

## Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

### Board Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2011

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

Others Present: Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director; Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Mrs. Tai Marshall, employee; Mr. Jim Goble, Inter-District Tire Program; Mr. Chris Maher, SC Environmental Officer; Mr. Steve Fallon, Allied Waste/Republic

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order. Mayor Arey recognized four Board members present in person and two were absent (Mr. Jim Erwin and Mr. Bob McKeon). 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 June 2011 meeting minutes. Dr. Don Brashears seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed.

**Financial Statement and Financial Position:** Mr. Grappe' went over the account balances and financial report for July. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are doing well financially with approximately 4.5 million still in the bank. Mr. Grappe' stated that there was approximately \$32,000 spent in District Operations for July. Mr. Grappe' stated that the District made \$300 for Recycling for the month of July after all expenditures were accounted for. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are receiving \$112,500 in royalty for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter from Republic. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the financial statement and position report. Judge Fite seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed with no opposition.

**Inter-District Tire Update – Jim Goble:** Mr. Jim Goble stated that the tire program is doing extremely well. Mr. Goble stated that the tire trailer remaining at the landfill is really helping out the tire program. Mr. Goble stated financially the reserve is a little higher than what ADEQ wants, but some of that will be used to buy a forklift. Mr. Goble stated may have to buy playground rubber for schools/parks to lower the reserve. Mr. J.R. Walters asked if the Saline County gets credit for the tire trailer on Edison Ave. Mr. Goble stated that probably so, because all tires usually get sent to Davis Rubber.

**Environmental Officer:** Mr. Grappe' introduced Officer Chris Maher, Environmental Officer with the Saline County Sheriff's Department. Officer Maher stated that he is currently working on illegal dumpsites at Centark Circle and Party Point at Lake Norel. Officer Maher stated since he began in February he has worked on getting 45 different properties cleaned up. Officer Maher gave the Board his contact information. Mr. Grappe' stated that the District has purchased a GPS camera for the Environmental Officer and a new computer. Mr. Grappe' stated this system will create an electronic database of the illegal dumpsites for our County.

## **Executive Director Update**

**Office Location Update:** Mr. Grappe' stated that the drawings for the new office have been approved by the city and have already gotten the building permit. Mr. Grappe' stated that he is contacting a construction crew to start renovations next week.

**Credit/Debit Report:** Mrs. Marshall stated the District started with 45 debtors in April and are now down to 13 debtors. Mrs. Marshall stated the District owes 2 credits, which she has been unable to reach. Mr. J.R. Walters stated that one company had gone out of business, and Mrs. Marshall replied that business had made a partial payment. Mayor Arey asked which were turned over to the attorney. Mrs. Marshall responded Dewpoint and Central Arkansas Foundation Homes. Mr. Gibson replied that he hasn't gotten very far with the Dewpoint case and that C.A.F.H. is in bankruptcy. Mrs. Marshall stated that we are making progress. Dr. Brashears stated that our team is doing a great job of working on this so diligently and quickly and not letting this fall through the cracks during our transition period.

**Budget Update:** Mr. Grappe' stated that he had prepared a draft operating budget of approximately \$263,150. Mr. Grappe' discussed each section of the budget. Mr. Grappe' stated that some of the costs listed in the budget may be paid for by a grant later on. Dr. Brashears asked if the Environmental Officer would be paid by the District. Mr. Grappe' replied that the Environmental Officer's salary is paid for by the Sheriff's Department, but the District will pay his overtime. Mr. Grappe' stated that \$5,000 is listed in the budget to cover overtime expense for the environmental officer.

**Recycle Update:** Mr. Grappe' stated there has been an overwhelming success with the four new recycling roll-offs that are currently in place throughout the county. Mr. Grappe' stated that the District still has 2 trailers in Benton/Bryant that we are still servicing. Mr. Grappe' commented the pickups have increased for the recycling roll-offs as well. Mr. Grappe' stated he has met with the hospital and they're interested in getting a compactor for recycling. Mr. Grappe' stated that Landers is also interested in getting a compactor for recycling. Mr. Grappe' stated he has met with the City of Benton and Bryant over yard waste collections. Mr. Grappe' stated he hasn't had anyone commit to being the collection site for the yard waste disposal days yet. Mr. Grappe' stated that the yard waste collection dumpsters at the landfill have increased on intake as well.

**By-Law Status:** Mr. Grappe' stated that the By Laws are in place. Mrs. Marshall stated that the By Laws were filed with Arkansas State Library, the Secretary of State's Office, and the Bureau of Legislative Research. Mrs. Marshall stated that the Bureau of Legislative Research informed for future reference to inform them before the public comment period in order to be placed on the Bureau's agenda for approval and so they can attend the public hearings when amendments/rules are to be passed and filed. Mrs. Marshall stated everything was done that needed to be, just not in the proper order, but since then has been corrected. Mrs. Marshall stated that we are being placed on the Bureau of Legislative Research's committee meeting agenda, and Mr. Grappe' will be attending the meeting to present the amended By Laws next month for their approval. Mrs. Marshall also stated she learned that all Districts are to file their monthly meeting minutes with the Arkansas State Library, and this hadn't been done in the past by any District except one. Mrs. Marshall contacted ADEQ per the State Library and all Districts

are being notified of this. Mrs. Marshall stated since then, our District's minutes have been filed. Dr. Brashears asked if we had a public comment period scheduled. Mr. Grappe' stated that we already had this in May and no one responded. Dr. Brashears asked if we were required to hold another one. Mr. Grappe' stated no, and we know for next time the proper order of steps to take.

### **Old Business**

**Grant Program Status:** Mr. Grappe' stated that July 15 the Grant Pre Apps were due. Mr. Grappe' stated that he turned in applications for approximately \$135,000. Mr. Grappe' stated that he applied for education, material recovery facility, administrative, and composting grants. Mr. Grappe' stated that the District has already received Pre-Approval from ADEQ for these grants. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have been approved for extensions for two grants that haven't been touched from last year. Mr. Grappe' stated that

**Interlocal Agreement:** Mr. Grappe' stated in the packet there is a draft for an Interlocal Agreement with Pulaski County. Mr. Grappe' stated this would allow Saline County District would receive \$1 on every ton of waste generated in Saline County and taken to Pulaski County and Pulaski County would receive \$1 on every ton of waste generated in Pulaski County that is taken to Saline County. Mayor Arey asked for questions or comments on this. Dr. Brashears asked about how much tonnage is going in and out. Mr. Grappe' stated at this point no he did not. Mr. Sam Ed Gibson stated that this Interlocal Agreement would need to be approved by Resolution and the Board would have to act by Resolution to impose the \$1 fee associated with the Agreement, and this could all be done retroactively. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to adopt the Interlocal Agreement, Mr. Gibson will draft the Resolution, and then the Board Chairman and Secretary will sign the Resolution. Mr. Gibson stated that this is the same process that was followed with the tipping fee resolution in the past. There was some discussion. Mr. Grappe' suggested that we just wait until we had the resolution typed up. Mr. J.R. Walters withdrew his motion. Judge stated the Board would wait and table this discussion until next month.

**APERS Update:** Mrs. Tai Marshall stated the District had to pay \$8,928.13 in back pay for APERS employees, and of that \$303.16 was the delinquent interest. Mrs. Marshall stated that all District employees are now enrolled into APERS and paying their own contributions. Mrs. Marshall stated that the employer's pay rate on APERS increased to 13.47%.

### **New Business**

**Recycle Center Locations:** Mr. Grappe' stated that currently the District is running a recycling center at the landfill, but our lease will be up in a month. Mr. Grappe' stated that he has asked Republic for an extension on the lease until the end of the year at our current rate of \$1 per month. Mr. Grappe' stated that he has not been given an answer on this just yet. Mr. Grappe' stated we are partnering with Goldman in September for an E-Waste Collection day. Mr. Grappe' stated if the District builds a recycling center anywhere in the District, depending on who we have to operate the facility will affect the bids that come in for an RFP for curbside recycling. Mr. Grappe' said that he has looked at different locations and he will be meeting with some Recycling experts from Republic to better understand the numbers, prices, effects of this recycling program. Mr. Grappe' stated that he is going to look at a murf

in Shreveport. Mr. Grappe' stated that he is continuing his education and research on this before the District actually spends money for a new location. Mr. Grappe' stated that he has looked at three possible future locations (near the Saline County jail, property near the Saline County airport, and the current location of the recycling facility). Mr. Grappe' stated that he had a meeting Tuesday discovered that Saline County isn't generating enough recyclables at this time for the cost to be feasible for a large scale recycling facility. Mr. Steve Fallon stated that if the county decides to do curbside recycling, the numbers will need to be re-evaluated. Judge Fite stated that there is a great demand for recycling in our county, and we will probably need to have a work session on this matter in the future to ensure that whatever steps are taken are correct. There was more discussion on recycling, educating, and property locations. Mr. Grappe' stated that the District is looking to move forward, but minimize cost as much as possible.

**Associated Cost of Recycling:** Mr. Grappe' stated this topic ties into the previous discussion. Mr. Grappe' stated that the cost for recycling isn't low as most think. Mr. Grappe' stated that the cost of running a truck to service every recycling container/trailer, plus the fuel, parts, labor, etc. all play a part. Mr. Grappe' stated that when businesses pay a company to pick up their recyclables it is sometimes profitable if the amount you receive for a load of recyclables exceeds the cost you spent to service and get it where it needs to go, however this isn't always the case. Mr. Grappe' stated that currently the District picks up for businesses for free and then services the recyclables. Mr. Grappe' stated this is not beneficial to the District. Mr. Grappe' stated that his current goal is how to provide a service to this District so that it isn't costing the businesses money, but isn't making the District lose money either.

**ARC:** Mr. Grappe' stated the Arkansas Recycling Coalition Conference and Trade Show will be held September 19-21, 2011 in Eureka Springs. Mr. Grappe' stated that he will be attending this conference and welcomed any board members that wanted to go with him to attend. Mr. Grappe' stated that he attended last year and it is a very educational and informative conference. Mr. Grappe' stated that he would also like the District to be a sponsor at the conference. Judge Fite made a motion that the District be a sponsor for this conference. Mr. J.R. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. There was some discussion between Board members on who may be able to attend.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judge Fite seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.