

**Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District**

**Board Meeting**

**December 17, 2014**

**Minutes of the Public Hearings**

**Resolution 2014-4 IDCO Book**

**Resolution 2014-5 Records Retention**

The Public Hearings for Resolutions 2014-4 and 2014-5 were opened at the properly noticed time of 1:45 PM on December 17, 2014. Board members present were J.R. Walters, Mayor Jeff Arey, Mr. Jim Erwin, and Dr. Don Brashears. Board attorney Mr. Sam Ed Gibson briefly described the resolutions. No one presented testimony.

While the Hearings were open miscellaneous informational items were presented.

1. A representative from Republic Services presented a notice letter stating that the landfill gate rate for 2015 was increased 2.24%.
2. Dr. Brashears introduced Dr. Dean L. McCormack as the representative of Benton for Mayor Mattingly who will replace Dr. Brashears on the Board at the January 21, 2015 meeting.

The Public Hearings were closed at 2:00 PM

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

**December 17, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Jim Erwin; Dr. Don Brashears; Mayor Jeff Arey; Mr. J.R. Walters were present. Mr. Bob McKeon was absent. Mr. Walters held his Proxy. Judge Lanny Fite was absent; his proxy held by Mayor Jeff Arey

**Others Present:** Saline County RSWMD staff: Mr. Michael Grappé, Executive Director, Mr. Shane Knight, Illegal Dumps Control Officer, Ms. Tiffany Dunn, Marketing Coordinator, Ms. Patti Powell, Office Manager. Also present was Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for the District, and Mr. Jordan Woolbright, Jordan Woolbright & Associates. Please see attached sign in sheet.

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order at 2 PM. Minutes from the November 12 2014 Board Meeting were reviewed and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

**Reports:**

1. **Financial Statement and Financial Position-** Jordan Woolbright, accountant for the Board reviewed the Financial Statement and Financial Position of the Saline County

- RSWMD for November and year to date. Discussion was held. By motion from Mr. Erwin, seconded by Mr. Walters, the Financial Report was adopted by voice vote.
2. There was no Waste Tire Grant report.
  3. **IDCO Report** - Shane Knight, IDCO made his report on enforcement activities during November and December.
  4. **Marketing/Education Report**- Ms. Tiffany Dunn, Marketing Director made a power point presentation on recent activities of the YEA Teams and recycling activities in Saline County schools.
  5. **Executive Director's Report**
    - a. Coupon program- Mr. Grappé explained to the Board the \$.80 gate rate increase by Republic Services for 2015 beginning January 2, 2015. He also reviewed with the Board its rationale in establishing the landfill coupon program in 2014, including the contractual requirement that Republic Services provide two days per year when Saline County residents paid no gate rate for entry to the landfill. The coupon program was, in part, to take the place of the "2 free days" at the landfill. He also explained that the coupon program was established to help residents dispose of bulky and large items and was not to take the place of home trash services, although many residents were using the program in lieu of doing business with local waste haulers. The coupon program enjoys the full support of Republic Services. Mr. Grappé recommended to the Board that it continue the coupon program for 2015. Dr. Brashears made a motion to continue the coupon program and Mr. Walters seconded the motion. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.
    - b. Household hazardous waste- Mr. Grappé reviewed with the Board the District's household hazardous waste collection program and described changes to the program in 2015. Residents will have three opportunities on Saturdays to bring such waste to three different locations in 2015. The waste processing company will be on site each time relieving the District of transporting such waste. The E-waste processor will also be on site this year for District E-waste collections.
    - c. Black box recycling update- Mr. Grappé explained the recycling options for residents including curbside recycling at their homes as well as a recycling site established by Republic Services at its landfill.
    - d. Also noted by Mr. Grappé
      - i. The cessation of recycling services on January 1, 2015 to Hot Springs Village because of cost;
      - ii. The change by Walmart from grant funding to loan funding thus making the waste-mattress program under discussion an impossibility at this time for the District;
      - iii. The ongoing discussion with Pulaski County RSWMD regarding of sharing of IDCO services and costs;

- iv. Ongoing meetings with researchers from Arkansas State University with regard to yard debris.
6. There was no **Old Business**.
7. **New Business**
- a. A discussion was had regarding the configuring of the yard debris collection site at the landfill. Residents have complained about having to lift bags of yard waste over their heads to deposit the waste in the appropriate bin. A suggestion was made that dropping the waste would be easier for people using the site. A representative from Republic Services said that was not possible at the time.
  - b. Mr. Walters made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-4, the IDCO Book. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brashears and adopted by voice vote.
  - c. Mr. Walters made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-5, Records Retention. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brashears and adopted by voice vote.
  - d. An election was held for Board Chair. Dr. Brashears nominated Mr. Jim Erwin and the motion was seconded by Mr. Walters. By voice vote Mr. Erwin was elected as Board chair. As per the District's By-laws and Arkansas statute, Judge Arey will serve as Board secretary.
  - e. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 2 PM on January 21, 2015

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 2:55 PM, December 17, 2014.