of the landfill facility. Mr. Carpenter stated that according to their calculations it will give them roughly 2 million additional cubic yards which is about roughly 5.3 years in addition to the 15 or so years they have now. Mr. Carpenter stated that operationally the permitting takes a long time and they have to work ahead. Mr. Grappe' stated that there are two things at work here and the first is Republic is using new technologies to get better compaction of the materials they are taking in and secondly they are currently negotiating with ALCOA for 7 acres of land to start developing the next cells. Mr. Grappe' stated that they are ready to make the purchases but ALCOA is holding up. Mr. Gibson stated that this is the first time that the Board has been purely in the regulatory role. Mr. Grappe' stated that the goal is at the end of 2016 to have 50 years of cell life guaranteed. Mr. Carpenter stated that right now we are talking about two different things

but right now we are working on a local expansion and talking about a small piece of ALCOA property for soils and storm water management and Mr. Grappe' is also talking about some bordering property where in the future it can be expanded a greater deal. There was some general discussion of the presentation by Mr. Carpenter.

New Business:

- A. Citation Booklet- Mr. Grappe' stated that on the last page there is a state of Arkansas Solid Waste District citation book that we are wanting to print. Mr. Grappe' stated that there are two steps left one is for the Board to look at it and approve it and the second is for Judge Robinson to look at and give his input on it. Mr. Grappe' stated that other Districts booklets need a big overhaul and the codes that they are citing numbers that don't exist. Mr. Grappe' stated that our issue isn't to write tickets it is more to record the event and get the place cleaned up. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will take the extra step to help clean up with using our resources to help the citizen.

Public Comments: No public comments.

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