

Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 20 March 2024, 10:00 am
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

The meeting of the Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste Management District: Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 20, in Hot Springs, AR at the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District Office.

Board Chairman Bill Burrough called the meeting to order.

Members Present: **Bill Burrough (Board Chairman), Judge Tucker, Judge Mahoney, Gary Brinkley**
Members Absent: **Mayor Weldon, Mayor Thomerson, Judge Thornton**
Guests: **Billy Sawyer, Samantha Jones**
News Media: **N/A**
Staff: **Dwayne Pratt**

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the November 15, 2023, meeting required approval. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to approve; this was seconded by Judge Tucker and carried unanimously.

Financial Report:

Financials needed to be approved. Dwayne Pratt provided an update on financials and bills that are currently due. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to approve and seconded by Gary Brinkley of Arkadelphia. This was carried unanimously.

TIRE Update:

Judge Mahoney provided an update to the tire collection cost for the District: the Commission has agreed upon \$2.81 per tire in the contract that is good through June 2025. April 1, 2024, will begin the Roger-Davis transition.

ADEQ Update:

No update.

Staff Report:

Dwayne Pratt introduced Courtney Decker as the new Solid Waste Board Administrator. Solar Panel disposal and/or recycling discussion notified the board that Republic Services does not accept solar panels as solid waste. Contact with Arkansas State Legislatures will be required to further address the ongoing issue. Jerry Burke, representative from Republic Services, met with Judge Mahoney and Dwayne Pratt on February 28, 2024, regarding the Solar Eclipse waste services with prices at the Holiday Specials of \$38.40.

Chair Report:

No update.

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Recycling Advisory Committee Update:

The Recycling Advisory Committee now has standing meetings prior to the Board of Directors' gathering at the request of Chairman Burrough. The city of Gurdon is participating with the Garland County HHW this year and are encouraged to be represented at the Recycling Advisory Committee meetings.

- a. City of Hot Springs 'Spring Fling' cleanup event—April 27 & 28
- b. Spring/Fall Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) collection dates
 - i. Spring 2024: **May 18**
 - ii. Fall 2024: **October 12**

The **motion** to approve the dates for Spring and Fall Hazardous Household Waste events was initiated by Judge Mahoney and seconded by Judge Tucker and carried unanimously.

Heritage Pricing Updates provided information to the Board regarding Hazardous Household Waste expenses and guided the decision to renew the contract for Heritage. Judge Mahoney headed the **motion** to approve renewing the contract with Heritage to collaborate with our Districts to collect the HHW items. Gary Brinkley seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Dwayne informed the Board that in the past that we have waited until all invoices for HHW and Spring Fling events had been paid prior to distributing the remainder to the recycling grant funds to the entities. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Board was to do adopt the same procedure this year, as well.

Old Business

The **motion** to approve the Request for Proposals: Electronic Waste Collections to gather long-term contracts for e-waste disposal was initiated by Judge Tucker; seconded by Judge Mahoney and carried unanimously. The RFP will be up for applicants to submit for the duration of thirty (30) days.

New Business

No update.

Adjournment:

The **motion** to adjourn the meeting began with Judge Mahoney and seconded by Judge Tucker. This motion was carried unanimously.



Bill Burrough, Chairman