

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Present:

Mr. Jim Erwin-Chairman, Judge Jeff Arey, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mayor Janie Lyman, Desi Ledbetter, Craig Douglas, Teresa Bechtel, Mr. Sam Ed Gibson, Jordan Woolbright, CPA, and Zeke Jones, Auditor.

Absent:

Ms. Sheryl Childs- Proxy Jim Erwin
Mayor Paul Mitchell- Proxy Judge Arey

1. Call to Order and Sign In

The Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District regular board meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Erwin.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2018 Meeting

The Board meeting minutes for February 21, 2018 were motioned for approval by Mr. J. R. Walters and seconded by Mayor Janie Lyman. Motion passed.

3. Review of Financials from February 2018 and March 2018: Mr. Jordan Woolbright

The ending Total Cash and Cash Equivalents for February 2018 was \$4,354,800.60. Other business addressed by Mr. Woolbright included the expense of grant funds during February.

The ending Total Cash and Cash Equivalents for March 2018 was \$4,293,843.13. Mr. Woolbright mentioned that there were three payrolls in March which increased the salary expense. There was a transfer of funds from the revenue account to the operating account of \$300,000.00 which is done periodically. Chairman Jim Erwin mentions the \$55,475.00 expense of the yard waste from October 2017 to present. There will be a short audit according to Mr. Woolbright to complete the fiscal year. This will consist of the months of October 2017 through December 2017 prepared by Mr. Zeke Jones. Mr. Erwin verifies with Ms. Dunn that the calendar year has been started from January to December. There was a motion to approve the February 2018 and March 2018 financials by Mr. Walters and the motion was seconded by Mayor Lyman. Motion passed.

4. Audit Review: Zeke Jones of Yoakum, Lovell & Co., PLC

Mr. Jones reports that the state legislative audit for the pension liabilities has delayed the audit report for the past three years. The audit has revealed unmodified opinions of no findings. Mr. Jones reports the net position at the end of the year is around \$4,000,000.00. The operating revenue was \$541,598.00 and the operating expenses were \$649,698.00. There was a sale of properties of \$50,000.00 and change in wage and salary with Michael and other employees leaving resulting in a change of net position of -\$68,475.00 for the year of revenues and expenses.

Mr. Jones relays that twenty-five cash transactions were pulled at random and reviewed and there were no findings on modified controls. A motion to approve the audit was made by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mayor Lyman. All were in favor and motion passed. Chairman Erwin confirms with Mr. Jones that he will be back to report on the short audit at our June Board meeting.

5. Inter-District Tire Update: Desi Ledbetter

Mr. Ledbetter reported that there is a new program known as TAP, Tire Accountability Program. This program includes the same rules of four tires a month off the rim to be disposed of at tire trailer locations, and larger tires have been included under the new regulations. At this time, an individual should be contacting Davis Rubber to deliver the larger tires. The DF&A has sent mailers out with the information on new fees. Mr. Ledbetter relays that the old Regulation 14 has been replaced by new Regulation 36 for the tire program. During this time, the contract with Davis Rubber is discussed and Attorney Gibson notifies the Board that Resolution 1 of 2018 Authorizing the Chairman to enter into a contract extension with Davis Rubber Company Inc. is in the room and needs a motion to be approved. Motion is made by Mr. Walters and seconded by Mayor Lyman. All were in favor and motion passed.

6. Illegal Dump Control Officer Update: Shane Knight

Chairman Erwin ask Mr. Knight how many IDCO officers are in the district. Mr. Knight relays that there are himself, Desi Ledbetter, two for White River, and one in Lonoke County. Mr. Knight reports that there were eighteen deployments, ten illegal dumpsites, five open burn barrels and burning on land and three hauler complaints. Mr. Knight stated that three tire trailers have been processed and there are now thirty-two permitted haulers in the county. He mentioned that Donnie Toland sold his company and the new name of the hauler will be TNT sanitation. There has been 6,260 pounds of illegally dumped trash cleaned up which brings the year to date total to 31,140 pounds cleaned. The tire clean-up to date is 234 tires. There is a good working relationship with the road department, and the litter control is getting better. Mr. Walters and Chairman Erwin ask about the trash trucks and the litter control concerning them. Mr. Knight explains the working of those vehicles and that he has spoken with several drivers. Chairman Erwin asked where the most tires are found, and Mr. Knight relays the area of Chicot to Sardis, East End to Peller Bend. Judge Arey relays that the calls that come to his office are primarily concerned about litter on Sardis Road. Mr. Knight relays that when he is out and comes on these situations he will contact the road department and lets them know the areas of clean up and the road department takes care of the area within two weeks. Chairman Erwin directs the question to Judge Arey concerning the fine for littering. Judge Arey stated that at this time he feels like the county follows the state statue. Mr. Knight relays the state statue can be up to \$1,000.00 per day per violation. There is discussion about signs concerning fines

7. Marketing and Education Update: Tiffany Dunn

Ms. Dunn relays that the Fourth Annual Re-Fashion Bash will be this weekend. Ms. Dunn invites all Board members to the Re-Fashion Bash and lets them know they will have seats and looks forward to them being there for the event. There will be 29 recycling designs, new sponsor, Rendezvous, will present a formal fashion show before the recycling portion and the Co-Producer, Brandon Campbell, will present his line of IME on the runway. Ms. Dunn relays that the coloring books are in house and the drawings and caricatures are from Saline County children. The end of the school year for YEA! Team is anticipating changes since the re-zoning of Bryant Schools is taking place. Ms. Dunn relays that the Recycling Events held at First Southern Baptist on March 10th and the event held at C W Lewis on April

7th were slow due to rain, cold, and sleet. There are upcoming events on May 5th in Shannon Hills and Lake Norrell on May 19th.

8. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn

a.) 2018 Landfill Coupon Program

Ms. Dunn reports that since January 2, 2018, there have been 1,037 homes receiving coupons with a total of 2,074 coupons sold. There have been 693 coupons that have been redeemed which consist of 554,005 pounds of trash collected for the year. Chairman Erwin asked Ms. Dunn if the pounds are by weight as they go across the scale and Ms. Dunn verifies this with yes.

b.) Recycling Report

Ms. Dunn reports that three schools and all non-profits are being picked up by our contractor, Bin There Dump That, and taken to Natural State for recycling. For the month of March 3,330 pounds were collected for the non-profits and the schools totaled 1,670 pounds. The metal collected for March was 3,520 and there were 60 total tires for the month and the report for April will include the April 7, 2018 event.

c.) Green Waste Report

Ms. Dunn relays that there have been 158 visitors and 35 pulls for the month of March with a total cost of \$10,920.44. Ms. Dunn relays that this program still increases in cost and she hoped to present options for this meeting concerning this program but is still compiling information that will be more cost effective for the District. Chairman Erwin relays to the Board that Ms. Dunn has been selected to the SWANA Board of Arkansas and the Young Professional Spotlight and congratulates her on her accomplishments.

9. Old Business

There is no old business at this time.

10. New Business

a.) Review of District Rules as required by ACT 781 of 2017

Ms. Dunn relays that she is to read the recommendation to the Board about District Rules per Mr. Gibson. Ms. Dunn reads the recommendations to the Board and relays that a motion needs to be made to approve this recommendation. Mr. Walters makes the motion and Judge Arey seconds the motion. All were in favor to approve the review of District Rules that will be sent to the Legislative Research Bureau. Mr. Gibson advises the Board that they are required by the Governor's directive to include any comments in the report to the state. Mr. Gibson further relays that he will supply a generic reasoning following the lines of the report to Ms. Dunn. Chairman Erwin asked how often does the Board need to do this and Mr. Gibson replies, this is the first time since reconstruction that a legislature has required that the rules be updated or reviewed. This one-time action should take care of this.

11. Public Comments:

Mr. Gibson would like to make mention of the rules and calculations that were done at the time of the sale of the landfill. When the coupon program was calculated to help two or three days a year to provide household clean-up for the constituents of the County and will continue for the life of the landfill, I don't think anyone realized the savings of \$235,000.00 would be provided for the County and the Board should be commended. Chairman Erwin states that Mr. Walters, Judge Arey and Chairman Erwin was only a guest at the time, and what was done for the county and the citizens was not known. Chairman

Erwin relays to the Executive Director, he would like a press release created and commends the staff and Board of their accomplishments.

Teresa Bechtel from Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality would like to commend the District for submitting their annual Solid Waste plan, five-year needs assessment, and Waste Hauler Questionnaire. Ms. Bechtel states that there is much paperwork and the audit will be due at the end of June. Chairman Erwin relays amazement of what the District does for the citizens and there is no other District that does what we do.

A motion to adjourn was presented by Mr. J.R. Walters and was seconded by Judge Arey. Chairman Erwin states the next meeting will be June 20, 2018.