

**Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 15, 2012**

Board Members Present: Mr. J.R. Walters, Mayor Jeff Arey, Dr. Don Brashears, Mr. Jim Erwin, Mr. Bob McKeon

Board Members Present by Proxy: Judge Lanny Fite – proxy Mayor Jeff Arey

Others Present: Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director; Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Mrs. Tai Marshall, Office Manager; Mr. Nathan McLaughlin, Yoakum & Lovell; Officer Blevins, SC Environmental Officer; Mr. Jim Goble, Inter District Tire Program; representative from Waste Management

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order and asked everyone to sign in. Mayor Arey recognized five Board members present and one present by proxy.

**Reading of Minutes:** Mayor Arey stated the first order of business was the reading of minutes from the January meeting. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the January minutes. Mr. Jim Erwin seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed with no opposition.

**Reading of Financial Statement and Position:** Mr. Grappe' read the financials for January 2012. The District has a total of \$4,569,015.77 in its accounts. District received \$6386.13 in revenue for January. Total District operations were \$28,612.32. Recycling brought in \$722.40 revenue for January. Total recycle operations for January were \$8,234.49. Mr. McKeon asked about the Visa transaction on the check register. Mr. Grappe' stated the Visa is used to pay for things such as meeting lunches, supplies, certain event costs, fuel, etc. Basically things that need to be taken care of quicker instead of waiting for two signatures on checks. Mr. Walters made motion to approve the January 2011 financials. Mr. Brashears seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed with no opposition.

**Presentation of 2011 Audit by Yoakum Lovell-Nathan McLaughlin:** Mr. Nathan McLaughlin was one of the accountants working with Mr. Zeke Jones on the District's 2011 audit. Mr. McLaughlin reviewed the audit report with the Board. He stated the District sold landfill for \$7.75 million and paid off bonds for \$6.7million and had a net increase of about \$4.2 million. Mr. McLaughlin stated there were no issues or problems found. Mr. Nathan explained this year's audit was different from last year's due to the fact that couldn't compare with other years because selling of landfill. Mr. McLaughlin stated getting accounts unrestricted since sold landfill. He stated \$126K will be restricted in future. He discussed revenues and stated depreciation will decrease because of sale of landfill probably \$25K - \$30K in future years. Mr. McLaughlin stated there was no change in account policies. Note 8 discontinued operations had to be added this year because of the sale of landfill. Note 9 is new showing new building lease. Mr. McLaughlin says report shows compliance and no instances of noncompliance. Mr. McLaughlin asked for any questions or comments. Mr. Erwin asked if Accounts Receivable under Assets if the \$112,500

was the Royalty payment. Mr. Grappe' stated yes and also that on page 9 the Recycle Fund number will fluctuate because of spending for recycle purposes in future.

**Inter-District Tire Update-Jim Goble:** Mr. Goble stated number's up slightly due to growth of Saline County and Firestone Dealer. Mr. Goble stated the Upper Southwest received a C.A.O. and in trouble because 300K tires on ground; they had to stop taking tires and working to get them in trailers. Mr. Goble stated Tire District is getting close to 15 million tires which is great progress and keeping these out of the landfills.

**Environmental Officer Update- Officer Blevins:** Officer Blevins began working this position in October 2011. Officer Blevins stated working with Mr. Davis on project on Narrows Rd. to collect over 500 tires and make citizens pay for clean up; also working three Almatris locations in Bauxite; working site on Dale Rd.; several nuisances and home dumpsites with four currently in court through Judge Robinson. Officer Blevins stated about to get game camera to put up at different locations to catch repeat offenders and tag fines. Officer Blevins stated he will be attending to upcoming training courses, one in April for illegal dumping, and one in May in Texas for International Property Management. Officer Blevins is now the Code Enforcement in Bauxite. Mr. McKeon asked about Alexander. Officer Blevins stated he has met with Chief Walters, due to a case that kept coming to the County because wasn't being handled, and explained the city ordinance is stricter and better enforceable in this matter and that he would help train Alexander's officers so that they could handle these issues in a timely matter. Officer Blevins said that he will help the cities if needed, but that does take money away from cities because if he does the citing, then it goes through County court.

#### **Executive Director Update**

**Recycle/APC/SPC/LPC Updates:** Mr. Grappe' stated he has a meeting tomorrow with the DRC to approve the plan for the APC in Bryant so can move forward with center plans. Mr. Grappe' stated we can sign Airport Commission contract next month if Bryant approves. Mr. Grappe' stated if approved then will finish the construction design and go out for bids.

**E-Waste Update:** Mr. Grappe' stated he met with Pathfinders and Esco; working on program to collect and disassemble e-waste at AHDC. Mr. Erwin stated he has lots of citizens asking about drop offs for e-waste. Mr. Grappe' stated he is hoping it will work for Pathfinders to also pick up e-waste. Mr. Grappe' stated Esco is still in negotiations for the E-waste fair talked about a previous meeting.

**School Logo Contest Judging:** Mrs. Marshall stated her, Mr. Spencer Campbell, Mr. Grappe' and Mr. Ben Faver voted on the art entries choosing a first, second, and third place winner from each school. Mrs. Marshall stated she has the artwork displayed on the wall for the Board members to vote for the final three winners. Mrs. Marshall stated would be having Pulaski Tech or UALR to complete final designs for District's Name, Logo, and Mascot based on the winning entries. Mayor Arey stated the Board would vote after the meeting.

**Waste Hauler Update:** Mr. Grappe' stated as of March 1<sup>st</sup> the District in conjunction with the City of Bauxite will be enforcing the State Tarp Law as well as Waste Hauler permitting conditions and laws.

This has been announced on website, Facebook, radio, Saline Courier, and passed out flyers at landfill. Two signs have been ordered to place on roadway near landfill stating law. Mr. Grappe' stated already warned a hauler for dropping bags of trash on roadway because not using a tarp. Mr. Beck asked how they define construction debris as not solid waste. Waste Management stated wet waste is its own category.

**2012 Environmental Officer Summit:** Mr. Grappe' stated District will be hosting a 2012 Environmental Officer Summit on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-12 at Bishop Park in Bryant to develop a network throughout the state to address illegal dumping. Mr. Grappe' stated we're inviting all our Board members, all Solid Waste Districts, Sheriff Offices, Environmental Officers, ADEQ, Randy Harper with SAU, Rep. Kim Hammer, and several others.

### **Old Business**

**Land Purchase Negotiations:** Mayor Arey and Mr. Grappe' stated we are still waiting on this.

### **New Business**

**Board Approval for Grant Revisions:** Mr. Grappe' stated we prioritized the grants and reworked the amounts requested because the ADEQ approval amount was significantly less than what we originally asked for. Mr. Grappe' reported new numbers to Board and stated needed Board approval for priority. Mr. JR Walters made a motion to approve the 2011 grants priority. Mr. McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

**Board Approval for Reimbursement to Grant Fund for certain sold/stolen equipment:** Mr. Grappe' stated ADEQ sent request for locating all equipment purchased with grant monies in past. Mr. Grappe' stated he and Mrs. Marshall discovered that a 936F Loader was purchased in 1994 with \$30,000 of grant monies and sold with the sale of the landfill. Mr. Grappe' corresponded with ADEQ on the matter and both have suggested refunding \$9,900 (present depreciated value of loader) Recycle Funds to Operating Fund to correct this issue. Mr. Grappe' waiting to find out what grant to assign this amount to or if it will be issued its own number. It was determined that Board approval was not needed for this. Mr. Grappe' also stated that a laptop was purchased with grand funds and stolen from break room at landfill before sale took place. Mr. Grappe' stated it was determined that this could be written off books because depreciation value so low. Mr. Erwin asked if ADEQ always does this. Mr. Grappe' stated ADEQ working now to clean up recycle grant funding and want accountability for everything due to State Legislation demand. Mr. Goble stated even made everyone do tire audit this year for 2009-2011.

**Resolution 2 of 2012 & Resolution 3 of 2012:** Mr. Gibson stated the Board has been presented two versions of proposed Resolution 2 of 2012. There isn't a Resolution 3 of 2012 just a choice between two versions of Resolution 2. Mr. Gibson stated in order to provide an incentive to the operator of any landfill within the boundaries of the District to increase or maximize the amount of usage that operator will encourage to give the operator an incentive to bring a maximum amount of tonnage to the landfill and thus increase the royalty payable to the District under the terms of the agreement by which the District sold its landfill to the current operator. Mr. Gibson stated the proposal is to remit the operator

the amount of any host fee that the District implements and charges as the result of an out of District-District of imposing through an Interlocal Agreement and acting under the new legislation to impose the generation and host fees that are allowed. Mr. Gibson stated this version with four pages treats only Pulaski Co Regional Solid Waste Management District. Mr. Gibson stated a few days ago our District was made aware of action by Central AR Regional Solid Waste District which appears to be on track to create a similar kind of generation fee/host fee arrangement to that which now exists with Pulaski Co RSWMD effective sometime in the spring 2012. Mr. Gibson stated the District has not yet been approached by Representatives of the Central AR RSWMD to begin the process of creating an Interlocal Agreement with them. Mr. Gibson stated once approached, the District will bring before the Board to approve fees and such. Mr. Gibson stated this would be the same concept as Interlocal Agreement we have with PCRSWMD. Mr. Gibson stated our District could then put in place an Incentive Fee with that District as well. Mr. Gibson stated that he understands from Mr. Grappe' that there is a waste stream coming from that District in Lonoke Co. Mr. Gibson stated he then composed an alternate form of Resolution 2 of 2012 (five pages) so that any District would be covered. Mr. Gibson stated the language in version 2 is broad enough to cover future. There was some discussion regarding this. Mayor Arey stated it seems obvious to go with version 2 so that the Board doesn't have to go through this process again. Mr. McKeon made a motion to approve Resolution 2 of 2012, the five page version. Mr. JR Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed with no opposition.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Bob McKeon asked if we have to advertise the engineering agreement. Mr. Gibson stated the District is covered by purchasing laws which forbid advertisement of such professional agreements. Mr. JR Walters made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jim Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned.