

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

Present:

Tiffany Dunn- Executive Director, Hunter Schelle- Environmental Enforcement Officer, Jeff Arey, Attorney Sam Ed Gibson, Toby Hirscheider, Mayor Clyde Crookham, Mayor Rhonda Sanders, Mayor Crystal Herrmann, JR Walters.

Call to Order and Sign In

The Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Jeff Arey at Benton City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 South East Street in Benton, Arkansas

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from December 13th, 2023, Meeting.

Jeff Arey asks if there is any discussion concerning the minutes from December 13th, 2023. There is a motion for approval of the minutes made by JR Walters and seconded by Mayor Crystal Herrmann. Motion passed. All approve.

2. Review of Financials from December 2023, January 2024 Meeting

Mr. Woolbright reports to the Board the beginning Total Cash and Cash Equivalents of the Bank Account Summary for December 2023 was \$5,001,650.71 and the ending of the month was \$4,895,220.83. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report that lists the totals for December of \$122,369.16 and Page 3 which supports Page two figures per line item. Page 4 is the listing of the Grant monies for the past 2 months and the total spent for December which is \$17,940.42 Page 5 supports the figures for the line items of Grant monies spent for December 2023.

Mr. Woolbright reports that at the start of January 2024 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents were \$4,895,220.83 and the ending balance was \$4,951,042.69. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report for the month of January that has the totals of expenditures of \$35,050.09 and Page 3 gives the details for those transactions for the month of January. Page 4 is the Grant report for the month of January with a total spent of \$6,871.14. Page 5 is the listing of the Account Transactions for the month of January 2024.

Motion to approve Financials by JR Walters, seconded by Mayor Clyde Crookham Motion passed. All approve.

3. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn

a.) Marking and Education Report

Ms. Dunn informs the board that we just held our first HHW event for 2024 with a good turnout. She states that we also just held our YEA! Team Celebration which was the ten-year anniversary for the YEA! Team program at the schools with around 150 people in attendance for the event. Ms. Dunn explained that we were able to congratulate all our students as well as our leaders, which 8 have been with the program the entire 10 years. Ms. Dunn states that we are still in the design process of

our coloring book, but we are hoping to have it mostly completed by mid-March and hope to have it completed by the end of this school year. She explains that we completed an art contest for the kids in the YEA! Team program and were able to put the art on display at the Celebration. Ms. Dunn informs the board that we are currently still working with Teracon for the Solid Waste Management Plan, and we are supposed to be receiving a call this week to discuss where we are on this plan, and that she informed them she would like it completed to be able to present at the April Board meeting.

b.) Building Update

Ms. Dunn informs the board that we are working on the final punch list for the building, and we are looking to have the certificate of occupancy by the end of this month. She explained that we did have to hire a monitoring company for fire alarms, but we already have that established and we are currently waiting on doors to come in and finalizing the final details of the building.

c.) 2024 Landfill Coupon Program

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that a total of 1,161 coupons have been sold this year and that is 580.5 homes that have received coupons. Of the 1,161 coupons sold there has been a 26% redemption rate at the landfill from coupons that have been sold this year. Ms. Dunn reports that there has been \$5,000.00 collected from coupon sales for the year. Ms. Dunn also reports that there have been 240,980 pounds disposed at the landfill using the coupons.

d.) 2023-2024 Recycle Report

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that we have recycled a total of 40,025 lbs. from non-profits, a total of 18,305 lbs. from the schools. Ms. Dunn reports that we have also recycled 104,283 lbs. of e-waste, 84,600 lbs. of Cardboard, as well as 18,495 lbs. of plastics through our recycling center for a total recycling weight of 280,759 lbs. for the 2023 year. Ms. Dunn explains that for the 2024 year, we are currently at 32,119 lbs. Ms. Dunn explains that we are currently working with C4K, Computers for Kids and this program allows us to ask individuals who are recycling if they would like to donate their laptop to C4K to be able to bring new life to the laptop as well as get it to someone in need. Ms. Dunn states that C4K is certified by Microsoft to properly wipe donated computers, as well as provide the individual donating with a wipe certificate for the donated computer.

e.) Tire Program

Ms. Dunn states that the fourth quarter numbers as well as the total for the 2023 year. She explains that there was a total of 1,256,343 tires that were collected throughout the Inter-District tire program, and for the fourth quarter for Saline County we collected 24,107 tires.

4. Environmental Enforcement Update- Hunter Schelle

Officer Schelle explains to the Board that over this reporting period there have been 11 cases worked on with a total of 0 open cases. He also states that there have been 922 tires with 4 manifests that have been collected at the landfill. Officer Schelle explains that there was a total of 39 illegally dumped tires as well as 2.53 tons or 5,060 lbs. that have been disposed of. Officer Schelle explains that for the year 2023 there was a total of 278 illegally dumped tires and a total of 27,470 lbs. cleaned up through the county with a total of 57 cases worked. Officer Schelle explains for the year to date for the 2024 year there have currently been 6 cases worked with a total of 17 illegally dumped tires, and 2,960 lbs. cleaned up.

5. New Business

Ms. Dunn explains that there is a new Republic Services recycling contract, she explains that for the year they have increased their prices from the current rate of \$90.00 and increased it to \$100.00. She informs the board that Republic has decreased the lift rate from \$18.70 to \$17.00. She states that a lift rate is for when a recycle bin is contaminated and they must remove it and landfill the load. She explains that this is for a total of 22 schools in Saline County and the total amount of the base contract would be \$27,480.00. Ms. Dunn explains that she felt this needed to be brought to the board based off the original amount was budgeted for \$25,000 for the school recycling program. Ms. Dunn requests to approve the contract, and she has informed Republic Services to start the new contract prices earlier so we can decide if the program needs to go out for a bid. Motion made by JR Walters to grant the program the funds of \$27,480 plus any additional cost, seconded by Toby Hirscheider.

Ms. Dunn explains at the December board meeting during our budget we had discussed asphalt for the Recycle Center so that it would allow us to do one way in one way out access and for better safety of the vehicles coming in and out of the gates. Ms. Dunn explains that we did receive three quotes for the asphalt work to be done, but she would recommend going with Benton Asphalt to complete the work at the price of \$13,577.00. Motion made by Toby Hirscheider to approve for asphalt, seconded by Mayor Rhonda Sanders. All approve.

6. Old Business

7. Public Comments

Motion to adjourn, made by JR Walters, Second by Mayor Rhonda Sanders, all approve.