

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2013

Board Members Present: Mr. Jim Erwin, Dr. Don Brashears, Mr. J.R. Walters, Mr. Bob McKeon, and Judge Fite; Mayor Arey was absent.

Others Present: Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for SCRSWMD; Mr. Mike Lauderdale, Terry's Waste; Stacy Edwards, Inter-District Tire Program; Carol Bevis, Dep. Director Pulaski Co. Regional SW District; Mrs. Tai Marshall, Office Manager, Saline County RSWMD; Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director, Saline County RSWMD; Ms. Tiffany Dunn, Marketing Coordinator, Saline County RSWMD; Mrs. Kim Blakley, Front Office/Accounting, Saline County RSWMD; Ms. Kimberly Brooks, Powell Sanitation; Jennifer Joyner, Saline Courier; Shane Knight; Chelsea Boozer, AR Demo-Gazette.

Judge Fite called the meeting to order and asked everyone to sign in.

Reading of Minutes from May meeting: Judge Fite stated the first order of business was the reading of minutes from the May meeting. Mr. J.R. Walters made a motion to approve the May Board Meeting minutes. Dr. Don Brashears seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Reading of Financial Statement and Financial Position from May: Mr. Grappe' stated that for the month of May in our operating account we have spent \$39,245.55, which leaves us a total of \$969,245.55 in our operation budget. Mr. Grappe' stated that of our revenue account we deposited \$17,637.65 from the sale of recycled materials, which leaves \$ 1,444,118.59 in our revenue account. Mr. Grappe' stated that in our recycle grants \$138,251.09 is in our account currently we have \$26,191.22 in expenses. Mr. Grappe' stated in our investment account we have \$2,053,108.41. Mr. Grappe' stated our account grand total is \$4,604,723.64, we deposited \$429,840.56, and we have spent \$513,052.36.

Mr. Grappe' stated that in our Recycle Operations we have started two shifts: First shift is 6:00am to 2:30pm our second shift is from 2:30pm–10:00pm. Mr. Grappe' stated that the mountain of paper has decreased dramatically. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will be shipping our first load of plastics in the next few weeks. Mr. Grappe' also stated that we have done several promotions in the last 45 days, and Smarty will be involved in the following upcoming events:

- A. Balloon Fest Memorial Stadium. Advertisement funds to the City of Bryant for their Bryant Fest.
- B. Lake Norrell clean up Saturday June 22, Lake Norrell 4th of July event.
- C. Boys and girls club of Benton

Mr. Bob McKeon asked about the recycling report for May, he asked if the grant balance is staying up to cover our future needs. Mr. Grappe' replied that this is our last year we will have recycle grants as we normally did, and that ADEQ, per Act 1333, will no longer be involved in regulating our grant program. Mr. Grappe' stated when we complete the grants that are currently on the books, ADEQ will no longer be involved in the over site of the grant. It will totally be on us. Mr. Bob McKeon asked if grants will still be available. Mr. Grappe' stated that he is having a meeting on the 27th & 28th with all the districts to talk about establishing these relations, and if the board members choses to adopt those or not will be a question we will have in August with the board. There was some discussion regarding recycling grants and on Tarp Law.

Judge Fite motioned to approve and J.R. Walters seconded that motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Inter-District Tire Update-Stacey Edwards: Ms. Stacey Edwards introduced us to her guest, Ms. Carol Bevis, who is with Pulaski County Solid Waste District. Mrs. Edwards stated that her tire report for May was \$4,823. Total of all nine counties was \$64,804.00. Financials for Saline County has approximately \$101,000.00 in the bank for your tire program, and overall for the inner district is \$ 582, 894.78. She also stated that our financials were very strong for this district. Ms. Edwards discussed that we had asked her in the last meeting how the funds were divided up and distributed upon the tire district. She handed out a map of all the districts for a visual, as well as a copy of the Inter-District Waste Tire Management Program Agreement that was entered in 1992 for our records. Ms. Edwards stated last night Pulaski County and ADEQ held their joint public hearing on the new ten (10) year solid waste plan, and state it was very educational. Ms. Edwards was happy to report that many of ADEQ's recommendations that the sub committees they had made, she stated they were already fulfilling things that were on the ten year plan. There was more discussion regarding, the 10 year plan. Ms. Edwards also discussed future awareness program for illegal dumping. She also discussed signs in the windows of used tire dealers and on the counters saying, "We Don't Dump". Ms. Edwards also stated that the Bi-Annual Grant application was applied for in May for the June deadline, and it has been approved for 2 more years. She also stated that the public information campaign stated that we had too much money on reserve, as of April 2013 we had 100,966.52 and that is has to be spent and not banked, so she has authorization for ADEQ to use 20,000 to use for the public media campaign. If the board approves that in July they will go ahead with that plan.

Environmental Officer Update: Mr. Grappe' stated there was none to report.

Executive Director Update: Mr. Grappe' discussed servicing the various locations of the black boxes, as well as the future plans for the school recycling programs. Mr. Grappe also discussed the disposal of paint with Rineco, as well as giving some of the paint that is in good conditions to some of the Habitat for Humanity for resale. This program is schedule to start July 10th. Mr. Grappe' also stated that the EWASTE program is still going well. It is still being picked up by

ESCO and they are taking it back to their processing center in Little Rock. He stated that they are doing a good job.

Recycling Program: Mr. Grappe' stated that we are still servicing the black boxes. Ms. Tai Marshall stated that we took in 77.74 tons of recyclable material, just from the drop off locations in April and that it has increased to 110.42 tons in May.

Upcoming Events: Mr. Grappe' stated that The Balloon Fest is this weekend 22-23rd. We also have a Lake Norrell clean-up on Sat. June 22nd from 8:00-11:00 as well as July 4th Smarty will be at Lake Norrell for the Boat Parade. Mr. Grappe also stated that we will 4th of July Bryant Fest on July 3rd and 4th. Smarty was on Channel 4 on Tuesday morning, the Mayor of Haskell, Jeff Ayers our chairman and Smarty were on talking about the Balloon Fest and recycling in general.

Advertising Efforts: Ms. Tiffany Dunn stated that we are currently advertising on Bryant Daily, Saline County Lifestyles, as well as Saline County Shoppers Guide. Ms. Dunn stated we are getting a really good response in every avenue we are advertising in. Our Facebook likes are going up, as well as hits on the website. Ms. Dunn stated that just from Bryant Daily we have 499 clicks to link to our website. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if this was the numbers for this month and Ms. Dunn stated yes. Ms. Dunn stated that Smarty did a photo shoot for the Bryant and Benton Cheerleaders and that will be in all the football programs this season. Ms. Dunn also stated that we are getting ready to go out with the Hazardous Household campaign as Jim said we were in the Bryant newsletter yesterday. We are trying to get into every newsletter, water bill etc.

Impact Management Update: Mr. Grappe' stated that all the numbers are in and the report is finalized, you should all have a copy of that in the email I sent you. Mr. Grappe' stated that he also shared it with City Council, and it will be on the website if the board has no objections for public approval. There was some discussion between Mr. Grappe' and Sam Ed Gibson regarding the website. Mr. Grappe' stated he spoke to Clint, who is our liaison with Impact Management. Mr. Grappe' asked if he is available on the 9th and the 23rd for our public hearings. Mr. Grappe' stated that Clint said yes he was available. Mr. Grappe' asked the board is they would like for Clint to be there to explain the polling process and the numbers.

Community Efforts: Mr. Grappe stated that last month we did the City of Bryant, South Street and East Edison. We teamed up with Benton Matters in Benton. Mr. Grappe' stated we have 50 volunteers on South Street and 30 on Edison Street. Mr. Grappe' discussed the process of clean up at the flea market as well. Mr. Grappe' also stated that we did a FEMA house in Benton, and one more is scheduled later on this year. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have teamed up with Benton Matter and Keep Bryant Beautiful for a booth at the Salt Bowl. There was more discussion regarding future clean up at the schools.

Recycle Center Labor Update: Mr. Grappe' stated we have two crews working now which means we will need to secure another baler or two. Mr. Grappe' stated we are almost ready to

haul off our first glass truck. Ms. Tai Marshall stated we need another 7-8 tons then we will be ready to send them off. There was more discussion from Mr. Grappe' and the board regarding the drop off recycling black boxes used as a learning tool to prepare the public for curbside recycling.

Engineering Updates: Mr. Grappe' stated that we are getting ready to start the office remodel. We talked to the contractors and are getting prices for wall removal and tile placement, ceiling grid, etc. Mr. Grappe' stated the initial estimate was not firm, but will be around \$3500.00. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are in process of getting a bid on the Pole Barn to be pulled down and removed.

District Zoning Updates: Mr. Grappe' stated that the zoning is not completely defined as of yet. Mr. Grappe' also stated that we originally had seven cities and we are now down to five and that after the public hearings we will be more closely defined the boundary of the five remaining cities. There was some discussion of the cities that are included in the zone. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are still taking input on these issues.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Grappe' stated that the district was issued an FOI (Freedom of Information Act) this morning. The order was sent through the city of Benton email. Mr. Grappe' asked the Benton representative, Dr. Brashears, to check with City Hall and see if the city is behind this. There was discussion of what information was needed on the FOI. Mr. Grappe' stated that most of the information was on our website and that he and his staff had been busy getting copies of all other request. Mr. Grappe' asked the board about getting help with the public relations as he is having to respond to several different issues and formats. Mr. Grappe' stated he had approached the board members and asked to hire some contract labor to assist him in the public relations issues. Mr. Grappe' stated that he did get approved from each of them. As a procedure he would like to put it before the board, Mr. Shane Knight is here today and asked that the board accept him in assisting him with these public relations. The board was in favor of this. Judge Fite made the motion and Dr. Don Brashears seconded the motion. All were in favor and a motion passed with no opposition.

Jude Fite introduced Ms. Carol Bevis, who is a guest today. She is the Jr. Deputy Director of Pulaski County Solid Waste. Ms. Bevis discussed how successful the Pulaski County recycle program was. She gave some encouraging words and talked about how important it is to promote the program and educating the people.

Old Business: There was no old business to report.

New Business: There was no new business to report.

Public Comments: Judge Fite made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Mr. J.R. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned.