

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

**Public Hearing
Regular Board Meeting
February 18, 2015**

Minutes of the Public Hearing

Resolution No. 1 of 2015

Establishing a Fee of Five Dollars for the Issuance of Landfill Coupons to Saline County Residents and Declaring an Emergency

The Public Hearings for Resolution 1 of 2015 was opened at 1:47 PM on February 18, 2015 by Board Chair Jim Erwin. Board members present were J.R. Walters, Judge Jeff Arey, Dr. Dean McCormack, and Mayor Janie Lyman. Board member Bob McKeon joined the Board at 1:56 PM. Board attorney Mr. Sam Ed Gibson briefly described the resolution establishing an emergency rule regarding the collection of a \$5 fee for the issuance of two landfill coupons for each Saline County residential household. No one presented testimony at the hearing nor were any comments received by District staff prior to the Public Hearing. Chair Erwin closed the Public Hearing at 2:02 PM.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

The **Board Members Present:** Chair, Mr. Jim Erwin; Judge Jeff Arey, Dr. Dean McCormack; Mr. J.R. Walters, Mayor Janie Lyman and Mr. Bob McKeon.

Others Present: Saline County RSWMD staff: Mr. Michael Grappé, Executive Director, Mr. Shane Knight, Illegal Dumps Control Officer, Ms. Tiffany Dunn, Marketing Coordinator, Ms Patti Powell, Office Manager. Also present was Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Attorney for the District, Mr. Zeke Jones, representing Yoakum, Lovell and Company and Mr. Jordan Woolbright, Jordan Woolbright & Associates. Please see attached sign in sheet.

Chair Jim Erwin called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. Minutes from the January 21, 2015 2014 Board Meeting were reviewed and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Reports:

1. Mr. Zeke Jones of Yoakum, Lovell and Company, PLC, Certified Public Accountants presented annual District Audit more specifically termed the Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information and Other Reports dated September 30, 2014. He informed the Board that is was an “unmodified report” which was the highest

category descriptions of audits. He also stated that the materials were presented by District staff fairly and that the internal controls in place also earned an “unmodified report” description. He told the Board the audit was performed using the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles used in the United States. After review and comments Board Member Walters moved that the report be accepted. Mr. McKeon seconded and the motion passed upon voice vote.

2. **Financial Statement and Financial Position-** Jordan Woolbright, accountant for the Board reviewed the Financial Statement and Financial Position of the Saline County RSWMD for January, 2015 and year to date. Discussion was held. By motion and second, the Financial Report was adopted by voice vote.
3. **Inter-District Waste Tire Program** Stacy Edwards made an update on the Inter-District Waste Tire program.
4. **IDCO Report** Shane Knight, IDCO made his report on enforcement activities since the January 21, 2015 Board meeting. He described in some detail a joint investigation with ADEQ of an approximately 2 acre illegal dump site in Saline County on West Jackman Street. The illegal landfill is operated by PKP Home Rentals and Demolition. He related that since 1985 the City of Benton has contracted with the owner to demolish abandoned structures within the city and to dispose of the waste on his property. Mr. Knight and ADEQ are concerned that asbestos and other harmful substances may be found at the site. He described the ground water artesian well situation at the site and shared a water quality concern. To date the owner of the property is cooperating. Dumping has ceased and he has agreed to site inspections and, in theory, to fully remediate the area. The owner will be presenting a remediation to the ADEQ for acceptance, modification or rejection. Mr. Knight will continue to follow the investigation and report to the Board at the March 18, 2015 meeting.
5. **Marketing/Education Report** Ms Tiffany Dunn, Marketing Director discussed upcoming activities including 3 household hazardous waste clean-ups scheduled and 5 other clean up days in county towns and areas. She also explained the District’s plans for the Re-Fashion Bash on April 11 and the District’s booth at Spring in Saline on March 13 and 14. Ms Dunn also showed the Board the citations the District received—one from the City of Bryant for the Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District’s nomination as Organization of the Year for 2014 and on from the State of Arkansas commending the District for providing “Outstanding Volunteer Services to the People of Arkansas”.
6. **Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Grappé asked Ms. Stacy Edwards to speak to her additional duties with the Pulaski County District. As the newly designated Illegal Dumps Control Officer for Pulaski County she reported on the cooperative arrangement the Pulaski County

District is negotiating with the Saline County District. Currently, she is discussing such enforcement cooperation with the Pulaski County Prosecutor's Office.

- a. Coupon Program- Mr. Grappé related to the Board the current coupon statistics. He pointed out that almost 25% of the county residents who have picked up coupons at the District self-reported that they have no regular trash services at their homes.
 - b. Household hazardous waste- Mr. Grappé reviewed with the Board the District's household hazardous waste collection program and provided the dates.
7. There was no **Old Business**
8. **New Business**
- a. The Board considered Resolution 1 of 2015. Mr. Gibson explained the emergency nature of the resolution and that another resolution would come before the Board within 90 days, mostly likely at the April meeting, to make the rule, which is enacted by the resolution, permanent. Mr. Walters made a motion to adopt Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. McKeon.
 - b. Mr. McKeon inquired how to establish a District sponsored clean-up day for Alexander. Mr. Grappé said he would establish one after a conversation with staff.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 3:10 PM, February 19, 2015.