

# **Regular Board Meeting**

## **Wednesday, August 21st, 2024**

### **Present:**

Tiffany Dunn- Executive Director, Hunter Schelle- Environmental Enforcement Officer, Jeff Arey, Attorney Sam Ed Gibson, Mayor Crystal Herrmann, Toby Hirscheider, Mayor Clyde Crookham, Mayor Chris Treat, Mayor Mike Kemp

### **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 the Recycle Saline Office at 520 Edison Ave. in Benton.

**1. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 12th, 2024, Meeting.**

Jeff Arey asks if there is any discussion concerning the minutes from June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

There is a motion for approval of the minutes made by Toby Hirscheider and seconded by Mayor Clyde Crookham. Motion passed. All approve.

**2. Review of Financials from June 2024, July 2024 Meeting**

Mr. Woolbright reports to the Board the beginning Total Cash and Cash Equivalents of the Bank Account Summary for June 2024 was \$4,831,462.05 and the end of the month was \$4,831,462.05. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report that lists the totals for June of \$26,989.10 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 June which is \$12,814.90 Page 5 supports the figures for the line items of Grant monies spent for June 2024.

Mr. Woolbright reports that at the start of July 2024 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents were \$4,831,462.05 and the ending balance was \$5,257.63. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report for the month of July that has the totals of expenditures of \$33,431.07 and Page 3 gives the details for those transactions for the month of July. Page 4 is the Grant report for the month of July with a total cost of \$5,257.63. Page 5 is the listing of the Account Transactions for the month of July 2024.

Motion to approve Financials by Mayor Chris Treat, seconded by Mayor Crystal Herrmann Motion passed. All approve.

**3. Audit Report- Zeke Jones, CPA, Yoakum, Lovell & Company, PLC**

Mr. Zeke Jones explains that pages one through three are a summary of the Audit Report, he also explains that page four is the independent audit report. He informs the board that there were no findings in the Audit for the District. Mr. Jones explains that there was a total increase in assets totaling to \$488,000 dollars, and a total increase in capital assets of \$496,000 due to renovations of the new building. Mr. Jones then gives a quick explanation

of the Audit Report and explains that there were no findings, and the district is in good standing.

Motion to approve made by Mayor Clyde Crookham, Seconded by Mayor Crystal Herrmann Motion passed. All approve.

**4. Environmental Enforcement Update- Hunter Schelle**

Officer Schelle explains to the Board that over this reporting period there have been 11 cases worked on with a total of 0 open cases. He also states that there have been 653 tires with 3 manifests that have been collected at the landfill. Officer Schelle explains that there was a total of 12 illegally dumped tires as well as 1.26 tons or 2,490 lbs. that have been disposed of. Officer Schelle explains that for the year 2024 there were a total of 93 illegally dumped tires and a total of 421,160 lbs. cleaned up through the county with a total of 41 cases worked.

**5. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn**

**a.) Marking and Education Report**

Ms. Dunn reminds the board that as of our last meeting we were making changes to our recycling program and explains to the board that has been transitioned such as the schools and they are now included in the Republic Services Contract which began for the new school year. Ms. Dunn informs the board that we did purchase a new recycling trailer with a total amount that came to \$6,700 dollars. She informs the board that next week is Salt Bowl and we are a sponsor so we will be part of the press conference next Wednesday at the Saline County CTE school. Ms. Dunn notes that we will have one more HHW Event in the month of October on a Saturday from 9-12 at CTS Services. She explains that the YEA! Team Programs are kicking off and she plans to have a group meeting this following Tuesday going over the events for the school year, along with Republic Services coming to speak with the teachers about the recycling programs at their schools.

**b.) 2024 Landfill Coupon Program**

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that a total of 6,290 coupons have been sold this year and that is 3,145 homes that have received coupons. Of the 6,290 coupons sold there has been a 45% redemption rate at the landfill from coupons that have been sold this year. Ms. Dunn reports that there has been \$24,770.00 collected from coupon sales for the year. Ms. Dunn also reports that there have been 2,381,750 pounds disposed at the landfill using the coupons.

**c.) 2023-2024 Recycle Report**

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that we have recycled a total of 13,755 lbs. from non-profits, a total of 3,525 lbs. from the schools. Ms. Dunn reports that we have also recycled 75,973 lbs. of e-waste, 108,850 lbs. of Cardboard, as well as 51,540 lbs. of

plastics through our recycling center for a total recycling weight of 250,393 lbs. for the 2024 year.

**6. New Business**

**A- NewGen Strategies & Solutions**

Ms. Dunn reminds the board that in June we discussed the idea of a Fall Retreat to discuss the ideas for our Solid Waste Management plan that we did and explains that we need to look at what direction we would like to move forward with on this plan. She explains that she met with Allison Trulock who is with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, and they are a company that works on Solid Waste Management Plans. She informs the board that in their book they have a plan that was developed for Mesquite Texas. She explains that ours is slightly different than the plan they use, but Ms. Dunn explains that she would like to work with NewGen Strategies and work on developing a survey that would go out to all Saline County Residents via promotion through social media, in person, and any other way possible. Ms. Dunn explains that by using NewGen Strategies we will meet with them, develop and launch the survey, and summarize the results to help give us a better understanding of what our community wants/needs. She explains for the total price to NewGen Strategies would be \$16,820.00. Ms. Dunn explains that by doing this she feels as though it will not only help the cities but the county to move forward with the solid waste plan.

Motion made to approve made by Mayor Chris Treat, Seconded by Toby Hirscheider. All approve.

**B- Legislative Audit**

Ms. Dunn informs the board that we were subject to another Legislative Audit and explains that it is a random selection process of all Solid Waste Districts in Arkansas. Ms. Dunn explains to the board that there were no findings but were some notes on changes to be made to the receipts and those changes have already been made.

**7. Old Business**

No old business

**8. Public Comments**

Mr. Gibson states that based off the landfill coupon program offered by the district it has saved the community roughly over 1.5 to 2 million dollars in solid waste fees.

Motion to adjourn, made by Toby Hirscheider, Second by Mayor Chris Treat, all approve.