

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

Present:

Tiffany Dunn- Executive Director, Hunter Schelle- Environmental Enforcement Officer, Jeff Arey, Attorney Sam Ed Gibson, Mayor Chris Treat, Mayor Crystal Herrmann, JR Walters.

Absent: Toby Hirscheider, Mayor Clyde Crookham.

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 February 21st, 2024, Meeting.

Jeff Arey asks if there is any discussion concerning the minutes from February 21st, 2024. 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 February 2024, March 2024 Meeting

Mr. Woolbright reports to the Board the beginning Total Cash and Cash Equivalents of the Bank Account Summary for February 2024 was \$4,951,042.69 and the end of the month was \$4,833,872.29. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report that lists the totals for February of \$119,120.70 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 February which is \$6,972.52 Page 5 supports the figures for the line items of Grant monies spent for February 2024.

Mr. Woolbright reports that at the start of March 2024 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents were \$4,833,872.29 and the ending balance was \$4,804,505.18. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report for the month of March that has the totals of expenditures of \$47,023.93 and Page 3 gives the details for those transactions for the month of March. Page 4 is the Grant report for the month of March with a total spent of \$8,782.64. Page 5 is the listing of the Account Transactions for the month of March 2024.

Motion to approve Financials by Mayor Crystal Herrmann, seconded by JR Walters
Motion passed. All approve.

3. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn

a.) Marking and Education Report

Ms. Dunn explains to the board that we did have our first 2024 Recycle Event at our facility, we had 40 participants that came on that day which is up from the previous Saturday that we were open for recycling. She explains that we also had our HHW

event on April the 6th with 57 participants that redeemed their coupons with 3,699 pounds collected at the event. Ms. Dunn states that she would like to go over that we are working with County Judge Brumley and Saline County on the Great County Clean up, and we are encouraging our mayors and everyone to be a part of that. She explains that our goal is for each of the JPs to take over an area in their district and get volunteers to go out on Saturday April 27th to do a littler cleanup in their area. She informs the board that Recycle Saline is helping to provide supplies for the event as well as covering the landfill fees for those who are participating. Ms. Dunn also goes into detail on how we have sent out a letter to all the Waste Haulers permitted in Saline County to please keep all loads covered, as well as to let them know about the April 27th Cleanup if they would like to join in. Ms. Dunn explains that some of the YEA! Teams are doing their own campus wide clean up events, as well as one of the schools is doing a pop tab collection which will help benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

b.) Building Update

Ms. Dunn informs the board that we have received our certificate of occupancy. She also explains that we are still waiting for some furniture to come in as well as refrigerator and microwave to come. She does inform the board that one bit of bad news and that we have found some leaks in the roof, so we are currently reaching out to some roofing companies to give us quotes to get it fixed.

c.) 2024 Landfill Coupon Program

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that a total of 3,084 coupons have been sold this year and that is 1,542 homes that have received coupons. Of the 3,084 coupons sold there has been a 33% redemption rate at the landfill from coupons that have been sold this year. Ms. Dunn reports that there has been \$11,930 collected from coupon sales for the year. Ms. Dunn also reports that there have been 891,850 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 4,790 lbs. from non-profits, a total of 1,790 lbs. from the schools. Ms. Dunn reports that we have also recycled 23,169 lbs. of e-waste, 42,210 lbs. of Cardboard, as well as 8,480 lbs. of plastics through our recycling center for a total recycling weight of 88,185 lbs. for the 2024 year.

e.) Tire Program

Ms. Dunn states that as of right now the tire numbers for the report have not changed due to them being done quarterly. She also explains to the board that the new tire program will take effect the following quarter.

f.) Solid Waste Management Plan

Mr. Owen Carpenter from Terracon came to discuss the Solid Waste Management Plan that was submitted to Recycle Saline from Terracon.

4. Environmental Enforcement Update- Hunter Schelle

Officer Schelle explains to the Board that over this reporting period there have been 13 cases worked on with a total of 1 open case. He also states that there have been 888 tires with 5 manifests that have been collected at the landfill. Officer Schelle explains that there was a total of 42 illegally dumped tires as well as 122.25 tons or 244,500 lbs. that have been disposed of. Officer Schelle explains that for the year 2024 there was a total of 59 illegally dumped tires and a total of 247,460 lbs. cleaned up through the county with a total of 19 cases worked.

5. New Business

No new business

6. Old Business

No old business

7. Public Comments

Attorney Sam Ed Gibson explains to the board that we are in the process of working with the State through the Bureau of Legislative Research for administrative rules for all of Arkansas's rules of legislative agencies and state boards and commissions such as ours. He explains that Ms. Dunn and himself had gone over the suggestions that BLR had made to us for the arrangement and presentation of the rules that the board has adopted over the years, and that we will respond to them later this week. He explains that when the project is finished Arkansas will have a single code of administrative regulations, which will have all the regulations of this board as well as the other 18 solid waste management boards.

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