

Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste Management District  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wednesday 18 September 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, September 18, in Hot Springs, AR at the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District Office.

Board Chairman Bill Burrough called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

Members Present: **Bill Burrough, Judge Troy Tucker, Judge Darryl Mahoney, Judge Dennis Thornton (Phone-In)**  
Members Absent: Mayor Brenda Weldon, Mayor Larry Thomerson, Gary Brinkley  
Guests: **Dan Turner (Counsel), Billy Sawyer, Samantha Jones, Gerry Burke (Republic), Reanna Key, Dalton Barnum and Cassie Kent (ADEQ), Jonathan Norwood, Elliot Boyett, Courtney Moore and Micah Wyatt (ATA)**  
News Media: N/A  
Staff: **Courtney Decker, Carrie Pratchard, Dwayne Pratt**

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Burrough requested a roll call of Board Members to begin the meeting with Judge Tucker, Judge Mahoney and Judge Thornton present for the quorum meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for the July 17, 2024, 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. Carrie Pratchard provided an update on financials and bills that are currently due. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to approve and seconded by Judge Tucker. This was carried unanimously.

The SWCRSWMD Audit Team from ATA, PLLC presented the 2023 Fiscal Audit to the Board. The audit team concluded that the current Audit Report will be recalled and reissued with appropriate differed revenue shown. The **motion** to approve-with-change the 2023 Audit began with Judge Mahoney and seconded by Judge Tucker. The decision carried unanimously.

The SWCRSWMD is due for procuring new auditors for the following fiscal year. Carrie Pratchard suggested bundling the Solid Waste RFP with the WCAPDD Auditor RFP. The **motion** to bundle the Solid Waste RFP with the WCAPDD RFP was approved by Judge Tucker, seconded by Judge Mahoney and carried unanimously.

**TIRE Update:**

Judge Mahoney provided an update to the tire collection cost for the District: the District received \$219,735.60 for the 78,744 tires process from April 1 to June 30, 2024.

For the current quarter, there have been 75,079 tires processed: Garland County with 21,951 small tires and 821 large tires. Clark County had 3,477 small tires and 251 large tires.

**ADEQ Update:**

2024 Solid Waste Management and Recycling Fund Distribution: \$223,391.12.

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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality briefed the Board about the Federal program awarded to Arkansas State: Environmental Protection Agency's 'Resetting Recycling' Grant Program.

**Staff Report:**

No update.

**Chair Report:**

No update.

**Recycling Advisory Committee Update:**

The District is now members of the Arkansas Recycling Coalition Association. The ARC held their 2024 Conference at Oaklawn from September 9-11, 2024. Courtney represented the District at the Conference.

**Old Business**

The District's Fall Hazardous Household Waste Event is scheduled for October 12, 2024.

**New Business**

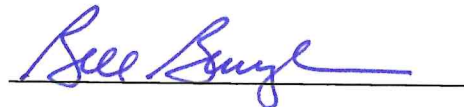
Discussion of the SWCRSWMD E-Waste Collection Services alongside the District's urgent need to procure an e-waste collection provider resulted in the **motion** to reject all current RFP responses initiated with Judge Mahoney and seconded by Judge Tucker. Board Counsel, Dan Turner recommended the Board declare an emergency for e-waste procurement services to continue, uncontracted, with ESCO. The **motion** to adopt the emergency declaration until next RFP results are in was approved by Judge Mahoney, seconded by Judge Tucker and carried unanimously.

Gerry Burke, Republic Services Representative, joined the Board meeting today with a gentle reminder that the contract with Republic ends in 2026. The rates established in the previous contract will change and wanted to provide the Board with ample time to consider future contracts.

The Board did request additional communication between Republic Landfill and the local jurisdictions during inclement weather events to avoid unneeded transportation. Courtney Decker and Gerry Burke will work together to ensure this process is more streamlined.

**Adjournment:**

The **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 AM began with Judge Mahoney and seconded by Judge Tucker. This motion was carried unanimously.



Bill Burrough, Chairman