

Resolution 7 of 2015

Meeting called to order at 1:45PM by Chairman Jim Erwin
Description of Resolution 7, as read by Chairman Erwin:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2015,
CONTINUING A FEE OF FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF COUPONS TO HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE
DISTRICT WHICH DESIRE THE SAME FOR DISPOSAL OF
HOUSEHOLD WASTE AT THE REPUBLIC SERVICES
LANDFILL FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE SALINE COUNTY
LANDFILL UP TO TWO (2) DAYS PER YEAR WITHOUT
PAYING GATE CHARGES OR TIPPING FEES AND
IDENTIFYING AS ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH COUPONS ONLY
HOUSEHOLDS WHICH HAVE REGULAR TRASH
COLLECTION BY A LICENSED SALINE COUNTY TRASH
HAULER; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. Sam Ed Gibson inquired if residents will be required to show proof of service by a licensed trash hauler in order to receive coupons. Mr. Michael Grappé response was affirmative. Board Member Dr. McCormack inquired about the specific requirements for obtaining a coupon, and Mr. Grappé responded with this criteria: current trash bill (paid receipt), \$5.00 cash, and photo identification with current Saline County address. A query was made in regards to eligibility if a person able to dispose of household refuse at their place of employment. Mr. Grappé responded by stating that a letter by said person's employer (on letterhead) would suffice as fulfilling the disposal requirement, and a resident would qualify for coupons. Chairman Erwin restated this interpretation and inquired that if a resident fails to show proof of trash service, or cannot provide an employer letter, then they would not be eligible to receive coupons? Mr. Grappé responded affirmatively to Mr. Erwin's inquiry. Executive Director, Mr. Grappé further stated that Saline County RSWMD chose not to increase the coupon fee of \$5.00 this year, and we chose to wait a full year to implement this program so we could inform recipients via office/coupon transaction (word of mouth, brochure), newspaper, and website. Mayor Janie Lyman inquired what the deadline was for a trash hauler to be licensed in Saline County. Mr. Grappé responded by stating that trash haulers must turn in their paperwork by the end of the year (December 31st). Scheduled hauler inspections can take place through the month of January, and if we do not have any paperwork by February, they will have to go through an appeal process to become licensed in Saline County. A point of information was brought to the table by Ms. Patti Powell, Assistant to Executive Director, Michael Grappé. She stated that the Saline County RSWMD office has not received any emails, letters, or phone calls in regards to Resolution 7. Per Sam Ed Gibson: There is on file in the office Proof Of Publication of Notice in the Saline Courier, and Proof of Transmittal/Publication to the Secretary of State website, so that the Board may consider the adoption of the rule at this meeting today. All the procedural steps necessary to adopt this ruling have been met.

Motion by JR Walters to approve Resolution 7
Resolution 7 was approved by unanimous vote

1:55PM No further comments

Motion to close Public Hearing by Jim Erwin, seconded by Judge Jeff Arey.

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Regular Board Meeting
December 16, 2015
2PM

Board Members Present: Mayor Janie Lyman, Dr. Dean McCormack, J.R. Walters, Judge Jeff Arey, and Chairman Jim Erwin.

Absent: Bob McKeon

Minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve minutes by J.R. Walters was initiated, and seconded by Dr. Dean McCormack at 2:05pm.

Reports:

Financial Statement and Financial Position

Jordan Woolbright, C.P.A. presented the Financial Position for the District from October 2015 to year-to date. First item of review was an updated Operations Report for the month of October. This revision included information for month end in September.

After Mr. Woolbright's review of each account's summary, a motion to approve the Financial Reports by J.R. Walters, and seconded by Mayor Janie Lyman.

Chairman Erwin inquired about the District's contractual agreement Mr. Woolbright. Executive Director, Michael Grappé responded that we do have a contract in place that can be dissolved with a thirty (30) day notice either by Mr. Woolbright or Mr. Grappé.

Inter-District Waste Tire Program

Ms. Stacy Edwards presented information and statistics for the nine-county Inter-District Waste Tire Program for year to date. Ms. Edwards stated that she is anticipating that they will surpass last year's numbers for tire processing, which was 721,000. She further stated that we have already surpassed this number for this year, and perhaps this was due to more tires being sold this year. As far as finances are concerned, they are at their low point in the year. The outlook is not bleak, but rather, their numbers will recover in the winter because their contractor expenses are not as high. As far as the tire program is concerned, things are going very smoothly, tires are "rolling in". In addition, Davis Rubber Company's new facility is functioning very well and is compliant with cleaning up tires. A member from her Board, as well as Chairman Erwin, visited the facility last week. Chairman Erwin expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend last week to observe operations there.

In discussion about the District's tire number's being higher this year, Michael Grappé stated that our numbers were higher because of the addition of another tire trailer (South St.). Chairman Erwin inquired about the operations of the Davis Rubber program. Ms. Edwards responded that she is very pleased with the operations, level of service, and the satisfaction level by Davis Rubber. Ms. Edwards communicated that based on some meetings she attended in the State Legislature, she anticipates some changes in the tire program. The changes have the potential to bring better services and increase the recycling rate.

Michael Grappé added that the East District is having a difficult time finding a recycle trailer, and hence, many complaints are generated as a result of this. This statement also holds true for the majority of the state, with the exception of the central district, as we are the only private/public liaison in the district, as the rest are all government operated.

IDCO

No update per Executive Director, Michael Grappé.

Mr. Grappé addressed an issue back in July 2015 with our Illegal Dumps Control Officer, Shane Knight, pulling people over ("Tarp Law Enforcement".) This Board gave him the authority to conduct such actions. Per Mr. Grappé's meeting with the District Attorney, Ken Casady, we will no longer enforce the "Tarp Law" or trash falling out of vehicles (via pulling people over). Mr. Knight is only patrolling illegal dumps and burn barrel/illegal dumping. So, if our office

receives a call about refuse falling out of vehicles, the call is referred to local law enforcement in the jurisdiction they are calling about.

Marketing Update

Ms. Tiffany Dunn presented the new 2016 Calendars to members of the Board. Many have been disbursed to YEA! Team members and at some events in the community. In November, for America Recycles Day, our schools conducted activities during the week. Tommy Terrific is a local Magician who was featured at many of the schools to kick off this initiative. Response was very positive.

Our 2016 Landfill Coupons have been printed and are ready for distribution on January 4, 2016. There was an article in the Courier that discussed our coupon program requirements for 2016. We have gotten much visibility as of late in regards to our Yard Debris program. Mr. Shane Knight was also featured on the local news Channel 7, and there was a feature in the Saline Courier as well.

Ms. Dunn updated Board Members and attendees the status of our name change to "Recycle Saline". On January 4, 2016, the district's website should be up and reflective of the new name- "**Recycle Saline**"; the new web address is: www.recyclesaline.org. The old web address will still work, but it will redirect to the new website. The District office is in the process of obtaining new business cards, new signage on the front door and windows, and the district's Facebook page also reflective of this update.

All 2016 dates and locations for the HHW drop off events have been established, and are listed on the website. During America Recycles Week, 20 out of 25 schools are participating in a challenge event (TRES) consisting of recycling plastic bags. Currently in first place is Bryant Elementary school; they have collected 376 pounds of plastic bags. The winning school will get a bench made out of recycled material, and all schools that participate will receive a 12X4 planter for their school. "Keep Arkansas Beautiful" graciously donated 25 boxes of trash bags for the schools to collect shopping bags.

The Re-Fashion Bash is quickly approaching; first deadline date for participants to commit to the show is January 15, 2016. First participant/parent meeting is on January 26th, which will address inquiries about the show.

Board Member Dr. Dean McCormack inquired if all the District's HHW events include the collection of e-waste. Ms. Dunn affirmed that HHW events are inclusive of e-waste collection. The second inquiry from Dr. McCormack was a concern about security with the disposal of computers. Ms. Dunn and Mr. Grappé affirmed that we partner with eSCO, whom ensures and guarantees the stripping of that information from electronics.

Chairman Erwin made a statement to the Board, which expressed positivity and great appreciation to all the efforts and contributions made by Ms. Dunn in the Marketing Department.

Executive Director

Report, Old and New Business

Mr. Grappé offered recycling data for the month of November, and also offered data for the Landfill Coupon Program. Mr. Grappé briefly outlined how the District obtains the calculation of tonnage and how it pertains to the monthly Landfill Coupon Report.

In 2016, Recycle Saline will be partnering with Judge Jeff Arey's Mobile Office and will have Landfill Coupons available. Our data compilation from 2015 shows the majority of coupons being sold to residents in the town of Benton. Judge Jeff Arey mentioned that based on zip codes alone, they are not exactly inclusive of city limits. Mr. Grappé stated that based on the data collected in 2016, the District will be able to determine whether the sale of Landfill Coupons is need based on location or proximity of availability.

Mr. Grappé also presented a brand new 2016 Information Sheet compiled by Office Manager, Cathy DePelsMaeker, after receiving inquiries by the public. This information will also be available on our website.

Recycling in schools program update- on the 21st of December, Republic will establish recycle containers in the schools. The program will start on January 1, 2016. The cost of this was about \$6,600/month plus transportation fees to Little Rock. Roughly, this will go from \$85,000/year to about \$10,000 per year. Chairman Erwin inquired how often these

materials will be picked up at the schools. Mr. Grappé stated that said materials will be picked up every other Saturday at the schools.

Another point of contention was regarding budgetary expenses for 2016; specifically, the issue with picking up businesses' material for free. This service has been provided for many years now. The question posed to the Board is: "Is this a service we want to continue to provide?". There are about 25 businesses that the District picks up (cardboard only) from Bryant to Hwy 70. Mr. Grappé confirmed that the Board did not have to provide him with an answer to this solution today, but rather, in the future (February 2016), a solution will need to be made.

Yard Debris Program

Mr. Grappé updated the Board about the program's status. Keeping in mind that there is currently at 40 yarder at the Republic landfill to receive yard debris (from our residents), the cost used to be about \$2,000 a month. In the spring of 2015, our costs have significantly increased to \$20,000 a month. Upon investigation, it was discovered that landscapers and nurseries have been using the receptacle for their debris. One solution to this problem would be to have IDCO Officer, Shane Knight, monitor this locale. Mr. Grappé stated that he recently met with State Representative Lanny Fite, and it is their goal in 2017 to have yard debris allowed back into the landfill. Chairman Jim Erwin requested an elaboration on this topic, and Mr. Grappé explained the process by which yard debris is handled at the landfill.

Essentially, a landfill has to have proper piping to allow the release of methane gas.

Chairman Erwin also inquired about the status of Keith Arnolt's test program. Mr. Grappé stated that Mr. Arnolt's work will be wrapping up on the 19th of December. Various tests are still being conducted, and the results are not in yet. After December 19th, we will be able to make determinations about composting and yard debris.

New News

Mr. Grappé introduced 2 educational brochures to the Board. They were: "Stop Illegal Dumping & Burning In Saline County", and "Let's Talk Recycling & Trash in Saline County". These brochures were disbursed to many locations (libraries, Chamber of Commerce).

Mr. Grappé also stated that he received a letter from Republic last week informing of a rate increase. The increase is 83 cents, and occurred due to the CPI. The gate rate will now be \$43.00, instead of \$42.17. As a further point of information, this spring, the gate rate may rise another \$1.00. Presently, there are discussions taking place in the legislature that could effect this, largely due to the drainage of the Post Closure Fund.

Mr. Grappé also offered an update on his project status. He is currently working with Representative Lanny Fite and Ms. Patti Powell in supporting and researching issues revolving around the Solid Waste Program and the Tire Program. This will be the second year in which he is a member of the Southern Arkansas University Tech Board, with 3 years remaining. He is also a member of the Central Arkansas Risk Management Association, and is currently the chair of the Committee for Political Agendas for the Solid Waste Association of North America.

Old Business

Nothing to Report

Motion to Approve **Resolution 6- Personnel Manual**- by J.R. Walters, seconded by County Judge Jeff Arey. Unanimous approval by Board.

Other News

Chairman Erwin recognized Republic Services representative, Johann Linker, in attendance for today's meeting. Mr. Erwin gave an opportunity for Mr. Linker to address any issues, and he did not have any new news to offer.

Executive Director, Michael Grappé, requested from Mr. Linker the status of Republic's name change. Mr. Linker stated that suggestions for the new name have been submitted, but nothing has been approved. Indeed, Republic Services is addressing the name change issue. Chairman Erwin inquired about the official name of the landfill. Attorney Sam Ed Gibson responded that the landfill has been referred to as the "Sardis Road Landfill", and in aged documentation it was discovered that it was referred to as such to (perhaps) distinguish it from the BFI Landfill that was formerly in operation. "Sardis Road Landfill" was a name that simply, fell into use, over time.

Motion by Chairman Erwin to adjourn meeting. Approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned 2:55PM