

Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste Management District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 19 March 2025, 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 19, 2025, in Hot Springs, AR at the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District Office.

Members Present:	Bill Burrough, Judge Tucker, Judge Mahoney, Mayor Weldon, Gary Brinkley
Members Absent:	Judge Thornton, Mayor Thomerson
Guests:	Billy Sawyer, Samantha Jones, Bill Sullivan & Chieko Stewart (Arcwood Environmental), Lucy Cross & Susan Speake (ADEQ)
News Media:	N/A
Staff:	Dwayne Pratt, Carrie Pratchard, Courtney Decker

Chairman Bill Burrough called the meeting to order at 10:09 am. SWC Administrator, Courtney Decker, announced roll call with Bill Burrough, Judge Tucker, Judge Mahoney, Mayor Weldon, Gary Brinkley present. Judge Thornton and Mayor Thomerson were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the January 15, 2025, meeting required approval. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to approve, seconded by Mayor Weldon. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report:

Carrie Pratchard provided the financial report, proposed 2025 budget and payment of bills due to date. After review and short discussion, the 2025 budget approval **motion** began with Judge Tucker, seconded by Judge Mahoney and carried unanimously. The **motion** to approve the current Board financials began with Mayor Weldon, seconded by Mr. Gary Brinkley and carried unanimously. Following review of the unpaid bills, Judge Mahoney **motioned** to approve, seconded by Mayor Weldon and carried unanimously.

Used Tire Report:

Judge Mahoney provided an update on the Used Tire Program, which Governor Sander's is pushing for the privatization of the program. Judge Mahoney expressed concerns about the privatization of the program, citing potential negative financial impacts on constituents due to high profit margins and the lack of a financial oversight plan. The main issue of privatization would be the public health issues that could arise from rural area tire dump sites.

Judge Mahoney anticipates following up with Senator Payton on the abatement bill, which would be a State sponsored waste tire site clean up project.

ADEQ Update:

Lucy Cross and Susan Speake with Department of Environmental Quality provided a presentation on the ADEQ SWIFR Grant received through the EPA. The theme was 'Reset Recycling in Arkansas,' which would provide an updated State Solid Waste Management Plan that would emphasize Solid Waste District's Recycling efforts. The previous Arkansas State Solid Waste Management Plan was last updated in 2014, eleven years ago.

Chair Report:

Chairman Burrough provided insight on how HB1768 would affect the SWCRSWMD between the City of Hot Springs and Garland County, given that the host fee for the County landfill would be at the City's discretion. This bill would create additional red tape and stress on local jurisdiction's working relationship. Chairman Burrough stressed the need to contact everyone's Congressional Representatives regarding the trickle-down implications of the proposed Bill.

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Staff Report:

Courtney Decker provided information on the Secretary of State reaching out regarding the Board's rules, which were overlooked at the State level. They have since reached back out for our rules, which Courtney and Dan Turner will get turned back around prior to the next Board meeting.

Recycling Advisory Committee:

Samantha Jones, presented as the new Recycling Advisory Committee Chairman, provided the RAC update to the Board. The **motion** to approve the 2025 Spring Fling event began with Judge Mahoney, seconded by Mayor Weldon and carried unanimously. The HHW RFP had been opened and tabled to be discussed at today's meeting. The only respondent the Board received was from Heritage Environmental Services (now Arcwood Environmental Services).

Prior Business

The finalized eSCO contract for e-waste disposal services was provided to the Board.

A reminder for the Spring Household Hazardous Waste event set on May 17, 2025, was provided to the Board.

Mr. Bill Sullivan and Chieko Stewart attended the Meeting to discuss exactly how operations work at the District's HHW events, explain their billing system, and announce their new company name as 'Arcwood Environmental Services.' The clarification provided to the Board answered all prior meeting questions, except the 'fuel surcharge' fee of 25% to each manifest. Dan will be following up on these ancillary charges to discuss in negotiations.

The **motion** for Dan to draw up a contract and begin negotiations with Arcwood moved by Judge Mahoney, seconded by Judge Tucker and carried unanimously.

New Business/Public Comment

N/A

Adjournment:

The **motion** to adjourn the meeting began with Judge Mahoney and seconded by Judge Tucker. This motion was carried unanimously at 11:38 am.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 10:00 am.


Bill Burrough, Chairman