Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste Management District

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday September 17, 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, September 17, 2025, in Hot Springs, AR at the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District Office.

Board Chairman Bill Burrough called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Members Present: Bill Burrough, Judge Tucker, Judge Mahoney, Gary Brinkley

Members Absent: Mayor Weldon, Mayor Thomerson, Judge Thornton

Guests: Samantha Jones, Tommy Woodroof, Domenico Venezia, Hancen Sale, Robin Scott

News Media: N/A

Staff: Dwayne Pratt, Carrie Pratchard, Courtney Decker

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the July 16 and August 26, 2025, meetings required approval. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to approve; this was seconded by Judge Tucker and carried unanimously.

Finances

Financial report and payment of bills 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.

Budget from March 2025 required modifications, as school recycling grants, spring fling and spring Household Hazardous waste events were updated to reflect the actual expenditures. The **motion** to approve the amended 2025 Budget began with Judge Mahoney, seconded by Gary Brinkley and carried unanimously.

Proposed adjustments to internal controls related to payment processing were presented to the Board. The motion for WCAPDD, acting as contractual administrators, to pay bills that the SWCRSWMD is contractually obligated to pay so long as those payments are within the Board-approved budgeted allocations. If contractual bills exceed the Board-approved budget, a special Board meeting may be called to review invoices requiring payment prior to the next scheduled board meeting. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to approve, seconded by Judge Tucker and carried unanimously.

The 2024 financial audit from Landmark CPAs returned clean and was presented to the Board by Robin Scott. As no findings were identified, the **motion** to approve the audit began with Judge Tucker, seconded by Judge Mahoney and carried unanimously.

Tire Update

Judge Mahoney shared that there have been progress made on a smaller footprint waste to energy plant that would be more suitable for the District's waste tires. The newest project is out of Houston, TX. The USW Tire District is close to breaking even on operational costs at \$2.81/tire.

ADEQ Update

No update.

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Chair Report

Chairman Burrough recognized the Board's counselor, Dan Turner, for his hard work on the Clean Earth Household Hazardous Waste agreement.

Staff Report

Courtney Decker shared that Clean Earth accepted all the Boards' terms set out during the August Special Meeting and a date for the Household Hazardous Waste event would need to be set prior to agreement approval. Samantha Jones shared the date of available at the Garland County fairgrounds would be November 8, 2025. The **motion** to approve November 8, 2025, as the Fall HHW event date was initiated by Judge Mahoney, seconded by Judge Tucker and carried unanimously.

The <u>motion</u> for the proposed agreement with Clean Earth for Household Hazardous Waste event services was approved by Judge Mahoney, seconded by Gary Brinkley and carried unanimously.

Dwayne Pratt announced that the SWCRSWMD underwent a legislative audit and only one finding was provided: pre-numbered receipts are to be within a 'spiral-bound booklet,' not pre-numbered loose-leaf receipts. The **motion** of the approval of the legislative audit findings were initiated by Gary Brinkley, seconded by Judge Mahoney and carried unanimously.

Recycling Advisory Committee Update

Samantha Jones shared that the Arkansas Recycling Coalition conference was hosted at Oaklawn from September 8-10, 2025. Due to the conference and lack of agenda action items, the Recycling Advisory Committee did not meet.

Prior Business

The application from Reworld Solutions, LLC for a solid waste recovery facility Certificate of Need was presented to the Board. Courtney Decker informed the Board that no comments were received from the public. Domenico Venezia and Hancen Sale, Reworld Solutions and Tommy Woodroof, Terracon Consultant, were present and answered questions from the Board. Following discussion, the **motion** to approve the Certificate of Need application for Reworld Solutions, LLC was initiated by Gary Brinkley, seconded by Judge Tucker and carried unanimously.

New Business

No update.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The <u>motion</u> to adjourn the meeting began with Judge Mahoney and seconded by Judge Tucker at 10:58 AM. This motion was carried unanimously.

Bill Burrough
Bill Burrough, Chairman