

Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Present:

Chairman Jim Erwin, Mr. J. R. Walters, Ms. Jennifer Hill, Sheryl Childs, Tiffany Dunn-Executive Director, Carmen Haynes-EEO, Attorney Sam Ed Gibson, Ms. Leslie Morris, Mr. Jordan Woolbright and Mayor Paul Mitchell.

Absent:

Judge Jeff Arey- Chairman Jim Erwin, Proxy

1. Call to Order and Sign In

The Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District Regular Board meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Erwin.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2019 Meeting

The Board meeting minutes for August 21, 2019 were motioned for approval by Mr. J. R. Walters and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Hill. Motion passed.

3. Review of Financials from August 2019 and September 2019: Jordan Woolbright

The beginning Total Cash and Cash Equivalents of the Bank Account Summary for August 2019 is \$4,400,755.58. Mr. Woolbright relays that the inflows and outflows of the Operating Account, Revenue Account and Recycling Account and the Investments Account increase and decrease are listed and would like for the Board to notice the transfer from the Revenue Account to the Recycling Account. There was a time the Recycling money was spent out of the Revenue Account and Zeke helped to right this by making the transfer, so going forward the Recycling Account will track what the Grant Report shows on the last two pages of the monthly report. The month ended with \$4,480,246.26. Mr. Woolbright also mentions that in the Revenue Account, there is an inflow from the Royalty of the Landfill in the amount of \$98,658.45. Page two is the Operations Detail Report and the totals for the month of August 2019 are \$25,957.14 and page three is the breakdown of the Operating Account Transactions totaling \$25,957.14 for the month of August that had 3 Payrolls in the month along with increase in Salaries and APERS that happens twice a year. The taxes will be paid in September. Page four shows how the Grant Monies were spent for August 2019 with a total of \$10,007.00. Page five is the detail of how the expenditures for the Grant Monies were spent for August. The beginning balance for September 2019 of the Bank Account Summary began at \$4,480,246.26 and the inflows and outflows of the month ended with a total cash and cash equivalents of \$4,460,756.83. Page two is the Operations Detail Report for September 2019 and the totals for the month was \$21,994.25 and on the fifth line for September you will see an increase for the expense for the taxes which is from the month of August for payment of the 3 payroll month. Page three is a list of the expenses for the month of September 2019. Page four list the total of \$3,806.00 paid for the month of September and page five of the Recycling Account Transactions list the expenses paid by the Grant Monies for September 2019.

Motion to approve the Financials for August 2019 and September 2019 so moved by Mr. J. R. Walters and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Hill.

4. Inter-District Tire Update: Leslie Morris

Leslie Morris reports there are three public tire trailers, Britt's, Tire Engineers, and Republic Landfill. Carmen oversees the Landfill trailer and they are operating well. There are four private tire trailers that are leased at Big Jake's, Hurricane Creek Tire, Magic Tire and Lube, and Tire Town. Ms. Morris relays that there was a small hiccup in the last quarter with the checks being released and Chairman Erwin ask what happened. Ms. Morris explained that the Tire District has until the 20th of the month after the quarter to submit the report to DEQ and in most cases the re-imbusement came in three weeks from DEQ. DEQ has until the 30th of the month after the Tire District submits the information to them and then 30 days that they have to get the re-imbusement out to the Tire District and this is the first time this has happened. It is stated in the contract if the Tire District does not get paid, then Davis does not get paid and Davis had to suspend their operations because they had to lay drivers off. As of this date, everything is back in order. Ms. Morris relays that for the month of August 2019, Saline County had 7,219 tires and in July 2019 there were 11,802 tires collected which is the most ever for collection of tires. Ms. Morris relays to the Board that the quarterly report is done and is waiting for financial backup and will be submitted to DEQ. Chairman Erwin ask Ms. Morris if the sell of Big Jake's tire company did anything to the Tire District and Ms. Morris relayed that it has gotten better. Ms. Morris relayed that the Tire District got several tire trailers and sent them to Big Jake's location to clean up, since it had not been taken care of as it should have been. Ms. Morris ask Carmen if it was true the area is now cleaned up and Carmen replied she hopes that is true. Chairman Erwin ask if Ms. Morris knew the name of the new owner and Ms. Morris replied that she had spoken with Stacey in the office and was not sure what the new owner's name is.

5. Environmental Enforcement Officer Update: Carmen Haynes

Officer Haynes relays to the Board there was a recent swearing in due to the new Legislative change that the name of her position was changed to Environmental Enforcement Officer with the duties and functions being the same. During the months of August and September, Carmen relays to the Board there were 18 Illegal Dumpsites with 13 being cleaned up whether by the County or by the person responsible for the illegal dump. There were no burn sites reported for this period and one unverified report and Carmen relays that this means when she investigated there was no evidence of a problem whether it had been cleaned up or possibly there were items behind a privacy fence that would limit the investigation. Carmen relays to the Board that there were 5 Tire Manifest that totaled 608 tires processed during this reporting period. Carmen relays there is one new Hauler that has been added to the list of Haulers for a total of 35 which includes the Southwest Central District. Carmen mentions that there are only 29 Haulers listed that pick up residential garbage. Carmen relays there are 5 pending cases that she is working with because of the situation of income or the size of the site. Carmen relays there were 77.5 tons of properly disposed materials and to date there have been 318.575 tons of illegally disposed materials in Saline County.

6. Marketing and Education Update: Tiffany Dunn

Ms. Dunn relays to the Board this weekend is the BIG Event of the Hazardous Waste Event, Recycle Bikes, and Habitat for Humanity from 8:00 am until 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 19th, at Saline County Fairgrounds. Ms. Dunn also relays to the Board that on November 15, 2019, America's Recycling Day, we will have a Shredding Event that we are partnering with Central Shredding and Recycling at the Saline County Library from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Chairman Erwin ask do we need to make limits and Ms. Childs ask if they will shred on site. Ms. Dunn relays that those details are in the process of getting finalized after this weekend's event, but they will not shred on site and she will begin next week to advertise for the shredding event. Ms. Dunn expects to receive notification of the decision concerning the Grant for Electronic Waste that Recycle Saline is partnering with Pulaski in early December. Ms. Dunn relays that the last day to purchase the coupons is November 27, 2019 at noon and the last day to use the coupons is November 30, 2019. Ms. Dunn relays to the board that Recycle Saline will participate in the Downtown Benton Event of Spook City in front of our office on October 19, 2019. This event will have our school volunteers to help with handing out candy and helping with the games. Ms. Dunn relays to the Board that there is a big America's Recycle Day planned in the schools with all the YEA! Teams. They are participating in the TREX program collecting the plastic bags so they can turn them into Harps or Target to record their numbers and the top schools gets benches for their school and there is one school that is collecting for Ronald McDonald House that week. Some of the schools are partnering to collect the bags and host the drive and then hand them off to another school to get the count for the bags. Chairman Erwin ask if the YEA! Teams are getting bigger and Ms. Dunn relays that they have grown each year and now Benton junior high has a new leader and that is really taking off and now there are 26 schools with the addition of Parkway that have YEA! Teams. Chairman Erwin ask if there is a reduction of the funding and Ms. Dunn relays that the Legislature took \$300,00.00 for unpaved roads and \$100,00.00 for a Crime Program from the Recycling monies before they were dispersed. We are one of the smaller Districts, so we are looking at \$60,000.00 that was taken from our Recycling Program. Due to that fact, Events that we have had such as Electronic Waste being each month at Bishop Park and Hazardous Waste Event that possibly could have been twice a year are going to have to be looked at closely. We have helped Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands, Benton Matters and Keep Bryant Beautiful with events through-out the year and going forward, we will have to look at how much we can help and possibly these organizations going through the Recycling Grant Program to get assistance for any project in the future.

7. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn

a.) 2019 Landfill Coupon Program

Ms. Dunn reports the numbers are up this year for the coupon program. There have been 3,133 coupons redeemed and that is about 49% of Households using the coupon program. Ms. Dunn relays that there are 3,201 homes that have received coupons and that the one is from 1 coupon being sold. We sell them in lots of 2, but sometimes we just have to sell one.

b.) Recycling Report

Ms. Dunn relays to the Board that on this report for the year so far, we have collected 25,200 pounds of paper and cardboard from the non-profits, 5,400 pounds of metal, 100,469 pounds of electronic waste, and 26,150 pounds of paper and cardboard from the 3 schools picked up by Bin There Dump That.

8. New Business

Attorney Sam Ed Gibson relays to the Board that 3 hand outs were placed at each Board members seat for a total of 17 pages. Attorney Gibson relays that the Environmental Enforcement Officer sent a memo that requested rules for the Waste Haulers Licensing be changed and updated. Attorney Gibson relays there are two substitute requirements with the first one being to remove the requirement of the City of Bryant or Benton business license for each Hauler for the application process. The second rule is a request to add a \$15.00 permit transfer fee for any Hauler that takes a permitted vehicle out of service. The current Resolution allows for another permit to be purchased at full permit price after the permit has been permitted for the year. This change in the Resolution would provide a \$15.00 permit fee for vehicles that need to be replaced. Attorney Gibson relays to the Board that beginning this year the Bureau of Legislative Research is undertaking a new project of making sure that all State Boards, Agencies, and Commissions that do rule making use a numbering system for their rules.

Attorney Gibson relays that one of the drafts before the Board is the rule as currently stated, simply a lift from the 2014 Resolution and the 2015 Resolution that constitutes the total rule with no numbering system imposed on it. We have taken the two previous Resolutions, blended the language together, removed what was amended out by the second Resolution from the text, and now amended out what will be amended with this proposal. We are re-wording the rule into the coherent form, and adopted a numbering system which reflects the same numbering system that ADEQ uses for this same subject matter. Solid Waste Haulers are regulated by ADEQ under Regulation 22, Chapter 200, so our Regulation will be called 22.202 and following. Attorney Gibson relays that this should make a little more sense to people that deal with several Districts. Attorney Gibson relays that the process that is followed if the Board is agreeable, is to ask the Board today by motion to agree to consider making the Rule at its next regular meeting and to direct the Staff to advertise the Proposal as required by State Law and to schedule a Public Hearing to precede the December meeting. Attorney Gibson relays to the Board that copies of the Rule will be filed with both changes to the Secretary of State, run an ad in the local newspaper, and that will open a period of Public Comment. At the next Board meeting, that period of Public Comment will close and then a formal Resolution will be adopted for the Waste Haulers for the year 2020 and going forward. Chairman Erwin ask which of the handouts is the correct one and Attorney Gibson relays the handout that is numbered and states Amended by Resolution 4 of 2019. Chairman Erwin ask if the County has a privilege license if you do business in the County? Attorney Gibson relays that he is not aware of that procedure. Chairman Erwin and Attorney Gibson agree that a Motion to direct the staff to advertise the changes in the Rule and to open a Public Comment and to schedule a Public Hearing on the question prior to the December meeting and direct us to present a Resolution at the December meeting to adopt the rule as changed. Motion so moved by Jennifer Hill and seconded by Mr. J. R. Walters.

Carmen relays that the Haulers have had concerns about the permit fee when a vehicle is taken out of service and replaced with another vehicle and this will be helpful with the Haulers. Chairman Erwin ask how will Carmen know if the Hauler is replacing a vehicle and Carmen relays that she has a list of all the vehicles the Haulers have. Chairman Erwin ask if these transactions happen at the end of the year, would we charge another fee? Carmen and Attorney Gibson relay that we don't pro-rate due to the amount of our fees. Attorney Gibson relays to the Board that most Districts are insisting on licensing Commercial Haulers whether they are hauling trash or for hire and that is the way the regulation for ADEQ reads. Attorney Gibson relays that Ms. Dunn has requested the Landfill to compile a census of the Commercial Landscapers, Contractors that dispose Class IV demolition, and anyone that is generating enough waste that they are commercially hauling their own waste to the Landfill are going to be embraced by the permitting requirement. It will put extra personnel strain on the office, but it will also give us another method to ensure compliance with the several requirements like covering the load, which at this point can only be charged as littering. Once the rule is adopted in its form and is extended to the other Haulers, the Environmental Enforcement Officer will be able to

cite the trucks that do not comply with all the requirements. Carmen relays that ADEQ got in touch with Republic concerning the area in front of the Landfill. Republic has hired a person to maintain that area and Bauxite Police are patrolling that area more and the Saline County Road Department is mowing. Chairman Erwin ask how far the area was that is being patrolled and Carmen said she could ask Kim Davenport from ADEQ because there had been enough complaints that warranted a change. Mr. Walters said they start at the curve and go to where Semcoa is. Attorney Gibson relays that under the licensing rule, the Environmental Enforcement Officer can stop any vehicle that she knows to be licensed. Chairman Erwin ask if a Landscape Contractor is carrying limbs in their truck, the load has to be covered. Carmen relays that the rule states like DOT, it is anything you haul has to be secured so that no items go on the roadway. Chairman Erwin relays it will be interesting to see the Census from Republic. Ms. Dunn relays that this has never been done in our District, but looking at the permitting process and the way other Districts operate, they are already doing this. Chairman Erwin ask if our fees are competitive and Ms. Dunn replies that our fees are fair. Chairman Erwin is concerned by 20 other Haulers being permitted and how it will affect the office and Ms. Dunn relays that this will be looked at upon receiving the census and enforcing the ruling. Chairman Erwin relays that there is a motion seconded to vote on the updated Resolution on Solid Waste Hauler License and Vehicle Permit. All in favor said I and none opposed. Chairman Erwin relays to the staff, they have permission to move forward.

9. Old Business

No old business to report.

10. Public Comments

Chairman Erwin ask if there are any Public Comments and Chairman Erwin would like to report that Bryant has had a first reading for an ordinance to implement for a yard waste pickup program. It is set for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and is free of charge. They will pick up any type of yard waste, if it is grass or leaves it will need to be in a paper bag. There is information on the website for City of Bryant and to access the website go to Public Works and the pull down to put in your address for the pickup. The first time was last week and there were 40 pick-ups. Chairman Erwin relays that there are Yard Waste Haulers that are saying they are taking their business, but all the sites were picked up and no complaints. There will be a burn ban unless you have two acres or more. Effective January 1, 2020, there should be no more burning except on two acres or more. Ms. Childs relays that she wished Benton would implement that as an ordinance and Chairman Erwin said this has been ongoing for years and finally the Council said enough is enough, burning is not good. Chairman Erwin said that Bryant is burning the yard waste but are using a high-performance burning air machine that actually burns smoke and as part of the requirement if you do any commercial clearing now, you have to have that type of machine to do the clearing. Chairman Erwin relays that the machine was tried out on a corner in Bryant one weekend and no one knew that the burning was going on. Chairman Erwin ask if there is anything further that needs to be discussed, if not, Motion is made to adjourn; so moved by Mr. J.R. Walters and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Hill.