

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 19th, 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, Toby Hirscheider, JR Walters.

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 February 15th, 2023, Meeting

Jeff Arey asks if there is any discussion concerning the minutes from February 15th, 2023. There is a motion for approval of the minutes made by Toby Hirscheider and seconded by Mayor Allen Scott. Motion passed. All approve.

2. Review of Financials from February 2023, March 2023: Jordan Woolbright

Mr. Woolbright reports to the Board the beginning Total Cash and Cash Equivalents of the Bank Account Summary for February 2023 was \$4,987,616.71 and the ending of the month was \$4,966,422.57. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report that lists the totals for February of \$22,385.48 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 February which is \$5,427.98. Page 5 supports the figures for the line items of Grant monies spent for February 2023.

Mr. Woolbright reports the start of March 2023 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents was \$4,966,422.70 and the ending balance was \$4,969,567.37. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report for the month of March that has the totals of expenditures of \$25,496.31 and Page 3 gives the details for those transactions for the month of March. Page 4 is the Grant report for the month of March with a total spent of \$8,779.90. Page 5 is the listing of the Account Transactions for the month of March 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

Mr. Craig Douglas introduces himself as the Executive Director of the Regional Recycling and Waste Reduction District. Mr. Douglas goes on to explain how they have been managing the Inter Tire District Program, and how there will soon be some changes being made that will come into effect after a recent Legislative Session where Senate Bill 508 was introduced. Mr. Douglas goes on to explain that with this new bill it will be separating all the Tire Districts from their original areas down to Four Super Districts for tires. Along with this creating Four Super Districts he explains that this will also allow DFNA to

close business due to lack of them paying their Rim Removal Fee, or also their sales tax for their Business. Mr. Douglas explains that Saline County will no longer be in the same Tire District as Pulaski County, but there is the possibility of an inter-local agreement that can be made. Mr. Douglas explains that this agreement could be made so that Saline County can still haul and dispose of their tires in Pulaski County still. Mr. Douglas does explain that nothing will officially change until the Super District Boards have been officially completed for each District.

4. Environmental Enforcement Update-Hunter Schelle

Officer Schelle explains to the Board that over this reporting period there has been 8 cases worked with a total of 1 open cases. He also states that there have been 638 tires with 5 manifests that have been collected at the landfill. Officer Schelle explains that there was a total of 19 illegally dumped tires as well as 7.325 tons or 14,650 lbs. that have been disposed of. Officer Schelle explains that for the year of 2023 there was a total of 39 illegally dumped tires and a total of 15,620 lbs. cleaned up through the county with a total of 14 cases worked.

5. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn

a.) Marketing and Education Report

Ms. Dunn explains to the board that we have held our first Saturday Recycling Event at the Recycle Center on March 11th and had just over twenty people come through. Ms. Dunn informs the board that we plan on partnering with Keep Bryant Beautiful and Coffee with the Mayor to do a Litter Cleanup on Wilkerson and Reynolds Road area and also says that Recycle Saline will be attending the Duck Derby the following weekend. Ms. Dunn Explains that the schools did just receive their TREX numbers back and that five schools in Saline County will be receiving benches and awards, with a total of 2,270 pounds of plastic bags collected.

b.) New Building Update

Ms. Dunn explains to the board that we have received our final blueprints of the building remodel, with that she informs the board that we will be able to start with the bid specs to allow us to start getting bids on the remodel.

c.) Landfill Coupon Program

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that a total of 2,678 coupons have been sold this year and that is 1,339 homes that have received coupons. Of the 2,678 coupons sold there has been a 29% redemption rate at the landfill from coupons that have been sold this year. Ms. Dunn reports that there has been \$13,295 collected from coupon sales for the year. Ms. Dunn also reports that there have been 690,100 pounds disposed at the landfill using the coupons.

d.) Recycling Report

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that we have recycled a total of 3,220 lbs. from non-profits, a total of 600 lbs. from the schools. Ms. Dunn reports that we have also recycled 13,968 lbs. of e-waste, 335 lbs. of Cardboard, as well as 1,995 lbs. of plastics through our recycling center for a total recycling weight of 22,557 lbs.

d.) Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Ms. Dunn explains at our last meeting the board voted to approve Terracon the RFP Bid for the Solid Waste Management Plan Assessment. Ms. Dunn explains that she has had her first meeting with them and that it will be a 6-to-8-month process before being completed. Ms. Dunn informs the board that hopefully by December we will have the information to start working on a plan to help improve our community.

e.) Appraisal for Neeley Street Property

Ms. Dunn explains to the board that with the purchase of our new building she believes there is no need to keep the Neeley Street property. Ms. Dunn asks for approval from the board to have an appraisal done on the Neeley Street property.

Motion made by Mayor Scott, Seconded by JR Walters. All Approve.

6. New Business

Ms. Dunn Explains for the topic of new business today that we have our first big maintenance repair, that we have a roof leak that is dripping down and through her office. Ms. Dunn says she has contacted several roofing companies over the issue of which several have not shown up. She states that one company, Excel Roofing, has sent an estimate for the repairs. Ms. Dunn asks for board permission to go with Excel Roofing for the repairs to be made.

Motion made by JR Walters, Seconded by Mayor Scott. 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 JR Walters.

Motion passed.