

Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste Management District

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 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, February 4, 2026, in Hot Springs, AR at the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District Office.

**Members Present:** Bill Burrough, Judge Tucker, Judge Mahoney, Gary Brinkley, Mayor Weldon  
**Members Absent:** Mayor Thomerson, Judge Thornton  
**Guests:** Samantha Jones, Andrew Daily, John Rogers  
**News Media:** N/A  
**Staff:** Dwayne Pratt, Carrie Pratchard, Courtney Decker, Dan Turner

Board Chairman Bill Burrough called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the November 19, 2025, meetings required approval. Judge Mahoney made the motion to approve; this was seconded by Gary Brinkley and carried unanimously.

**Financial Report and Payment of Bills:** Carrie Pratchard provided an update on financials and bills that are currently due. Following discussion, Judge Tucker made the **motion** to approve both financial report and payment of bills, seconded by Gary Brinkley of Arkadelphia. This was carried unanimously.

Carrie also presented the proposed 2026 Financial Budget to the Board for consideration. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Gary Brinkley of Arkadelphia. This was carried unanimously.

As finance manager, Carrie requested the Board consider changing from QuickBooks to MIP fund accounting software to better track restricted assets, with a quote of \$2,250 for setup and ongoing maintenance. Following discussion, the **motion** to approve the change came from Gary Brinkley, seconded by Mayor Brenda Weldon and carried unanimously.

**Tire Update:** Judge Mahoney presented data on tire counts and mentioned changes to state funding, noting that \$2.5 million was pulled by ADEQ for another purpose while the Southeast District received a rate increase to \$4.10 per tire. All other tire districts maintain the same rate per tire at this time.

**ADEQ Update:** No update.

**Chair Report:** No update.

**Recycling Advisory Committee Update:** Samantha Jones, the RAC Chairman, updated the Board on RAC annual officer elections maintaining the same as they did last year. She shared that the Board would need to approve the tentative dates for the City of Hot Springs' Spring Fling event on April 25-26, 2026, and the two Hazardous Household Waste events for 2026 scheduled for May 16 and October 10, 2026. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to approve all the dates for the schedule, seconded by Gary Brinkley and carried unanimously. The group also discussed and agreed to start submitting monthly tonnage reports.

**Staff Report:** Courtney reported meeting with Brian Albright to discuss environmental officer investigations and ongoing work with the county to improve communication and program feasibility.

**Prior Business:** The eSCO e-waste collection and disposal agreement is due to expire on February 17, 2026, and needed to be renewed. Chairman Burrough wanted to ensure no changes have been made to the

contract from previous years and Courtney confirmed no changes were made. Judge Mahoney made the **motion** to extend the contract for another year, seconded by Judge Tucker and carried unanimously.

**New Business:** The Board discussed the agreement with Crafton Tull and John Rogers to conduct a cost analysis of solid waste transportation. Dwayne Pratt noted that while the District follows more restrictive procurement procedures than the county, they typically obtain three quotes for public expenditures. Courtney Decker reported that, in addition to contacting Crafton Tull, she reached out to three other engineering firms; none were able to provide the specialized services required from John Rogers with Crafton Tull. The Board also briefly discussed the possibility of issuing an annual SOQ for engineering services, though this has not been done previously due to limited need. If John Rogers completes the cost analysis prior to the next scheduled Board meeting on March 18, 2026, Courtney Decker and Dwayne Pratt will coordinate calling a special meeting for RFP approval to remain on schedule with the agreement-renewal timeline. Judge Mahoney made a **motion** to approve the agreement and proceed with the analysis prior to the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Brinkley and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the recent Arkansas Supreme Court decision in *S. Hedrick and X-Dumpsters v. City of Holiday Island*, 2025 Ark. 194, and its potential impacts on solid waste management across the state. Chairman Burrough provided an overview of the ruling, noting that it challenges the ability of municipalities and counties to restrict other haulers from operating within territories that are currently under contract. The Chairman also explained that this decision raises concerns related to public safety, increased operational costs, and diminished local control over solid waste services. The group discussed the likelihood that this ruling could affect current and future service agreements throughout Arkansas.

The Board held their annual officer election for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary with previous office holders as Bill Burrough, Judge Tucker and Judge Mahoney, respectively. The **motion** to maintain the current office holders for another year began with Judge Mahoney and seconded by Gary Brinkley. This carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** The **motion** to adjourn the meeting began with Judge Mahoney and seconded by Gary Brinkley at 11:01 AM. This motion was carried unanimously.

*Bill Burrough*  
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Bill Burrough, Chairman