

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 27th, 2023,

at 10:30 a.m.

1000 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas

The meeting of the Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 29th, 2023, in Hot Springs. City Manager Bill Burrough called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Present: There were five (5) members present:
Judge Tucker, Judge Mahoney, Judge Thornton, Mr. Bill Burrough, Mayor Weldon,

Members Absent: Mayor Thomerson, Mr. Gary Brinkley

Guests: Ray Cook (HSC SWA)

News Media: N/A

Staff:  Derrick Harris, Dwayne Pratt, Carrie Pratchard, Auditors

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the July 19th and August 17th, 2023, Meetings: Meeting minutes needed to be approved. Judge Mahoney made the **motion**; this was seconded by Mayor Weldon and carried unanimously.

Financial Report:

Financials needed to be approved. Derrick Harris provided an update on financials and bills that are currently due. Judge Mahoney made the **motion**. The motion was seconded by Mayor Weldon and carried unanimously.

Staff Report:

Derrick Harris provided the board an update on the status for the upcoming Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) Event, on October 14th, 2023. Mr. Harris mentioned that everything was scheduled, and extra brochures were available for distribution.

Old Business:

- a. eSCO Contract Extension – Mr. Turner provided an electronic update to the board on the current contract extension for eSCO to continue the facilitation, processing, and disposing of our electronic waste materials. Judge Mahoney made a motion to begin a Request for Proposals (RFP) for another contractor to provide electronic waste disposal. The motion was seconded by Mayor Weldon and carried unanimously.
- b. Bauxite Ordinance – Mr. Turner provided an electronic update to the board on the status of the letter sent to leadership staff at the City of Bauxite. Mr. Turner stated that the letter was submitted to them, and didn't believe any further action was warranted, unless matters devolve or the board thought necessary. No action was necessary.
- c. Legislative Audit (Pulaski County) – Mr. Turner provided an electronic update on the status of dialogue between himself and the State Legislative Audit Team. Mr. Turner stated that the legislative audit team had included the boards timeline for review and had everything they needed from the district. Now, all matters have been forwarded to the prosecutor's office to see if further action is warranted. He will keep the board apprised of any changes. No action was necessary.

New Business:

- a. SW Audit 2022 – The auditors presented the financial report and audit for the calendar year of 2022. Judge Thornton made a motion to approve the 2022 audit. The motion was seconded by Mayor Weldon and carried unanimously.

- b. SW Central Regional Needs Assessment – Mr. Harris informed the board on the Regional Needs Assessment. After some presentation and discussion, the board instructed Mr. Harris to perform a few minor changes to trash service costs, and board member/staff changes. Judge Mahoney made a motion to approve the Needs Assessment pending the changes requested. The motion was seconded by Judge Thornton and carried unanimously. Mr. Harris informed the board he would make the changes and send out to all members prior to submitting to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

Adjournment

Judge Mahoney made a **motion** to adjourn, this was seconded by Judge Thornton and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Bill Burrough, Chairman

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