

Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, February 15th, 2023

Present:

Tiffany Dunn-Executive Director, Hunter Schelle- Environmental Enforcement Officer, Jeff Arey, Attorney Sam Ed Gibson, Mayor Allen Scott, Mayor Clyde Crookham, Mayor Crystal Herrmann, Mayor Tom Farmer

Absent- JR Walters (Proxy Jeff Arey), Toby Hirscheider.

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 Jeff Arey at Benton City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 South East Street in Benton, Arkansas.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from December 14th, 2022, Meeting

Jeff Arey asks if there is any discussion concerning the minutes from December 14th, 2022. There is a motion for approval of the minutes made by Mayor Allen Scott and seconded by Mayor Clyde Crookham. Motion passed. All approve.

2. Review of Financials from December 2022, January 2023: Jordan Woolbright

Mr. Woolbright reports to the Board the beginning Total Cash and Cash Equivalents of the Bank Account Summary for December 2022 was \$4,940,793.62 and the ending of the month was \$4,903,827.79. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report that list the totals for December of \$32,814.57 and Page 3 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 December which is \$15,909.13. Page 5 supports the figures for the line items of Grant monies spent for December 2023.

Mr. Woolbright reports the start of January 2023 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents was \$4,903,827.79 and the ending balance was \$4,987,616.71. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report for the month of January that has the totals of expenditures of \$29,455.21 and Page 3 gives the details for those transactions for the month of January. Page 4 is the Grant report for the month of January with a total spent of \$5,096.52. Page 5 is the listing of the Account Transactions for the month of January 2023.

Motion to approve Financials by Mayor Allen Scott, seconded by Mayor Clyde Crookham, all in favor to approve.

3. Inter-Tire District Program Report

Ms. Dunn explains that she will be filling in for Ms. Leslie Morris today and go over the report briefly. She explains that 2022 ended with 1,081,699 total tires processed which would be for the whole Inter-District Tire Program. She informs the board that for Saline County the total collected in the fourth Quarter was 22,262 tires. Ms. Dunn does mention that there will be changes coming to the tire program with two bills being generated at this time that may come into effect sometime in the future.

4. Environmental Enforcement Update-Hunter Schelle

Officer Schelle explains to the Board that over this reporting period there has been 10 cases worked with a total of 0 open cases. He also states that there have been 815 tires with 4 manifests that have been collected at the landfill. Officer Schelle explains that there was a total of 31 illegally dumped tires as well as .985 tons or 1,970 lbs. that have been disposed of. Officer Schelle explains for the year of 2022 there was a total of 226 illegally dumped tires and a total of 60,500 lbs. cleaned up through the county with a total of 61 cases worked. Officer Schelle then explains to the board that there have been a total of 6 cases worked for the 2023 year, along with 970 lbs. cleaned up and a total of 20 Illegally Dumped Tires.

5. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn

a.) Marketing and Education Report

Ms. Dunn explains to the board that the recycling center has been doing very well, and it steadily getting more and more residents in to recycle. She explained that there were nearly 100 people that came through to recycle on a Tuesday here recently. Ms. Dunn also informs the board that just last Thursday we hosted a YEA! Team Celebration at the Benton Event Center and had roughly 250 students and parents attending the event. She explains to the board that we had a juggling magician at the event, and were also able to hand out YEA! Team awards to several students as well as the YEA! Team Teacher of the year. Ms. Dunn also explains that we were able to do a Art Contest for the students and this years winner was a fifth grader from Salem Elementary.

b.) New Building Update

Ms. Dunn explains to the board that we have finalized the plans for the Building Design and are looking to starting the bidding process for the projects that need to be completed.

c.) Landfill Coupon Program

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that a total of 932 coupons have been sold this year and that is 466 homes that have received coupons. Of the 932 coupons sold there has been a 23% redemption rate at the landfill from coupons that have been sold this year. Ms. Dunn reports that there has been \$4,390 collected from coupon sales for the year. Ms. Dunn also reports that there have been 177,940 pounds disposed at the landfill using the coupons.

c.) Recycling Report

Ms. Dunn explains that the Recycling Report will look a little different this year since we have been working with Central Shredding instead of Natural State. She states that it being a little different that the weights for each month will run a month behind, but that we should be getting them soon to be able to share at our next board meeting. Ms. Dunn does share that we have collected around 80 lbs. of metal this year, along with 3,418 lbs. of E-waste.

6. New Business

Ms. Dunn explains that she would like to go over a Salary Clarification for Ms. Sue. She states that in December she had received the approval for an increase in salary for Sue and Hunter based off of the current Jessup Study to move them more inline with the market salary rates. Ms. Dunn informs the board that once the increases went into effect it was realized that Ms. Sue was moving from hourly to salary which had complicated the calculations of the wages. The raise approved was to move Sue to \$41,513 salary per year which was calculated into the budget. Ms. Dunn explained she just wanted to bring this information to the board for transparency and clarification. There were no objections to this clarification from the board.

Ms. Dunn informed the board that in December she had sent out a RFP for a Solid Waste Needs Assessment for Saline County. She explained that this company would help us identify any issues as well as come up with a plan to help for Solid Waste in the county. Ms. Dunn states that there were three companies that have submitted proposals, the companies' names were HHMT, Terracon, as well as SCS Engineers. Ms. Dunn says after reviewing the proposals that were submitted, she recommends going with Terracon, based on the cost as well as working with them in past experiences. Ms. Dunn explains that the cost will be \$56,989.00 and that we have not used a firm since she has been with the district to do a Solid Waste Needs Assessment and believes that this will allow us to get an eye from the outside to help improve the District and to help move Saline County forward in Solid Waste Management.

Motion to approve Terracon to do the Solid Waste Needs Assessment which will become Resolution 1 of 2023 made by Mayor Allen Scott, Seconded by Mayor Crystal Herrmann. All Approve.

7. Old Business

No old Business currently.

8. Public Comments

No Public Comments

Motion made to adjourn by Mayor Allen Scott and seconded by Mayor Clyde Crookham.
Motion passed.