

**Regional Recycling & Waste Reduction District
Board of Directors' Meeting**

300 South Spring, Suite 200
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
September 14, 2011, 9:30 A.M.

Minutes

Board Members

Judge Buddy Villines, Pulaski County
Mayor Michael Watson, Maumelle
Mayor Gary Fletcher, Jacksonville
Mayor Pat Hays, North Little Rock
Mayor Virginia Hillman, Sherwood
Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock

Others Attending

Michelle Gillham, ADEQ
Melinda Glasgow, Little Rock
Ronny Loe, Little Rock
George Wheatley, Waste Management
Jim Goble, RRWRD
John Roberts, RRWRD
Carol Bevis, RRWRD
Desi Ledbetter, RRWRD

1. Call the roll and recognize a quorum.

Judge Villines called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum.

2. Approve minutes from the May 31, 2011, meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Stodola and seconded by Mayor Hillman to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2011 meeting. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

3. Review financial statements for July 2011.

The financial statement was accepted as presented without discussion or comments.

4. Other Business.

A. Recycling Report

Carol Bevis reported that everything was going well. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming ARC (Arkansas Recycling Coalition) Conference scheduled for September 19-21 in Eureka Springs. Bevis also informed everyone about the upcoming special electronic collection at Verizon Arena scheduled for September 28-29.

Carol Bevis thanked everyone for their jurisdictional support in assisting to conduct the special collection. She also thanked the Mayors for their staff assistance in working with her to complete necessary paperwork required by ADEQ to complete recycling progress reports. Municipal cooperation allowed our District to submit all paperwork on time.

B. Waste Tire Report

Jim Goble reported that the program is running very smoothly. Overall numbers have increased compared to this period last year. He reported on the progress of Davis Rubber towards the development of crumb rubber for use on soccer and football fields.

C. Roll Off Report

Desi Ledbetter presented a Roll Off report dating back from January 1st, 2011 to the present, as well as cleanups scheduled to occur in the near future. The report highlighted the clean-up campaigns and activity for each jurisdiction for the year 2011.

5. Consider a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to landfill owners for residential solid waste disposal services for certain jurisdictions north of the Arkansas River in Pulaski County.

John Roberts explained the aspects of the resolution that only involves North Little Rock, Maumelle, Sherwood and Jacksonville. He stated that the current contract actually expired in February, 2011 and that Waste Management has agreed to continue the pricing of the current contract with customary CPI Index adjustments every 90 days.

John Roberts suggested that the new contract would be for five (5) years, with two (2) five (5) year renewals. He encouraged the Little Rock landfill to bid on the RFP. Roberts also felt that the Two Pine Landfill owned by Waste Management and the landfill in Saline County owned by Republic would surely submit a bid.

John Roberts stated that after the bids were received, an engineering firm would be hired to factor in the travel costs of the respective bidders as it relates to each jurisdiction to determine a true actual cost.

After Roberts provided a summary of the resolution, he recommended its passage.

John Roberts also provided a summary of the next resolution to consider, which updates the fees assessed per ton of solid waste. In effect, the fees for solid waste generated inside of the District and disposed outside of the District would increase from \$.30 per ton to \$1.00 per ton.

Mayor Stodola stated that the cost of living adjustment changing every 90 days for the current agreement with Waste Management seemed excessive. John Roberts explained that even though Waste Management was within their right to increase the current pricing, they had not done so yet. Mayor Stodola also inquired about the rationale on the length of the RFP. John Roberts explained that it allowed the proposer to develop the best cost for the jurisdictions because it eliminated uncertainty. Roberts also said the contract could be revisited in five (5) years and again after ten (10) years by both parties.

Judge Villines asked for a motion to issue the RFP. Mayor Stodola asked for clarification of the landfills that realistically would bid on the RFP. John Roberts highlighted the landfills that he felt would bid. Mayor Hays inquired if there had been any discussion concerning implementing a transfer station in conjunction with the RFP. John Roberts said that nothing within the current RFP considered a transfer station. Mayor Hays suggested that consideration should be included.

Judge Villines stated that the time frame to successfully obtain approval from ADEQ to implement a transfer station would not coincide with when the RFP needed to be completed. Judge Villines said a site study would have to be completed as well as public comment and numerous other state requirements would have to be met before a transfer station would be approved. Villines said the entire process could involve a lengthy timeframe.

Mayor Hays felt that at least a study should be considered to utilize a transfer station in the future that could involve rail service and other movement options. A motion was made by Mayor Watson and seconded by Mayor Stodola to issue the RFP. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. (The resolution hereinafter will be referred to as **Resolution 202**)

A motion was made by Mayor Hays and seconded by Mayor Fletcher for a companion resolution for the District to conduct a feasibility study to analyze alternative options for solid waste disposal including utilizing a transfer station and exploring the use of rail and other forms of movement. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. Consider a resolution to update the fee assessed per ton of non-exempt solid waste.

Mayor Stodola inquired about the current rate per ton for solid waste generated within the District and disposed outside of the District. Jim Goble explained that the current rate was \$.30 and that the District was proposing to increase that fee to \$1.00, which is the maximum allowed under the law with an interlocal agreement. Mayor Stodola suggested that the fee should increase to \$2.00 per ton without an interlocal agreement to coincide with the current rate allowed for solid waste generated outside the District and disposed within the District. He felt that the higher rate would basically equalize the competition, as well as create logic to capture costs of volume that is currently generated within the Pulaski County District, yet disposed outside the District.

The resolution was amended to reflect the fee assessed per ton of solid waste generated within the District and disposed outside the District would be \$2.00. A motion was made by Mayor Fletcher and seconded by Mayor Hillman to adopt the amended resolution. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. (The resolution hereinafter will be referred to as **Resolution 203**)

7. Adjourn

With no further business, Judge Villines adjourned the meeting.