

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Regular Board Meeting
February 17, 2016
2PM

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

Meeting called to order at 2PM by Chairman Jim Erwin.

Minutes from the December 16, 2015 meeting were reviewed and Mr. J.R. Walters motioned to approve those minutes. All voted in favor, and minutes were approved.

Reports

Financial Statement and Financial Position

Mr. Jordan Woolbright, C.P.A., presented the Financial Position for the District from December 2015 to year-to-date. Representative Bob McKeon inquired about the Chipper Project line item, by which Chairman Erwin, Judge Jeff Arey, and Executive Director Michael Grappé responded and answered.

Motion to approve financials, all voted in favor, and Financials were approved.

Inter-District Waste Tire Program

Executive Director, Michael Grappé presented the Inter-District report, due to the absence of Ms. Stacy Edwards.

Upon review of the Tire Program Report, Chairman Jim Erwin discussed the dilemma about tire dealers requesting tire trailers (for storage purposes), and how to provide these services in the future. Another question posed to the Board from Chairman Erwin was about using monetary reserves for the purchase of these tire trailers. Mr. Michael Grappé responded that, in his opinion, all of the money appropriated for Saline County goes to the Inter-Tire group. It was agreed that Ms. Patti Powell will contact Ms. Edwards regarding this issue to verify proper usage of reserves. Upon receiving a response to this question from Ms. Edwards, Ms. Patti Powell will send verification to each Board Member via email.

Chairman Erwin inquired about whose responsibility it is to clean up a tire dump. Mr. Grappé responded that the money used for cleanup could be used from excess reserves. Although ADEQ could assist, they refer back to the money in reserves. Judge Jeff Arey concurred with this statement as well.

IDCO

Board Members had in their possession the report from IDCO Officer, Mr. Shane Knight. Chairman Jim Erwin inquired if there were any new haulers this year. Mr. Knight replied that there were three new trash haulers this year, bringing the number of licensed haulers to 25. This year, most of the trash haulers were compliant in completing the required information on time, and thus, obtained their licensure through our office much quicker. Mr. Grappé stated there was one hauler (Waste Management) that was late in getting their paperwork to us.

Marketing

Board Members had in their possession the monthly report from Marketing & Education Director, Tiffany Dunn. Mr. Grappé added that Ms. Dunn assisted in obtaining brand new signage on our front door and window

to reflect the name change. Signage is highly visible from the street. New name plates are also on order for our Board Members.

Executive Director Report, Old and New Business

- a. Mr. Grappé offered recycling data for year-end 2015, and data through February 10, 2016. Mr. Bob McKeon discussed the statistics of the coupons- as mentioned in previous meetings, since addresses are tracked by zip codes, they may not be indicative of an exact town's coupon need.
- b. Statutory \$1.00 tipping fee addition- As a reminder, in March 2015, there were 2 acts passed. Act 1177 regarding e-waste for funding post closure was discontinued. Resulting from this, the funding dropped. Because of current legislation, there is no way to put monies back into this fund. So, there is a need to add an additional \$1.00 to the landfill fee to replenish the fund. (Gate fee will increase from \$43.00 to \$44.00.) Ms. Patti Powell and Mr. Michael Grappé have finished drafting legislation with Representative Lanny Fite to address this concern. The Bill will repeal Act 1177. Representative Fite is in possession of this document, and will be addressing it with ADEQ, and ADEQ will be presenting it to the Governor during a Special Session. In the meantime, it is anticipated that the extra \$1.00 fee will only be seen for a very short period of time (if at all). Republic Services will collect this fee under the explicit direction of ADEQ.
- c. CPI Amounts due per sale of landfill agreement- During counsel, Ms. Patti Powell discovered a CPI amount due to the District in the amount of \$27,450, due in 2015. A letter was drafted to Republic Services requesting payment. This was an oversight on Republic Services part, as well as ours. Attorney Sam Ed Gibson referred to this situation as being one of "unintended consequences". He further stated that the language in the contract very directly states that there should be a CPI increase each year. In addition, it was stressed throughout negotiations that this would be a source of revenue for the District. It is anticipated that presentation of this request for payment will first be met with some hesitation; however, we are expecting eventual compliance. Board Member, Mr. Bob McKeon, inquired if this is a covenant negotiation. Attorney Sam Ed Gibson replied that this is a covenant negotiation, even if the landfill is resold. Chairman Erwin inquired about the calculation of the compensation. Mr. Sam Ed Gibson stated that the figure is based on a standard set of neutral calculations. The Board agreed to proceed with sending the request for payment letter to Republic Services.
- d. Report of Waste Hauler Licensing Process for 2016 and assessment of late fee- Nothing new to report.
- e. School Recycling Update- We are still servicing seven (7) schools, 5 located in Benton, 2 located in Bryant, through a time and material contract with Bin There, Dump That. The cost to construct a pad at Benton High School is too expensive. At this point in time we are going to continue running the program to see how things work out.

Old Business

Executive Director, Michael Grappé updated the Board Members about the status of cardboard collection for the 11 businesses in the area. (As a reminder, the collections at these businesses are from a situation that we inherited.) The expense of collecting this cardboard is more than the profit being made. Some of the businesses currently served are: Larson's Leaves, Sears, Saline County Hospital, and the Humane Society in Bauxite. Our expense of taking the collected cardboard to Natural State Recycling is \$125.00 round trip. The questions posed from Mr. Grappé to the Board were: "Should the District continue this service?, Should we tell them to contract

with a commercial provider?, or should they start throwing it away since we are no longer able to collect it?” . Mr. Bob McKeon inquired if Waste Management would be interested in handling this service instead. Mr. Grappé replied that per many discussions, nobody wants to pay for this service. Mr. Grappé requested direction from the Board about proceeding with sending a letter to the aforementioned businesses with a deadline of June 30, 2016 (discontinuation of service). Motion to send letters was initiated by Chairman Jim Erwin, and approved by the Board.

As the District’s focus moves away from providing this type of service in 2016, the District would like to focus its attention on Community Clean Up events, and Education as well. Judge Jeff Arey expressed agreement with this issue. In January 2016, we participated in a major clean up in Highland Heights. Later this month, we will be sponsoring a “Dumpster Day” in East End. Other areas of future focus would include (but are not limited to): Longhills, Hurricane Lake, and Heritage Farm. It would also be ideal if churches in the area could also participate in these events. Board Member Bob McKeon added that one of the concerns brought to his attention is one of focusing our efforts in rural areas. Judge Arey responded in agreement, and further added that volunteer organizations in those areas would need to step up to assist with clean up efforts.

In an effort to make landfill coupons more accessible to rural locales, Office Manager, Cathy DePelsMaeker, will be present at Judge Jeff Arey’s Mobil Office Visits each month. The last Mobile Office event was successful, with many inquiries about the coupon program, and a few coupons were sold as well. The next Mobil Office event will be on Saturday, March 12th from 8am-10am at the East End Café.

Biomass Project Status

It was determined that the cost of the program exceeds the value, therefore, it is anticipated that next year the landfill will accept yard debris. The landfill will need to accommodate the acceptance of yard waste with piping, as yard debris is a substantial methane producer. In July 2017, it is expected that a law will be passed to allow yard waste to be accepted into the landfill. If this does occur, it will increase our tonnage.

A chipper was purchased for \$7500. Since the Biomass project will be discontinued, the District is awaiting a decision on its future use. Bin There, Dump That, is currently storing the chipper. Two other items that we are seeking to sell are the forklift, and the Neely Street land.

No public comments.

Meeting adjourned 2:50 PM