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Public Meeting

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Mr. Jim Erwin called to order the public hearing meeting for the request of Terracon's need assessment request. Mr. Jim Erwin asked if there was any public comment for the request. Mr. Gibson stated that he would like to remind the Board that they have in front of them a formal letter of application filed by Terracon on behalf of BFI of Arkansas seeking a modification of the existing Class I and Class IV permit to the facility referred to as the Saline County Landfill. Mr. Gibson stated that the purpose of this hearing is to receive comment from the public and to open a period of public comment which will remain open for 60 days prior to the Board taking action on the application.

There were no public comments.

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

Reading of Minutes from April: Mayor Arey stated that the first order of business was the reading of minutes from the April meeting. Mr. Walters made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from April. Mr. McKeon seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

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

Mr. Woolbright stated that the Operating account had a beginning balance of \$328,464.29 and an ending balance of \$291,202.47; the revenue account had a beginning balance of \$1,910,137.25 and ending balance of \$1,995,676.01. Mr. Woolbright stated that the large inflow was due to an e-waste grant that we received. Mr. Woolbright stated that the recycling account had a beginning balance of \$176,180.48 and an ending balance of \$158,897.01; the investments account started with a beginning balance of \$2,012,672.26 and an ending balance of \$2,029,431.43. Mr. Woolbright stated that the total cash and cash equivalents was \$4,475,206.92. Mr. Woolbright stated that the prior month's cash and cash equivalents was \$4,427,141.01. Mr. Woolbright went through the Operations Detail report for April 2014. Mr. Woolbright stated that the District operation total for the month of April was \$37,382.43. Mr. Woolbright stated the following pages were the check detail reports that made up the Operations Detail report. Mr. McKeon asked about the process of the group insurance. Mr. Woolbright stated that it is monthly but that there has been some confusion with the invoices still being sent to Tai, but everything should be straightened out now. Mr. McKeon made a motion to approve the Financial Statement and Financial Position from April. Mr. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Inter-District Tire Update-Stacy Edwards: Ms. Edwards stated that we picked up some speed from our slack winter. Ms. Edwards stated that 64,675 tires was total amount of tires collected District wide and 6,283 tires came from Saline County. Ms. Edwards stated that the reason for the increase is because of the clean-ups. Ms. Edwards stated that the Inter-District did receive its

quarterly grant. Ms. Edwards stated that for the Inter-District fiscal year to date for it ended at \$608,859.57 for the quarter. Ms. Edwards stated that the District's account ended at \$92,043.76 which is very healthy. Ms. Edwards stated that we had an overage of \$1,244.65 which required a letter to show what we would do with that overage. Ms. Edwards stated that it will be used for the new tire trailer. Ms. Edwards stated that the only expenses for last month were the admin expenses and the contactor expense for processing tires. Ms. Edwards stated that the new collection center is going to be at Discount Auto on I-30. Ms. Edwards stated that Dennis Clay will be removing the tires on the rim for free and keeping the rim. Ms. Edwards stated that she has scheduled training with the Landfill to better document the tires that come out there. Ms. Edwards stated that they are taking bids right now on three waste tire processing components, hoping to apply for a support grant through ADEQ to help Davis Rubber to purchase these and possibly use some Inter-District funds. Ms. Edwards stated that Davis Rubber has ordered themselves a Granutech Saturn Grizzly Shredder that will take the pieces of the big tires and shred them to about the size of a fingernail. Ms. Edwards stated that the equipment that they have out for bids are for a double drum magnetic separator to pull the wire out in any of the chips that contain wire, and then a couple of screeners out for bid to actually screen it into the finer playground rubber or smaller type mulch, and the third item on the bids is a system that fits on the grizzly which is a complex system. Ms. Edwards stated that once they have the Grizzly in place they can double the production of the tire drive fuel, and then once they get the new equipment they can start making recycling product. Ms. Edwards stated that the big tire program is working great, and that most of the tires have come from Monroe County.

Environmental Officer Update-Shane Knight: Mr. Knight stated that there were 17 dumpsites inspected since the last meeting. Mr. Knight stated that some of those sites have been closed. Mr. Knight stated that closed means that individuals have presented landfill receipts showing that they have picked up. Mr. Knight stated that burn barrels are calls that we have received at the District office. Mr. Knight stated that the materials at the black bins that have been placed outside are recyclable materials. Mr. Knight stated that we set extra boxes at Bryant City Hall and haven't any issues since. Mr. McKeon asked if we can do anything to get the boxes in Alexander picked up. Mr. Knight stated that he has asked for an extra pick-up this week and that it would be placed on a Monday and Wednesday schedule.

Executive Director Update:

Recycling Program: Mr. Grappe' stated that in the Board packet they have a grant agreement between the District and Arkansas State University. Mr. McKeon stated that he found a typo on page 2. Mr. Grappe' stated that they have agreed to give 5% of royalties out of the product. Mr. Grappe' stated that we sent to our council and went back and forth. Mr. Grappe' stated that this is the final version. Mr. Gibson stated that the motion of the Board would be to accept the agreement with the correction that was stated in the comments that being a typo found on page 2.

Mr. Erwin made a motion to approve the agreement with the correction. Mr. Walters seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition. Mr. Grappe' stated that the money is now in place and that it will probably be fall when it is wrapped up.

Mr. Grappe' stated that we have issued 5,262 landfill passes, and 1,110 have been utilized for a total of 1,057,794 pounds of trash. Mr. Grappe' stated that the coupons have primarily been used for household trash. Mr. Grappe' stated that in the month of April our black boxes collected 231,620 pounds of recyclable materials and 29,200 pounds of paper, Hot Spring Village 74,840 pounds, and from curbside we collected 51,320 pounds. Mr. Grappe' stated that our black boxes are the leader in recycling right now. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have entered into an agreement with HSV where we are providing the bin and they have a daily drop off. Mr. Grappe' stated that they are paying \$175 to the contractor to take to the landfill. Mr. Grappe' stated that the District is paying the scale house fee which is \$17 a ton. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are paying all the recycling fees for the black boxes, HSV, and curbside in order to keep the cost neutral. Mr. Erwin asked if that is what the expenses were for the recycling. Mr. Grappe' stated that part of it is. Mr. Grappe' stated that part of it was the school pick-up. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are getting a lot of trash dumped at the back gate of the landfill. Mr. Grappe' stated that unfortunately most people are using the coupons for their household trash. Mr. Grappe' stated that he has met with Republic about some technology for the coupon program for next year. Mr. Grappe' stated that the plan is that when you pull up to the scale house the person would hand them there driver's license, and it would tell the worker if they have used their free passes. Mr. Grappe' stated that it will be a \$5 charge to the individual for taxes that Republic is paying now. Mr. Grappe' stated that individual's won't be able to use it for household trash. Mr. Erwin asked Mr. Grappe' what his position on the issue is. Mr. Grappe' stated that he doesn't have a position today but says that with the free coupons we are sponsoring those who don't have trash service. Mr. Grappe' stated that the City of Benton has used 623 passes and that equated to 477,000 pounds or 238 tons being the majority user that doesn't have trash service. Mr. Grappe' stated that it's not fair to people like Mr. Finley who own a business picking up solid waste and curbside and the District sponsoring those individuals who don't want the service and the District giving individuals a free pass to avoid it. Mr. Grappe' stated that he doesn't mind that getting rid of a sofa, construction debris, or appliances because that is an extra expense. Mr. Grappe' stated that with the Driver's license all we want is the name of the individual and the address. Mr. Grappe' stated that when we have our clean-ups in the different areas we don't take the trash. Mr. Grappe' stated that we will start running an ad campaign and have three primary targets; the first one is that burn barrels are illegal and in January we will start enforcing that and writing citations. Mr. Grappe' stated that if you have a burn barrel, and you are caught with it, our IDCO will come to you with a citation with seven days to get rid of the burn barrel and apply for a service. Mr. Grappe' stated that the second campaign will be yard debris. Mr. Grappe' stated that the third thing that we will be campaigning will be the coupon program shifting to the landfill. Mr. McKeon asked if there is anything in the future that he can do about the bags being on the ground when he has video of who has left them there. Mr. Knight stated that he can

contact Officer Campbell for the investigation. Mr. Grappe' stated that he had a meeting with Matt Adam with Goldman Recycling, and they have a lease now with Republic paying \$2,500, and they are bailing the materials. Mr. Grappe' stated that the recycle center won't be open to the public, and we are working on a glass drop off and electronics program. Mr. Grappe' stated that when we have our clean-ups, we usually pick up a trailer load of electronics that include the big screen TV's. Mr. Grappe' stated that Goldman's is struggling a little because they don't have the manpower to address it on a daily basis. Mr. Grappe' stated that they are looking for a sorting line to capture all the paper, cardboard, and drop out the plastic and metal to sell that to Pratt or Kimberly Clark. Mr. Grappe' stated that the number on recycling is going up because we are now receiving Kimberly Clark's recycling too. Mr. Grappe' stated that we have been working with FEMA on the clean-up from Mayflower and Vilonia.

Upcoming Events-Tiffany Dunn: Mr. Grappe' stated that Ms. Dunn has been recognized as a Lodestar by Keep Arkansas Beautiful and that she is one of 25 people being recognized in the state for her community involvement. Ms. Dunn stated that May 31st will be the Benton Matters clean-up of the exits and power washing of the wall at exit 117. Ms. Dunn stated that the District is a sponsor of the Pudding Cup race on June 28th and will have Smarty out there. Ms. Dunn stated that we have come up with a name for the new Green Team which is YEA that stands for Youth Environmental Ambassadors. Ms. Dunn stated that we are working with several teachers from the schools to get the program going. Ms. Dunn stated that we have reserved the Benton Event center for a recycling fashion show on April 11. Ms. Dunn stated that we are going to work with the Youth Ambassadors and the schools to help with this fashion show. Ms. Dunn stated that all the clean-up events were successful. Ms. Dunn stated that Keep Bryant Beautiful Dumpster Day collected 4,204 lbs. of electronics, 146 tires, 2.04 tons of trash, and 3,780 of metal. Ms. Dunn stated that we had the Lady Hornet Softball team come out and volunteer with trash pick-up and working at the dumpsters. Ms. Dunn stated that Shannon Hills had 21 tires, 12,000 lbs. of e-waste, 1,060 lbs. of metal, and 2.23 tons of trash. Ms. Dunn stated that Haskell L4YN collected 7,162 lbs. of electronics, 6,914.5 lbs. of household hazardous waste, 212 tires, 10,380 lbs. of metal, and 16.52 tons of trash. Mr. Grappe' stated that we are going to start targeting smaller neighborhood's too. Mr. Grappe' stated that we separate the materials when the people show up.

Advertising Efforts- Tiffany Dunn: Ms. Dunn stated that we have stopped the curbside recycling advertising because we haven't received any more phone calls about curbside recycling. Ms. Dunn stated that we are going to pick-up illegal burning and yard debris campaign that will finish up our curbside contract. Ms. Dunn stated that Saline County Lifestyles will have an ad going out next week with the first ad for yard debris.

Miscellaneous: No miscellaneous to report.

Old Business: No old business to report.

New Business: No new business to report.

Public Comments: Judge Fite stated that he recently switched over to Terry's waste and they have done an excellent job. Judge Fite asked if he had some numbers to report on curbside recycling. Mr. Finley stated that it was in the 400 range. Mr. Finley asked when we stopped the curbside advertising. Mr. Finley stated that the curbside calls have slacked off. Mr. Finley stated that the program is a steady progression and that it surprised him that the black boxes are still receiving so much. Mr. Finley stated that they are extending service to anyone in their service area. Mr. Finley stated that 90% of the containers are out and full. Mr. Finley stated that it is an additional \$4 a month for recycling. There was some general conversation about the recycling program.

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