

**Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Resolution 5 of 2015  
August 19, 2015  
1:45 PM**

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

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*A Resolution Imposing a Late-Application Fee, Clarifying Administrative Application Requirements and Declaring a Basis for and Establishing a Procedure for the Revocation of Waste Hauler Licenses and Vehicle Permits to Operate within the Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District; and for Other Purposes.*

Chairman Jim Erwin opened the public hearing at 1:45 PM. Ms. Powell told the Board that no public comment regarding Resolution 5 had been received at the District office, nor had any been received by regular or electronic mail.

Sam Ed Gibson explained the resolution to the Board. Michael Brooks from Powell Sanitation inquired as to how many customer complaints would be necessary to trigger the revocation process. The Executive Director explained that during his tenure he had received very few complaints and the license revocation process would, most likely, be invoked only when public health and safety or multiple violations of Board and state regulations and state environmental statutes had been observed. Chairman Erwin told Mr. Brooks that it was appropriate for the Board to insure that the licensed waste haulers had a “level playing field” upon which to do business.

No other comments were received. Mr. Walters moved for the closing of the public hearing which was seconded by Judge Arey, and the motion passed by voice vote. The public hearing was closed at 1:55 PM.

## **Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

**August 19, 2015**

**2:00 PM**

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

The regular June Board meeting was called into order at 2:01 PM.

Minutes from the June 19, 2015 meeting were reviewed and were accepted by voice vote after a motion by Mr. Walters which was seconded by Mr. McKeon.

#### **Reports:**

##### **Financial Statement and Financial Position**

Mr. Woolbright presented the Financial Statement and Financial Position of the District for April and May 2015 and year to date. Mr. Woolbright noted the quarterly payment of \$112,000 was received from Republic Services. Mr. McKeon asked about the two medical insurance payments made in June 2015. Mr. Woolbright explained that because of the District's bi-weekly payment schedule and the invoicing schedule of some companies, occasionally one vendor will be paid twice in one month. Motion to approve the financials reports was made and seconded and accepted by voice vote.

##### **Inter-District Waste Tire Program**

Ms. Stacy Edwards presented information and statistics for the nine county Inter-District Waste Tire Program for year to date. She told the Board that the program was working well and that Davis Rubber was operating day and night shifts at the new facility and the backlog of tires was being reduced. She also described a public education billboard and poster program that was being developed which would be county specific. The purpose of the project is to inform and educate the public about the environmental problems surrounding the illegal dumping and burning of tires and explaining the tire recycling program.

##### **IDCO**

Mr. Shane Knight—Illegal Dump Control Officer offered his report centering on his activities since the June Board Meeting. He provided detail on 8 illegal dumpsites, 1 open burn barrel situation, and the issuance of 2 warning citations for the improper securing of solid waste as well as 18 follow up investigations. He also stated that one tire trailer from the landfill had been filled and transported for recycling. From the audience Mr. Brooks expressed frustration at finding illegal tire dumps and as a waste hauler he was unsure what to do. Mr. Knight said he would investigate Mr. Brooks most recent find.

Mr. McKeon related a complaint he had received about a Bin There Dump That truck holding up traffic. Mr. Knight explained that that specific traffic issue had been caused by law enforcement's investigation of an incident and not by a BTDT truck.

## **Marketing**

Tiffany Dunn told the Board members of the 2015 Unsung Heroes award received by the YEA! Team program. She also explained that at the Household Hazardous Waste Clean-up Day on October 17, 2015 bicycles would be collected, as at last year's event, and taken to a refurbishing not-for-profit which then gives away bicycles to children who want them. She has set a goal of collecting 300 bikes at the October events. Mr. Brooks inquired if the project took all bikes because his trucks pick up approximately 10 bikes per month. Arrangements were made for this collection.

## **Executive Director Report, Old and New Business**

Mr. Grappé described for the Board the status of the landfill cover/yard debris project at Arkansas State University. He said of the initial grant funds provided by the Board, \$13,500, about \$1,300 remained. He articulated the researchers' conclusion that this bio-mass project had proved worthy of further field studies to determine the evolution of the project into a viable production and financial venture. As he described, the next steps include:

1. Hire an intern who has project experience;
2. Arrange for the collection and storage of 4 tons of cover,
3. Develop a bagging procedure which would include the inclusion of a certain type of grass seed.
4. Testing the product includes arrangements with the county transportation department to test spray the resulting cover material.

Mr. Grappé asked for authorization to spend approximately \$7,000 for equipment and \$5,000 for the services of an intern to perform the testing needed. He also described the District's future steps that would be needed after the successful completion of these initial, next stage actions. These could include:

1. Purchase of a trailer and arrange for the bagging and collection of yard debris from county residents' homes.
2. Creation of a portable trailer containing the yard waste processing and spraying machinery for licensing to and use by landfills outside of Saline County. Collection of licensing fees.

This presentation led to questions, answered by Mr. Grappé by Board members including:

1. Was Republic Services interested in the project for use at its Landfill? *Yes*

2. How much yard waste would be needed each day? *1 ton/day*
3. Do we have enough material for start-up of the next phase of the project? *Yes*
4. Where would the testing be done? *Potential sites include areas at the Republic landfill as well as on the property owned by Bin There Dump That.*

The Board was informed by Mr. Sam Ed Gibson that, by using adopted purchasing procedures, the Board could approved, by motion, expenditures of less than \$20,000 without an open bidding process. Mr. McKeon moved to approve the expenditures of the amounts as articulated by Mr. Grappé in his presentation and the amending of the District's budget to include these expenditures. Mr. Walters seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote. Mr. Arey moved for the intern's authorized work to be accomplished with payment for a total of 30 business days, in any configured schedule form depending on business needs. Mr. Erwin seconded and this motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Grappé next reviewed the current and year to date statistics of the District's Landfill Coupon Program as well as current recycling statistics. He also reported that meetings had begun with school districts' superintendents to discuss district recycling and YEA! Team activities. Ms. Dunn attended, and will attend, the meetings with the superintendents. The schools' recycling services, negotiated by Mr. Grappé with Republic Services will cost \$40 a month for placement of a recycling bin for the school's use, and the monthly pickup of the bin for transport to a recycling facility.

Mr. Grappé reported that the Board, in 2011, had instructed him to update the members when the pick-up truck provided for his use reached its highest resale value, or optimum mileage. He told the Board that this time had come; that the value was \$18,000 and that a replacement vehicle would cost an additional \$18,000. Chairman Erwin asked if anyone wanted to make a motion for the purchase of a new vehicle and the Board declined.

Mr. Grappé told the Board that a rewritten and improved personnel policy manual would be presented to the Board at the October board meeting and that Board resolutions and an index would be placed on the District's website soon.

### **New Business**

Mr. Grappé introduced Resolution 4 2015 repealing Resolution 10 of 1994. A unanimous voice vote approving Resolution 4 of 2015 took place after motion by Mr. McKeon, seconded by Judge Arey.

Mr. Grappé informed the Board of the issues raised by recent legislation regarding E-waste grants and noted that the District had prepared a fiscal year 2015/16 E-waste Plan to be approved by the Board for sending to ADEQ. Mr. Gibson told the Board that it was within the Board's authority to adopt official plans by voice vote which was accomplished after motion by Judge Arey, seconded by Dr. McCormack.

## **Resolutions**

The Board then considered Resolution 5 of 2015. Mr. Gibson described how all statutory and regulatory requirements had been met with regard to public noting and hearing and the time for accepting public comments. He also explained that District personnel were proactively engaged with approximately 10 of the wasting hauling businesses about the items contained in the resolution and that, in his opinion, the resolution amplifies and clarifies last year's hauler resolution. He believed the Board was in position to adopt or reject Resolution 5 of 2015. Mr. McKeon made a motion to adopt Resolution 5 of 2015 which was seconded by Mr. Walters. It was approved by voice vote.

## **Sam Ed Gibson**

Mr. Gibson presented an update on the ADEQ investigation of the illegal landfill at the Potter site. He said Mr. Potter had submitted a remediation plan to ADEQ and that the plan was being reviewed for its adequacy and implementation at this time.

The Board adjourned its August meeting at 3:07 PM.