

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Regular Board Meeting

March 26, 2014

Board Members Present: Mr. Jim Erwin; Dr. Don Brashears; Mr. J.R. Walters; Judge Fite; Mayor Jeff Arey; Bob McKeon. **Others Present:** Mr. Shane Knight, Operations Manager, Saline County RSWMD; Ms. Tiffany Dunn, Marketing Coordinator, Saline County RSWMD; Mr. Michael Grappe', Executive Director, Saline County RSWMD; Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney Saline County RSWMD; Roger Finley, Terry's Waste; Gerry Burke, Republic Services.

Mayor Arey called the meeting to order and asked everyone to sign in.

Reading of Minutes from February: Mayor Arey stated that the first order of business was the reading of minutes from the February meeting. Mr. Grappe' stated that there isn't an audio recording from the February meeting because it was accidentally deleted after the transcription of the minutes. Mr. Walters made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from February. Mr. McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Reading of Financial Statement and Financial Position from February-Jordan Woolbright:

Mr. Grappe' stated that in our Operating Account we had \$147.31 deposited and \$67,063.61 in outflows. Mr. Grappe' stated that the beginning balance for the Operating Account was \$428,933.42 and the ending balance was \$362,017.12. Mr. Grappe' stated that the Revenue Account had \$1,778,241.48 for the beginning balance, \$129,632.58 in deposits, and an ending balance of \$1,907,874.06. Mr. Grappe' stated that in the Recycling Account the beginning balance was \$183,104.97, there was \$1,500 in outflows, and an ending balance of \$181,604.97. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have a beginning balance of \$2,009,197.64, with the increase of \$18,749.98 and decrease of \$9,067.77 for fees, the investment account is up \$9,682.21 giving an ending balance of \$2,018,879.85. Mr. Grappe' stated that the total cash and cash equivalents is a total of \$4,470,376 which is up from the previous month of \$4,399,477.51. Mr. McKeon asked about a check for 2/10/14 for bank service charges. Mr. Grappe' stated that he suspects that it has to do with a credit card fee and not a bank service charge but will check to make sure. At the office we did check on this charge and learned that it was for direct deposit charges. Mr. Walters made a motion to approve the Financial Statement and Financial Position for February. Dr. Brashears seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Inter-District Tire Update-Stacy Edwards: Ms. Edwards was on vacation. There was no report given.

Environmental Officer Update-Shane Knight: Mr. Knight stated that there were 15 calls concerning dump sites, burn barrels, trash on the side of the road, and dumping in front of the

black boxes. Mr. Knight stated that we have increased the frequency of pick-ups at our problem areas and increased the number of bins at Bryant City Hall and Neeley Street. Mr. Knight stated that he has permitted 31 haulers in Saline County. Mr. Knight stated that he has started some preliminary work on re-crafting the hauler standards and inspection forms to coincide with the motor vehicle carrier laws of the DOT. Mr. Erwin asked if there were any adjustments made to the haulers from last year inspections and if they were better. Mr. Knight stated that there weren't any major adjustments and that there were some with minor issues like a brake light or tail light. Mr. Knight stated that they held tarp enforcement at the landfill and there were no issues. Mr. Walters asked about the name on the side of the truck. Mr. Knight stated that we are still working on that. Mr. McKeon asked about a contract for the Environmental Officer split with Pulaski County. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will discuss in just a few minutes. Mr. Erwin asked how many haulers we have gained or lost since last year. Mr. Knight stated that we have gained two haulers and only two are doing recycling Terry's Waste and Republic Services. Mr. Walters asked if they are doing it in the cities only. Mr. Finley with Terry's Waste stated that they are going out of the city limits within reason. Mr. Finley stated that he has started delivering carts and has had a good response. Mr. Grappe' stated that he is having a meeting next week with Pulaski District for the Environmental Officer split and will have it before the Board next month.

Executive Director Update:

Recycling Program: Mr. Grappe' stated that we used to accept glass at the landfill and since we are no longer there the Recycle Center is closed and not open to the public. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have received a lot of calls about what to do with the glass. Mr. Grappe' stated that he has been talking with Pulaski District about taking a regional approach to accepting the glass and trying to work out the details and the cost of a glass only recycling program. Mr. Grappe' stated that they are looking at having drop off areas set around both counties. Mr. Erwin asked if we had a good response of glass drop off at the recycle center when it was open. Mr. Grappe' stated that we didn't have that much but we received the glass from Southwest Central because they are outside of the capture zone of Ripple Glass. Mr. Grappe' stated that the yard debris paperwork engineering documentation has been submitted to ADEQ and we expect that to be approved in the next 30 to 60 days. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will use the chips for ground covering. Mr. Grappe' stated that he talked with several landscaping companies at the Home and Garden show, and everyone was interested in working with us on some type of program to where if we provided them with a bin they would drop all their materials in it, haul it off, and would be willing to pay for it. Mr. Grappe' stated that he had lunch with Dan Christianson with Republic Services about the program. Mr. Grappe' stated that they did talk about them running the program. There was some general discussion about the program. Mayor Arey asked about an update for the ASU grant. Mr. Knight stated that they have begun to get the equipment and the grass clippings. Mr. Knight stated that one of the first test that they ran was an application of a chemical base to keep the grass suspended in water long enough to emulsify and fall back down.

Mr. Grappe' stated that the issue was who owned the rights to the project. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will share a royalty revenue with the college. Mr. Grappe' stated that our normal recycling is currently being deposited at Waste Management. Mr. Grappe' stated that Republic is negotiating with Goldman and supposedly has signed the lease. Mr. Grappe' stated that they are supposed to be moving into the building to start the operation. Mr. Grappe' stated that one of the things that they have been waiting on is that one of their primary clients who generates 300-400 tons of materials weekly had to ok the move and they have ok'd it. Mr. Grappe' stated that they are transferring the bulk of their operation to the landfill. Mr. Erwin asked if citizens will be able to drop off at the recycle center. Mr. Grappe stated that we currently still have the black boxes, and currently still bedding out e-waste to Goodwill. Mr. Grappe' stated that Goodwill will take white goods and electronics. Mr. Erwin asked about ESCO. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are still working with them when we have events but for citizens they can take it to Goodwill. Mr. Erwin asked about the schools and the recycling program. Mr. Grappe' stated that we had a meeting last week about several things including green teams and recycling at the schools to walk them through the process we would like to change. Mr. Grappe' stated that currently today the janitor comes in and picks up the waste can and puts it in his can and then rolls it to the dumpster. Mr. Grappe' stated that the recycle bins are done by the green teams where they take them to a central location in the school and we send someone in to pick up which costs the District. Mr. Grappe' stated that he is asking all the green teams for their input on the janitor picking up the recycling, taking it to the recycle bin, and the green team students take the waste can to the cafeteria. Mr. Grappe' stated that it allows us to get everything to where it needs to be and the second thing is that we might be able to reduce the cost of the trash because all of their trash now turns into recycling outside of the cafeteria still having waste. Mr. Burke with Republic Services stated that he is having the same issue in Shelby County in Memphis where they have had to suspend service because they can't get maintenance on board and the recycling has become so contaminated.

Upcoming Events: Ms. Dunn stated that on April 5th, Benton Matters will be doing an exit clean-up of exits 116, 117, and 118 and painting the wall at exit 117. Ms. Dunn stated that we are going to be starting our Spring Clean contest with 6 schools participating. Ms. Dunn stated that we are asking them to bring any household goods and basing the winnings on the number of pounds that are collected. Ms. Dunn stated that on April 12th, we will be having a drop off day at the CW Lewis parking lot from 8a-11a. Ms. Dunn stated that April 24th, is the Saline Green kick-off event at Bishop Park. Ms. Dunn stated that Keep Bryant Beautiful will be hosting their dumpster day on April 26th, and will be participating in the Great American Clean-up with the clover leaf clean-up of exit 123 and the Springhill overpass. Ms. Dunn stated that she attended a coordinator meeting for the Great American Clean-Up. May 10th, Labor for Your Neighbor will be hosting a drop off day in Haskell and May 3rd, is Shannon Hills. Ms. Dunn stated that they have been busy with presentations and visited East End Elementary doing three separate presentations for the students, and Angie Grant hosted a playground clean-up and had Smarty out

there helping them with the clean-up. Ms. Dunn stated that she has submitted more presentations for awards through SWANA and ARC.

Advertising Efforts-Tiffany Dunn- Ms. Dunn stated that we are still going strong with the recycling campaign and getting calls every day. Ms. Dunn stated that we average about 10 calls a day for the recycling program. Ms. Dunn stated that we have a grant that we have to use by May 1st. Ms. Dunn stated that we did an extension on this grant back in January and as part of that we told them that we would use the grant for the curbside recycling program. Ms. Dunn stated that she would like to extend our advertising on the radio that we are using. Ms. Dunn stated that would include Clear Channel, Cumulus, and Signal Media. Ms. Dunn stated that the total would be \$9,600 for that advertising. Mr. Erwin asked if it was effective. Mr. Finley stated that everyone that he has talked to said that they heard it on the radio. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are asking for a motion to use the \$9,600 on radio advertising. Mr. Erwin made a motion to approve the \$9,600 for radio advertising. Judge Fite seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition. Judge Fite asked if in the future we can use grant money for the coupon program to pay the administrative cost. Mr. Grappe' stated that we could under ACT 1333 the Board can approve a grant for the administrative cost. Ms. Dunn stated that the Saline County Lifestyle magazine went out and there is a really good article in there about the District and the title of the article is Building the Framework For a 5 Star Future.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Grappe' read the beginning of the article from the Saline County Lifestyle magazine to the Board. Mr. Grappe' stated that when meeting with our Green Teams we don't really have a sustainable program from Kindergarten to High school to get our kids where we need them to be. Mr. Grappe' stated that it will take 40 years to change the mind-set of the children. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are going to reformat the Green Team Program completely. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are looking at giving scholarship or recognition to the students. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are looking at giving support to the teachers that are interested. Mr. Grappe' stated that we need a program that we have ownership of and create some prestige in the Green Teams. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have given out 3,500 coupons in the past two months. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have people coming in the office everyday even though we have advertised Tuesday and Thursday. Mr. Grappe' stated that we need someone full time 5 days a week. Mr. McKeon asked if it would be to our advantage if we used a temp service. Judge Fite asked if we have a database where we are taking the citizens information. Mr. Grappe' stated that it would be \$10 an hour but with benefits it would be \$15. Judge Fite stated that he would make the motion that we hire a full time person with the stipulation that we look at an alternative solution on the distribution of the coupons and eliminating the position. Mr. McKeon asked if we had other things that the person could do. Mr. Grappe' stated that they would be the front office person answering the phone, handing out the coupons, and other things as well. Mr. Erwin seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Old Business:

- A. Barn teardown update- Mr. Grappe' stated that the barn has been torn down and cleaned up. Mr. Grappe' stated that he was paid the \$4,000 that he submitted in the bid.
- B. Mr. McKeon stated that under old business that we still needed to approve the Financial Audit that Mr. Jones presented to the Board at last month's Board Meeting. Mayor Arey asked if there were any questions. Mr. Walters made a motion to approve the Financial Audit. Dr. Brashears seconded that motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.
- C. Mr. McKeon stated that last month we talked about the sick leave policy and would like a copy of the employee handbook.

New Business: Mr. Grappe' stated that he sent to the Board members a copy of an email from Owen Carpenter with Terracon. Mr. Grappe' stated that they have their existing cells here at this level and their new cell is at another level. Mr. Grappe' stated that in order for them to operate and continue without undue stress to the landfill they are asking for support from the District for a new cell. Mr. Grappe' stated that they're not going to mess with the old ones they will tie in with the old and go deeper. Mr. Grappe' stated that it will allow them to increase the life of the landfill and it keeps them from filling that gap up with dirt. Mr. Grappe' stated that they have two options the first option is to fill it with dirt and option 2 is approval from ADEQ to drop that level down. Mr. Grappe' stated that they will be coming next month for a needs assessment approval and after that the Board will go into a two month cycle for public opinion. Mr. Grappe' stated that in July we will have an open meeting for public comment before the Regular Board meeting and if there isn't any public comment then the Board can then vote on the issue. Mr. Grappe' stated that if the Board approves it will go to ADEQ for action. Mr. Gibson stated that the Board is simply playing the regulatory role. Mr. Gibson stated that ADEQ needs the Boards input before they decide. There was some general discussion about the life increase of the cell and the landfill.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Mr. Walters made a motion to adjourn. Bob McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.