

**SALINE COUNTY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**

**1:45PM**

**Resolution #2 of 2016**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 3  
OF 2015 AND RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2016; ESTABLISHING  
A FEE OF FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
ONE COUPON OR TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) FOR TWO  
COUPONS, IDENTIFYING QUALIFYING HOUSEHOLDS  
AS ELIGIBLE FOR DISPOSAL ON UP TO TWO (2) DAYS PER  
YEAR OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE AT THE SARDIS ROAD  
LANDFILL WITHOUT PAYMENT OF GATE CHARGES OR  
TIPPING FEES; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Meeting called to order at 1:45 PM, by Judge Jeff Arey.

Ms. Cathy DePelsMaeker stated that no additional comments have been made via phone, email, or in-office visit.

Mr. Sam Ed Gibson affirmed that the proper notices have been posted in the local newspaper and to the Secretary of State. All of the necessary steps have been followed to institute this rule change.

There were no public comments. Aside from our legal representation, there were no additional guests present.

Motion passed at 1:50 PM

Judge Jeff Arey moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 1:52PM

## **Regular Board Meeting**

**December 21, 2016**

**2:00PM**

**Present:** Judge Jeff Arey, Dr. Dean McCormack, Mr. J.R. Walters. District Office Staff: Ms. Tiffany Dunn, Marketing and Education, Mr. Shane Knight, IDCO, and Ms. Cathy DePelsMaeker. Office Manager. Others present: Ms. Stacy Ford, Inter-District Waste Tire Program, and Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney, Mr. Jordan Woolbright, CPA,

**Absent:** Mayor Janie Lyman (Mr. J.R. Walters, proxy)  
Chairman Jim Erwin (Judge Jeff Arey, proxy)

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Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by Judge Jeff Arey.

Minutes from the October Board Meeting were approved.

### **Inter-District Waste Tire Program**

Ms. Stacy Ford presented information and statistics for the nine-county, Inter-District Waste Tire Program for year to date 2016. Ms. Ford expressed concern with new Zika cases, and therefore, stressing the ongoing need to cleanup waste tires in the district. She also stated that it is her hope that with the upcoming Legislative Session, that beneficial change will be made to the District's Tire Program.

### **Review of Financial Statement and Financial Position**

Mr. Woolbright presented the Financial Statement and Financial Position of the District for November 2016 to year to date. Motion to approve Financials by Judge Jeff Arey, seconded by Mr. J.R. Walters, all was in favor, and financials were approved.

### **Presentation of 2016/2017 Operations Budget**

The new budget for 2016/2017 was presented, highlighting the deletion of 2 employee's wages, whom are no longer employed with the district (Ms. Patti Powell and Mr. Michael Grappé). Upon review by the Board, there was a motion to approve the budget, and the Board unanimously approved the updated Budget.

### **Resolution 3 of 2016 (Internal Resolution)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JEFF AREY, JIM ERWIN, AND JORDAN WOOLBRIGHT TO CONDUCT BANKING AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Attorney Sam Ed Gibson explained that it allows three (3) signatories (Chairman Jim Erwin, Judge Jeff Arey, and Mr. Jordan Woolbright) for banking business with First Security for the District. Resolution also allows for transfers between investment and checking accounts.

Motion to approve Resolution 3 of 2016, and Resolution was unanimously approved.

## **IDCO**

Mr. Shane Knight offered his report centering on his activities since the October Board Meeting. Mr. Knight also mentioned that 17 Haulers are now permitted.

Additionally, Mr. Knight will be communicating more frequently with Deputy Jack Campbell, Saline County Code Enforcement, to make sure that calls are not being doubled up.

## **Marketing**

Ms. Tiffany Dunn offered a brief overview of her department's upcoming events. One noteworthy item is the increase in participation of YEA! Team members, since the program's inception. Total volunteer hours for this last school year have been approximately 645 hours. These hours can be reported back to Keep America Beautiful and Keep Arkansas Beautiful.

April 22, 2017 is the date of the Re-Fashion Bash, and things are moving quite well.

Also, approximately on March 24, 2017, the new website will be launched.

After approval of the new resolution today, there is a Press Release which will be outlining the new requirements for the coupons in 2017.

## **Executive Director/District Report**

Mr. Grappé was present to answer any questions the Board had for him.

Coupon program and statistical reports were available for review (no inquiries).

Judge Jeff Arey highlighted the new office lease, which has been updated, and will not expire for another 5 years.

Recently, the County made an offer to purchase the District's Equipment, in the amount of \$56,000. Upon counsel with Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, the Board motioned and accepted the bid from the County.

## **CARMA Chairmanship**

Because of the resignation of the District's Executive Director, Michael Grappé, a concern was expressed about him being able to continue to serve as our representative for Central Arkansas Risk Management Association. The Board agreed that Mr. Grappé will continue to serve as our representative.

## **SAU Tech**

To continue, Mr. Grappé expressed a desire to continue serving on the SAU Tech Board (respectively still serving as our representative). The Board motioned and approved to continue this action.

Our Operations and Benefits accounts have been synchronized to match our fiscal year from October 1st to September 30<sup>th</sup>. This allows us to simplify our audit books, which streamlines our "close out" process.

## **Flex 360 Website**

Recycle Saline is moving forward with implementing a brand new website. A brief overview of the plans was explained in detail. The cost for the implementation will be approximately \$10,000. The Board voted and approved (proxies included) to continue the progression of implementing the new website.

### Plastics Transport & Recycling at the Landfill

Per Michael Grappé: Republic Services has approached the District to discuss concerns about plastic recycling at the landfill. Mr. Blaine Ellzey stated that plastics for recycling (at the landfill) are highly contaminated, and they are charged tipping fees and contamination charges. Although it would be easier for Republic Services to discontinue collecting plastics due to contamination issues, the District proposed a compromise. Mr. Michael Grappé suggested that if the price for plastics rises, perhaps the District could cover the cost for 6 months and use that time to educate the public about proper recycling. Perhaps, the District could cover the disposal ticket (which is whatever they put on the floor), and Republic could cover the pull fee. In addition, we will use this time to educate the public about the rules for free recycling, and if there continues to be non-compliance with the rules, then the plastics program will be discontinued. So, after 6 months of monitoring the situation, we can re-evaluate the recycling program at the landfill. It was stated that this is not just a local problem, but a state-wide problem. In addition, the typical weight of the recycling box is 3-4 tons, which is a significant amount of materials. Judge Jeff Arey was in agreement to develop this program for 6 months, and then we can draw the proper conclusions. The Board initiated a motion to spend a maximum of \$6K for 6 months (June 2017) for recycling at the Landfill. The Board unanimously approved the motion (with proxies). It was further stressed that curbside recycling will continue to be available through Republic Services, regardless of the outcome of this situation.

### Executive Director Position

Judge Arey informed those present that district's Executive Director, Michael Grappé, and his assistant, Ms. Patti Powell, have resigned. Judge Jeff Arey discussed the topic of the (now vacant) Executive Director position. Both Mr. Grappé and Judge Arey have had discussions about concerns about the future of the district with regard to declining revenues. Chairman Erwin inquired earlier to Judge Arey if the current staff could maintain the current programs, and share/split duties. Judge Jeff Arey asked the Board if they would be willing to entertain this option for the District. Both Representative J.R. Walters and Dr. Dean expressed confidence in the current staff to continue the successful operations of the district. Judge Arey also expressed a need for an Interim Executive Director until a final Executive Director is appointed. Mr. Walters suggested that this topic be tabled until the full Board is present at our next scheduled meeting on February 15, 2017. Attorney Sam Ed Gibson, advised that proper authorization is needed for an official signatory of district documentation. Judge Jeff Arey motioned to assign Ms. Tiffany Dunn as Interim Executive Director. The Board voted and approved of Ms. Dunn serving as Interim Executive Director.

### Resolution 2 of 2016 (Internal Resolution)

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No public comments.

The Board voted unanimously and approved Resolution 2 of 2016 (proxies included).

### Saline County RSWMD Board Chair Position for 2017

Mr. JR Walters initiated a motion to keep Mr. Jim Erwin as Chairman for the District Board. All were in favor, and it was unanimously approved (proxies included) that Mr. Erwin would continue to serve as Chairman for 2017.

## **Public Comment**

- A) Mr. Johann Linker, Landfill Manger with Republic Services, announced that after 22 years of service, he will be moving to Puerto Rico. The Board, as well as Mr. Grappé, and Attorney Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, expressed gratitude for Mr. Linker's service.
- B) Mr. Michael Grappé expressed thanks to the Board for these past years for working for the District. His suggestion to the district staff was to arrange a meeting prior to the next staff meeting to discuss the Agenda with Mr. Sam Ed Gibson.

Judge Arey thanked Mr. Grappé for his good work for the District for these past few years. In addition, he stated that we are appreciative that we can rely on him for support in the future.

Meeting adjourned 2:58PM