

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023

Present:

Tiffany Dunn-Executive Director, Hunter Schelle- Environmental Enforcement Officer, Jeff Arey, Attorney Sam Ed Gibson, Mayor Rhonda Sanders, Mayor Clyde Crookham, Mayor Crystal Herrmann, JR Walters.

Absent: Toby Hirscheider, gave proxy to Mayor Clyde Crookham.

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 August 16, 2023, Meeting

Jeff Arey asks if there is any discussion concerning the minutes from August 16th, 2023. There is a motion for approval of the minutes made by JR Walters and seconded by Mayor Clyde Crookham. Motion passed. All approve.

2. Review of Financials from August 2023, September 2023: Jordan Woolbright

Mr. Woolbright reports to the Board the beginning Total Cash and Cash Equivalents of the Bank Account Summary for August 2023 was \$5,006,438.66 and the ending of the month was \$5,130,346.45. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report that lists the totals for August of \$64,086.50 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 August which is \$7,281.43 Page 5 supports the figures for the line items of Grant monies spent for August 2023.

Mr. Woolbright reports the start of September 2023 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents was \$5,130,346.45 and the ending balance was \$5,027,913.29. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report for the month of September that has the totals of expenditures of \$110,981.09 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 \$6,463.93. Page 5 is the listing of the Account Transactions for the month of September 2023.

Motion to approve Financials by JR Walters, seconded by Mayor Crystal Herrmann

Motion passed. All approve.

3. Inter-Tire District Program Report

Ms. Dunn informs the board that we have no further update on tire reports since the previous meeting. She does advise that the Tire Board has sent out an RFP for private collection of tires as well as a draft for the interlocal tire agreement to allow Saline County to continue using Davis Rubber as its Tire Processor.

4. Environmental Enforcement Update-Hunter Schelle

Officer Schelle explains to the Board that over this reporting period there have been 8 cases worked with a total of 0 open cases. He also states that there have been 991 tires with 6 manifests that have been collected at the landfill. Officer Schelle explains that there was a total of 41 illegally dumped tires as well as .55 tons or 1,100 lbs. that have been disposed of. Officer Schelle explains that for the year of 2023 there was a total of 114 illegally dumped tires and a total of 22,570 lbs. cleaned up through the county with a total of 41 cases worked.

5. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn

a.) Marketing and Education Report

Ms. Dunn explains that Recycle Saline has had a very busy month in October as there was an event happening each weekend as well as some on the weekdays, she states that this has allowed us to spread the word about the Recycle Center as well as what Recycle Saline has going on. Ms. Dunn informs the board that this year celebrates the 10-year anniversary of the YEA! Team Program so we are ordering shirts for the anniversary. Ms. Dunn Explains that we will also have the YEA! Team celebration at the Benton Event Center on February 8th, 2024.

Ms. Dunn explains that we are still working with Terracon on our solid waste needs assessment, and that they have finished a draft for us, but it is currently under review before we will receive it. She informs the board that she hopes she can share some of the findings by the next board meeting.

Ms. Dunn informs the board that she has been researching credit card machines to be able to use at our facility and move into the future. She explains that she has spoken with First Security over the idea, and they recommend Square, who only charge per card swipe and not a monthly fee as well like other companies. Ms. Dunn Requests that the board go with Square as the card reader company, to do so would revise a previous resolution, and would require a 30-day public comment period as well as a public hearing before our next meeting.

Motion to approve made by Mayor Clyde Crookham, seconded by Mayor Sanders. All Approve.

b.) Landfill Coupon Program

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that a total of 6,527 coupons have been sold this year and that is 3,263.5 homes that have received coupons. Of the 6,527 coupons sold there has been a 48% redemption rate at the landfill from coupons that have been sold this year. Ms. Dunn reports that there has been \$32,680 collected from coupon sales for the year. Ms. Dunn also reports that there have been 2,614,423 pounds disposed at the landfill using the coupons.

d.) Recycling Report

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that we have recycled a total of 30,675 lbs. from non-profits, a total of 14,275 lbs. from the schools. Ms. Dunn reports that we have also recycled 69,158 lbs. of e-waste, 55,690 lbs. of Cardboard, as well as 12,085 lbs. of plastics through our recycling center for a total recycling weight of 190,802 lbs.

c.) New Building Update

Ms. Dunn explains that the building is moving right along as of right now the framing has been completed, and they have run electrical, started on HVAC work, as well as ran a large portion of our data cables and are currently waiting on some inspections to be done. Ms. Dunn does inform the board that she is currently looking for a Data Company to come in and finish up the data cables as that is on us to find the company to do so. She explains that we are on track to be finished as of January 4th, 2024 but believes that it may be completed before then.

6. New Business

No New Business.

7. Old Business

No old Business.

8. Public Comments

No Public Comments

Motion made to adjourn by JR Walters and seconded by Mayor Clyde Crookham.

Motion passed.