

Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste Management District

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday 16 July 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, July 16, 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 Tucker, Judge Mahoney, Gary Brinkley
Members Absent:	Mayor Weldon, Mayor Thomerson, Judge Thornton
Guests:	Billy Sawyer, Samantha Jones
News Media:	N/A
Staff:	Courtney Decker, Dan Turner, Carrie Pratchard, Dwayne Pratt

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the May 17, 2025, meeting required approval. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to approve; this was seconded by Gary Brinkley 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 Gary Brinkley of Arkadelphia. This was carried unanimously.

TIRE Update:

Judge Mahoney provided an update on the waste-tire program: since the previous meeting, nothing new has been brought up. The \$5 million abatement money that was just approved by Arkansas State Legislatures has been broken down and only \$1 million will be used on abatement purposes across the State. Next Friday, there is a waste tire meeting scheduled in Clark County to discuss any further movement within the program.

ADEQ Update:

No update.

Chair Report:

Bill Burrough mentioned discussion with Henry Elliott, a former ADEQ Solid Waste inspector. Judge Mahoney is aware of the property Mr. Elliott had complained about and Shelly Tucker with Garland County has been working on this case.

Staff Report:

Courtney Decker and Dwayne Pratt introduced the request for a Small Unmanned Aircraft system to be utilized by Environmental Officer Decker during illegal dump investigations. The drone program would be shared amongst the PDD programs for post-disaster services and mapping needs amongst the Counties. The Board requested additional indemnity, insurance and maintenance costs be provided at next meeting so a motion can be made.

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Recycling Advisory Committee Update:

The Recycling Advisory Committee chairman Samantha Jones updated the Board that only two applications were received and both awarded for the School Recycling Grant program, Lakeside (Garland) and Goza Middle School (Clark).

Samantha also shared that the Committee opened and scored the HHW RFP responses, with Good Earth winning the bid at the lowest price. Following discussion, Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to have Dan Turner (Board Counsel) proceed with contract negotiations with Clean Earth for Household Hazardous Waste services. Judge Tucker seconded this motion, and it carried unanimously.

New Business

No update.

Public Comment

No update.

Adjournment:

The **motion** to adjourn the meeting began with Judge Mahoney and seconded by Gary Brinkley. This motion was carried unanimously at 10:37 am.

Bill Burrough

Bill Burrough, Chairman