

**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2009
10:00 p.m.**

**MRPC Building
4 Industrial Drive – St. James, MO 65559**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Scott Murrell called the February 17, 2009 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Executive Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introduced new members Gary Larson of Dent County and Matt Penning of Hermann.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Cole, Arthur Cook, Theresa Cook, Gary Gilliam, Gary Larson, Les Murdock, Ben McWilliams, James Morgan, Scott Murrell, Matt Penning, Darrell Skiles, Brady Wilson and Dennis Wilson.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Huffman, Richard Huse, Todd Moyers, Bill Ransdall, Ray Schwartze, Randy Verkamp.

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Cheryl Dupes, Nongluk Tunyavanich, Teri Smith and Tammy Snodgrass of MRPC.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Theresa Cook made a motion to approve the agenda. Gary Larson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

James Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2008 meeting. Theresa Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINANCE AND BUDGET REPORT:

Cheryl Dupes presented the financial report – Operating. Revenue received for month ended January 31, 2009 were 2008 and 2009 grant funds and miscellaneous revenue from special waste collections. Bank interest was \$30.74. The fund equity balance was \$6,270.10. Revenue over expenditures was \$695.46.

Dennis Wilson made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Gary Gilliam seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BUDGET:

Cheryl Dupes presented the 2009 revised budget. The projected ending fund balance was \$6,305.15.

Les Murdock made a motion to approve the revised budget. Gary Gilliam seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Scott Murrell reported that many administrative changes have been made at DNR. The solid waste chief, Jim Hull, has been removed and no replacement has been named. Scott will keep the district informed of administrative replacements as they are announced.

DISTRICT GRANT REPORT:

Tammy Snodgrass said at the last meeting, several counties asked for help with illegally dumped television sets. The board asked staff to investigate and address at the next meeting. Tammy reported that after our electronics recycling contractor increased prices, staff rebid that service per the board's request. Computer Recycling Center was the only bid received. The changes in the contract now charges \$10.00 for computer monitors, \$20.00 per TV, and the cost of the truck and two staff increased to \$1,500 per 24 foot truck.

Gary Gilliam asked if EPC responded to the bid request and Tammy stated they had not.

Gary Gilliam made a motion to accept the bid from Computer Recycling Center. Brady Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tammy Snodgrass reported that the date for transitioning television signals from analog to digital has moved from February to June. Joel Burken and his students at MS&T have published a brochure detailing the possible impact of the transition on the environment. The brochure is posted on MRPC's website and will be distributed around the region in public venues.

Ms. Snodgrass then suggested possible programs to help the district deal with an influx of old TVs. She described and the board discussed a voucher program allowing counties to stockpile the TVs until they can be added to a special collection event. This would provide citizens with an option outside the special collection. Theresa Cook said that St. Robert is planning purchase a trailer to collect TV sets for St. Robert and Pulaski County.

After much discussion, Ben Cole made a motion to revise the budget for the special waste collections program (\$19,531.28) and allocate more money and increase the proposed limit from 25 to 75 televisions per county. Gary Larson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The board discussed setting a rule on what entities could take advantage of the subsidized pricing at special collections. The board agreed to only subsidize schools, cities and counties for illegally dumped TVs. Businesses and not-for-profit organizations that accept electronic donations must pay full price.

Nongluk Tunyavanich reported that the illegal dump grant is asking to move \$600 from the equipment rental line item to the contractor line item to pay the prisoners to work at illegal dump clean up sites. The prison now charges \$7.50 per day per inmate.

Nongluk reported that subgrantees have submitted their reports for grants ending December 31, 2008. All grant recipients have completed reporting, six turned in receipts and the Rolla High School issue on ineligible expenditures has been settled.

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Theresa Cook made a motion to close grants ending in 2008, except Maries County, who have not turned in receipts, and pay out the retention funds. Brady Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Tunyavanich reported that Enhancements, Inc. of Potosi purchased equipment from a 2008 grant, but still haven't received or installed the equipment. They plan to install the equipment at a new facility and so have not accepted the shipment. Staff stated that they were not comfortable with this situation and recommended that the board adopt policies to address it.

Tammy Snodgrass prepared a policy giving subgrantees 90 days from the time of purchase to have equipment installed and operating. Subgrantees who fail to do so will have their grants reviewed by the board to determine if the grant should be suspended. Subgrantees are required to provide a minimum of six months of reports on the volumes of materials processed with the equipment purchased through the district grant program. Final disbursements will not be made until six months of results have been reported.

Gary Gilliam made a motion to adopt the new policies presented. Les Murdock seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Gary Gilliam made a motion to require Enhancements, Inc. to have the equipment installed and be operational by July 1, 2009. Darrell Skiles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES:

Tammy Snodgrass reported on project activity:

Earth Day – Teri Smith is coordinating the poster and trash art contest for the district and participating with the Rolla Earth Day steering committee. Bank donations are being received and contest information has been mailed to area schools.

Illegal Dump Cleanup – February 21, 2009, Boiling Springs

Possible sites - National Forest Service site in Crawford County
Nongluk and Tammy to tour site in Dent County
Waynesville Middle School – students cleaning in May
Gasconade County – Spring 2009

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Household Hazardous Waste – Doug Adkins from the St. Robert HHW Satellite facility reported low volume in the past month.

Tammy reported that DNR Hazardous Waste Emergency Response group is doing mercury clean up through the month of February. Each county in the district has a collection point designated.

Ms. Snodgrass reported that a group of composting businesses in St. Louis were concerned that landfills might ask that the ban on yard waste be lifted, so their opposition submitted a bill (Senate Bill 118) increasing the goals established on what is eligible for placement in landfills by 2021. The bill requests a diversion goal set at 80% and has a fiscal impact of \$2.2 billion. Staff is concerned about the rapid pace that the bill is going through the legislative process and will speak to the author of the bill, hoping to stop its progress.

On another legislative note, Ms. Snodgrass explained that House Bill 661 will extend the scrap tire fee. The scrap tire fee is the 50 cents charged for every new tire purchase. The revenue from that fee is used for enforcement, inspection, tracking and tire playground grants for schools and parks. When the fee sunsetted for 18 months there was an influx of tire dumping. Tammy created a resolution in support of House Bill 661.

Les Murdock made a motion to approve the House Bill 661 resolution, with Jason Smith added to the list of representatives. Gary Gilliam seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tammy reported that the Tour of Missouri bike race, scheduled September 7-13, will be in the Meramec Region and the district will be involved with recycling in host cities.

Chemistry Lab Program – Tammy said material collected in Salem is still waiting for DNR to pick up.

Assessment Inventory for DNR: The district will provide DNR with information on all solid waste collection companies/facilities, recycling programs, composting programs that cities offer residents. The information will be a snapshot view of the district.

Tammy reported that an individual, Linda O'Louden, had a good idea for a anti-littering campaign for the area by having a coloring contest of native flowers in the Meramec Region and, in cooperation with MoDOT, using the winning pictures for local road signs. The board agreed to research the project further.

ADMINISTRATION BIDS:

Scott Murrell reported that only one bid was submitted for district grant administration by MRPC. Therefore, business will continue status quo. Three board members must fill out opening bid paperwork after the meeting.

James Morgan made a motion to accept the administration bid from MRPC. Dennis Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CITY AND COUNTY UPDATES:

Scott Murrell reported that the recycling program at Ft. Leonard Wood is still going strong and a contractor is now storing cardboard.

Gary Gilliam reported that markets are improving and although plastic markets are returning, steel isn't doing as well as other products.

Theresa Cook reported that St. Robert anticipates recycling to increase and will set up a trailer to store TVs and computer monitors for the City of St. Robert and Pulaski County. The St. Robert school district received a grant in connection with Good Samaritan. A grant was awarded to Americorp Vista volunteer organization who volunteers for stream clean ups. The volunteers will help with work, advertising and grant writing.

Brady Wilson reported that recycling was steady for the City of Rolla. He said that HHW collection was slow but steady and there was no decrease in activity on the waste side.

Mr. Wilson reported that the landfill board was expected to approve a new contract with the transfer station in Phelps County. Waste from the City of Rolla will now be disposed at Prairie Valley Landfill in

Cuba. This change will decrease the city's carbon footprint and result in additional funding for the district.

Darrell Skiles reported an increase in illegal dumping in Dent County and will tour a dumpsite next week for possible cleanup.

Dennis Wilson reported an increase of illegal dumping in St. James at private dumpsters. The St. James Econolodge donated its used furniture to the St. James Caring Center before selling the property. The furniture is available for purchase.

Mr. Wilson said the new St. James sanitation building on Industrial Drive is complete and staff has moved in.

Ben Cole said they lowered the price on aluminum cans and are holding on to cardboard in anticipation of a price increase.

James Morgan reported that the City of Crocker now has trash pick up. City Hall has received inquiries about TV disposal.

Les Murdock reported that Cuba closed the Recycling Center and individuals are recycling aluminum and metal as best they can.

SETTING OF DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

The next Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District meeting of the Executive Board will be May 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the MRPC office in St. James.

The next Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District meeting of the Full Council will be June 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the MRPC office in St. James.

ADJOURNMENTS:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Scott Murrell

Scott Murrell, Chairman

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Date

Theresa K Cook

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