

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2011

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

Others Present: Mr. Eddie Jones, Executive Director; Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Mr. Gary Beck, Saline County Task Force; Mr. Jim Goble, Inter District Tire; Mr. Michael Grappe, Saline County Task Force; Mr. Jim Erwin, Bryant 20/20; Mrs. Tai Marshall, employee.

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order. Mayor Arey recognized five Board members present in person and one absent (Mayor Jill Dabbs). Mayor Arey asked everyone to sign in on the sign in sheet.

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

Financial Statement and Financial Position Statement: Mr. Jones stated that the financial report there were some bills on there from when the District owned the landfill and there may be a few more. Mayor Arey stated that the Revenue account had come up. Mr. Jones stated that there are still Receivables coming in and some reimbursements. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the financial statement and position report. Dr. Don Brashears seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed with no discussion.

Inter-District Tire Update-Jim Goble: Mr. Goble went over the financials and stated that the reserve is increasing and that isn't a good thing. Mr. Goble stated they may have to do an amnesty at the end of the year because of this. Mr. Goble stated that there is still not a replacement for Tire Town and that they want to have another collection center in place if they need to move the trailers from the landfill. Mr. Jones asked what gets the revenue down. Mr. Goble stated that getting more tires helps the reserve go down. Mr. Goble stated that they will be doing a spring clean up if the District is interested just to let him know.

Recycling Report: Mr. Jones stated that recycling had a good month. Mr. Jones stated that three loads of paper were sold, and also some cardboard and phonebooks. Mr. Jones went over the financial report. There was no discussion.

Old Business

Saline County Solid Waste Task Force- Michael Grappe’: Mr. Grappe’ stated the Task Force held their regular meeting and discussed the issue of cost for picking up curbside. Mr. Grappe’ stated the Task Force concluded it would be cheaper to do a curbside pickup rather than a large scale recycling program.

Recycling RFP: Judge Fite made a motion to table the RFP until a new executive director was hired and in place before making any decisions on this. Mr. Bob McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with no opposition.

New Business

Yard Waste: Mayor Arey stated that he wanted everyone to be aware of what is going on with yard waste. Judge Fite stated that ADEQ was cracking down on the rules and regulations for managing yard waste in the landfills. Judge Fite stated that BFI has stopped taking this. Mayor Arey, Judge Fite, and Mrs. Marshall all agreed that they have been receiving lots of complaints and phone calls from citizens due to this. Mayor Arey contacted Mr. Steve Fallon and Republic Services have agreed to put out compost dumpsters for citizens to dispose of yard waste. Mrs. Marshall stated that there are two dumpsters at the south end of the recycling building beside the tire trailers for composting, and these will be taken to American Composting in Little Rock when full.

Pulaski County Resolution: Mr. Sam Gibson explained the letter the District received from Pulaski County Resolution 191. Mr. Gibson stated that this allows Pulaski County to add \$2/ton to solid waste disposed of within the District or \$.30/ton on solid waste generated outside of their District and this will start May 1, 2011 and be remitted quarterly. Mr. Gibson stated that BFI will have to keep record of this. Mr. Gibson explained that this could affect our District if an Inter-local agreement was set up, then our District could receive part of the revenue share. Mr. Gibson stated that this would be a very useful and productive revenue stream. Mr. Gibson stated that the Board needs to direct someone on the Board to discuss establishing an Inter-local agreement with Pulaski County and what the fees would be and how handled. Mr. Jim Goble stated that Mr. Gibson reversed the numbers and that the **waste generated in Pulaski County will carry a \$.30/ton fee and waste generated outside of Pulaski County will carry a \$2.00/ton fee.** Mr. Goble stated that due to the Inter-local Agreement, Pulaski County will share a \$1 fee with South Central District. Mr. Goble stated that the Saline County District at this time does not have a fee, but could impose one if they like. Mr. Goble stated that this helps District’s generate revenue. There was some discussion. Mr. Bob McKeon made a motion to let the new Executive Director work on this and recommend a fee to the Board for approval. Judge Lanny Fite seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Executive Director Position: Mayor Arey moved the Board into Executive Session. (During Executive Session, Mr. Michael Grappe’ was called back, then Mr. Eddie Jones.) The Board returned from Executive Session. Judge Lanny Fite made a motion to appoint Mr. Michael Grappe’ as the new Executive Director of the Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District with a starting salary of \$63,000/year, a \$500/month vehicle allowance, and to pay his health, retirement, and benefits. Dr. Don Brashears seconded the motion. All were in favor and this passed with no opposition. Mayor Arey welcomed Mr. Michael Grappe’ as the new Executive Director.

Public Comments: Mr. Jim Erwin asked if the AT&T Wireless bill that the District pays monthly is a personal phone for someone. Mrs. Marshall stated that is the bill for the 3 office lines and fax that the District has. Mr. Jim Erwin also stated that Central AR Foundation Homes had filed bankruptcy and they still owe the District \$2,034.58. Judge Lanny Fite stated he was looking over the receivables and some of the companies that had accounts with the District have credits. Mayor Arey stated that this will be the responsibility of the new Director to straighten out.

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