

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th, 2021

Present:

Chairman Jim Erwin, Tiffany Dunn-Executive Director, Hunter Schelle-Environmental Enforcement Officer, Jennifer Hill, Attorney Sam Ed Gibson, Judge Jeff Arey, Mayor Paul Mitchell, JR Walters, Toby Hirscheider, Leslie Morris.

Call to Order and Sign In

The Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District Regular Board meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Erwin at the Benton City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 South East Street in Benton, Arkansas.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from August 18th, 2021, Meeting

Chairman Erwin ask if there is any discussion concerning the minutes from August 18th, 2021. There is a motion for approval of the minutes made by Judge Jeff Arey and seconded by Jennifer Hill. Motion passed. All approve.

2. Review of Financials from August 2021, September 2021: Jordan Woolbright

Mr. Woolbright reports to the Board the beginning Total Cash and Cash Equivalents of the Bank Account Summary for August 2021 was \$5,243,516.48 and the ending of the month was \$5,212,926.80. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report that list the totals for August of \$20,136.50 and Page three which supports Page two figures per line item. Page 4 is the listing of the Grant monies for the past 2 months and the total spent for August which is \$6,645. Page 5 supports the figures for the line items of Grant monies spent for August 2021.

Mr. Woolbright reports the start of September 2021 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents was \$5,212,926.80 and the ending balance was \$5,295,574.30. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report for the month of September that has the totals of expenditures of \$23,198.61 and Page 3 gives the details for those transactions for the month of September. Page 4 is the Grant report for the month of September with a total spent of \$6,755.00. Page 5 is the listing of the Account Transactions for the month of September 2021.

Judge Jeff Arey makes motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Hill, all in favor to approve.

3. Inter-District Tire Update: Leslie Morris

Mrs. Morris informs the board that the current report is the one that was given to us at the previous meeting in August. She did explain that the new tire report was due as of today October 20th, 2021, and that she would provide us with that at the next board meeting. Mrs. Morris informs the board that the

third quarter tire count was at 244,539 tires which was only an increase of 100 tires from the previous quarter. She informs that the year-to-date total tire count for Inter-District Tire is at 665,415 tires, and that is expected to hit the year projection.

4. Environmental Enforcement Update-Hunter Schelle

Officer Schelle relays to the board for the period over the month of August to the month of September. Officer Schelle explains that for the period of August and September that there was a total of 12 cases with 1 of those being open. A total of 317 tires were collected from the landfill as well as 103 tires have been collected from illegal dumps. The reporting period disposal county was at 21.75 tons or 43,500 pounds. Officer Schelle then goes over the Year-to-Date total cases and weight. He states there have been 50 cases worked for this year, with a total of 70,885 pounds cleaned up or also 35.44 tons with a total of 235 illegally dumped tires that have been picked up this year.

5. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn

a.) Marketing and Education Report

Ms. Dunn informs the board that the YEA team program is back up and running with Benton High School back on board with us. She explains to the board that we will be offering a Recycling Door Contest for America Recycles day for the schools to participate in decorating their doors, and that the theme will be Gobble up Recycling. Ms. Dunn reminds the board that we had discussed a Zero Tolerance Litter week campaign for Saline County, and that we have met with an advertising agency out of Little Rock to put together a proposal for us which is in the board packet. Ms. Dunn informs the board that we would like to start this campaign on November 7th to November 15th to run with America Recycles Day. Ms. Dunn shares with the board that we did have a Zoom Meeting with the County Judge as well as some of the Mayors and Police Chiefs in Saline County to get their input and to get them involved with the program and that Hunter would be leading this effort. Ms. Dunn informs the board that the campaign will cost \$5,000 dollars so that we ask for board approval for that.

Approved by Jeff Arey, seconded by JR Walters. All in favor.

Chairman Erwin asks Ms. Dunn if there will be no Re-Fashion Bash this year, Ms. Dunn reply's that in place of the Re-Fashion Bash we will be hosting a YEA Team celebration to be more focused on our YEA Team program which will be held in February of 2022.

b.) Landfill Coupon Program

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that a total of 6,696 coupons have been sold this year and that is 3,348 homes that have received coupons. Of the 6,696 coupons sold there has been a 48% redeemed rate at the landfill from coupons that have been sold this year. Ms. Dunn reports that there has been \$33,415.00 collected from coupon sales for the year. Ms. Dunn also reports that there have been 2,552,710 pounds disposed at the landfill using the coupons.

c.) Recycling Report

Ms. Dunn informs the board that we have collected 19,690 pounds of paper and cardboard from our non-profits. The HHW event that was held in September collected 4,854 pounds with a total of 11,005 pounds collected for the year. Ms. Dunn informs the board that there has been 76,368 pounds

collected of E-waste for the year, and that there has been 41,786 pounds of paper and cardboard collected from our schools. Ms. Dunn explains to the board with these totals, that makes the total amount recycled for the year 148,849 pounds. Ms. Dunn informs the board that we did have a meeting with CTS Services over the 2022-year HHW events and we have come to an agreement to move forward and that the 2022 year will consist of two Saturdays.

6. New Business

Ms. Dunn informs the board that there is new business for the district. She explains that first on the list will be Resolution 1 of 2021 that will be amending our policy manual to include the pepper ball gun into policy. Mr. Gibson informs the board that research has been done and collected from two municipal police departments that produce the policy before them for consideration. Mr. Gibson also states that this policy is to only include the current non-Lethal item that has been approved.

Motion to approve by Jennifer Hill, Seconded by JR Walters. All approve.

Ms. Dunn then moves to the second item on the list of new business that is for Resolution 2 of 2021 that consists of the Office Lease Extension. Ms. Dunn informs the board that we are asking for the extension to begin on November 1st, 2021, to April 30th, 2022.

Motion to approve by JR Walters, Seconded by Jennifer Hill. All Approve.

Ms. Dunn then goes to the third item on the list which would be Resolution 3 of 2021. She informs the board that we did plan on having it for them to review but due to not having the completed survey done it was unable to be completed and have it in front of the board today. Ms. Dunn explains to the board that once the survey is completed, we can then move forward on completing the contract for the purchase of the new building. She then informs the board that an appraisal has been completed for the property and that it had appraised for \$614,000.00. Also, that Terracon has done the environmental site assessment on the property and is advising that there could be possible storage tanks located underground on the property, as well as possible asbestos there for they would suggest a more detailed site assessment be done of the property to verify. Ms. Dunn states with the cost of a more detailed site assessment would cost \$7,200 to verify about the asbestos as well as the storage tanks located underground. Ms. Dunn informs the board that Judge Jeff Arey and herself have met with Mr. Jones to discuss the findings and were able to come to a verbal agreement of \$615,000 for the property, and that this price would be based on the finding of Terracon for the second site assessment. Judge Jeff Arey informs the board that the verbal agreement was based off if there were no findings by Terracon on the second assessment, and if there were that they would come back and meet to re-negotiate the agreed upon price.

Motion to approve by Judge Jeff Arey, Seconded by JR Walters. All approve.

7. Public Comments

Chairman Erwin asks Ms. Dunn to introduce our guests, Ms. Lori Burke then introduces herself as well as her constituents Mr. Jeff Lamasters, Mr. Tommy Edgemond and Mrs. Lucy Cross.

Motion made to adjourn by Jim Erwin and seconded by Jennifer Hill.

Motion passed.