

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 16th, 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 August 21st, 2024, Meeting.

Jeff Arey asks if there is any discussion concerning the minutes from August 21st, 2024. There is a motion for approval of the minutes made by Mayor Mike Kemp and seconded by Mayor Clyde Crookham. Motion passed. All approve.

2. Review of Financials from August 2024, September 2024

Mr. Woolbright reports to the Board the beginning Total Cash and Cash Equivalents of the Bank Account Summary for August 2024 was \$5,009,778.51 and the end of the month was \$4,980,445.95. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report that lists the totals for August of \$45,824.09 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 \$4,005.08 Page 5 supports the figures for the line items of Grant monies spent for August 2024.

Mr. Woolbright reports that at the start of September 2024 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents were \$4,980,445.95 and the ending balance was \$5,103,965.40. Page 2 is the Operations Detail Report for the month of September that has the totals of expenditures of \$27,544.55 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 cost of \$5,700.39. Page 5 is the listing of the Account Transactions for the month of September 2024.

Motion to approve Financials by Mayor Mike Kemp, seconded by Toby Hirscheider
Motion passed. All approve.

3. Environmental Enforcement Update- Hunter Schelle

Officer Schelle explains to the Board that over this reporting period there have been 13 cases worked on with a total of 0 open cases. He also states that there have been 324 tires with 2 manifests that have been collected at the landfill. Officer Schelle explains that there was a total of 24 illegally dumped tires as well as 3.305 tons or 6,610 lbs. that have been disposed of. Officer Schelle explains that for the year 2024 there were a total of 117 illegally dumped tires and a total of 427,770 lbs. cleaned up through the county with a total of 54 cases worked.

4. Executive Director Update: Tiffany Dunn

a.) Marketing and Education Report

Ms. Dunn informs the board that we were able to host our first YEA! Team meeting at our new building. She explains that another thing she wanted to discuss is that the Great Saline County Clean Up is coming up on October the 26th, and she encourages everyone to sign up. Ms. Dunn informs the board that also on that same day we have our last HHW Event for the 2024 year from 9 to 12. She explains that after that we will be planning 2025 and the events that we will be having for that year.

b.) 2024 Landfill Coupon Program

Ms. Dunn relays to the board that a total of 7,099 coupons have been sold this year and that is 3,549.5 homes that have received coupons. Of the 7,099 coupons sold there has been a 49% redemption rate at the landfill from coupons that have been sold this year. Ms. Dunn reports that there has been \$27,855.00 collected from coupon sales for the year. Ms. Dunn also reports that there have been 2,865,731 pounds disposed at the landfill using the coupons.

c.) 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 91,923 lbs. of e-waste, 139,700 lbs. of Cardboard, as well as 29,100 lbs. of plastics through our recycling center for a total recycling weight of 307,253 lbs. for the 2024 year.

d.) NewGen Strategies Survey

Ms. Dunn explains to the board that the survey with NewGen Strategies went live last Thursday and that currently we have had a good response from people taking the survey. She explains that as of yesterday afternoon we have had 276 people respond. Ms. Dunn explains that in the board packet there is a breakdown of the people and cities that have done the survey, and we are currently trying to get at least a 3%-5% response rate on the survey.

e.) Solid Waste District Association

Ms. Dunn informs the board that the Board Retreat for the Solid Waste District Association and in that meeting the Association made a motion to increase the dues from Solid Waste Districts. She explains that the dues for this year are \$5,000 and that is primarily to go to the hiring of Gilmore and Davis Strategy group to help the districts navigate through the Tire program as well as the E-waste program.

Motion Made by Mayor Crystal Herrmann, Seconded by Mayor Chris Treat, all approve.

5. New Business

A- Yard Debris Program

Ms. Dunn informs the board that the landfill has stopped accepting yard waste in September. She explains that by state law as a Solid Waste District we must provide a way of disposal for Yard Debris. Ms. Dunn explains that we are looking at offering it on Tuesdays and Thursdays on our regular Recycling days. She informs the board that she would like to charge \$10.00 flat rate per load to help cover the disposal and transportation of the Yard Waste. Ms. Dunn asks the board to make a resolution for the Yard Debris Program to be set at \$10.00 and adds to make the price adjustable, if need be, to cover the program.

Motion to allow Sam Ed Gibson to Make Resolution to Follow Program as Described and to authorize to charge a fee, with discretion to Executive Director to administer it going forward. Motion made by Mayor Mike Kemp, seconded by Toby Hirscheider. All Approve.

B- Recycling Trucks & Equipment

Ms. Dunn explains to operate the Yard Debris program we would need to purchase new equipment. She informs the board that she has presented them with two options, which she recommends the second option which would be the purchase of two trucks and trading in the current trucks we have now to upgrade to heavier duty trucks, along with the purchase of a roll off trailer and five roll off dumpsters to go with it. Ms. Dunn states that with the initial cost we are looking at an estimated price of \$120,141.00. Ms. Dunn explains to the board that the prices for vehicles have come through the Arkansas State of Procurement website to follow state purchasing guidelines. Ms. Dunn informs the board that she would like to implement this program at the beginning of 2025 and that we would need to move forward with the purchasing of equipment.

Motion to purchase Recycling Trucks and Equipment option two, made by Mayor Crystal Herrmann, Seconded by Mayor Chris Treat, all approve.

6. Old Business

No old business

7. Public Comments

Jeff Arey gives regards to the passing of long-time board member, as well as long time community servant to Saline County and a great man Mr. JR Walters.

Motion to adjourn, made by Mayor Clyde Crookham, Second by Toby Hirscheider, all approve.