**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

**MRPC Building - 4 Industrial Drive**

**St. James, MO 65559**

**Call to Order**

Brady Wilson called the February 27, 2018 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Members Present:** Ray Mortimeyer, Arthur Cook, Darrell Skiles, Jim Holland, Steve Vogt, Brady Wilson, Anne McClay, Craig French, Jay Whittaker, Gary Gilliam and Marvin Wright.

**Members Absent:** Ray Schwartze, Brad Nash, Robert Koerber, and Don Theberge.

**Staff and Guests Present:** Tammy Snodgrass, Jill Hollowell, Linda Loughridge, Linda Carroll and Caitlin Jones, Stephen Tupper, Dr. Charles Slider and Keith McCarty.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was noted the scheduled guest presenter, Joan Nadolski, Director of the Phelps County Industrial Solution would be rescheduled. Arthur Cook made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Jay Whittaker seconded the motion. All members present voted “aye”.

**Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Gary Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting. Ray Mortimeyer seconded the motion. All members present voted “aye”.

Jill Hollowell reported on four sub-grants satisfying their reporting requirements and submitting final reimbursements requests. The following 2017 grants are requested for closure and distribution of retention funds.

* K2017-008 – Phelps County Tough on Trash, distribute; $1345.50 held in retention.
* K2017-009 – Dixon High School Key Club; distribute $13742.50 held in retention
* K2017-010 – Maries Co Recycling; distribute $1,090.80 held in retention.
* K2017-013 – Vermicomposting Bourbon High School; distribute $1460.48 held in retention

**Finance Report**

Linda Loughridge presented financials for both ORSWMD operations and grants for the month ending January 31, 2018. Craig French made a motion to approve the January 31, 2018 financial reports. Steve Vogt seconded the motion. All present voted “aye”.

Ms. Loughridge also presented the revised budget for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Jay Whittaker made a motion to approve the revised budget as presented. Steve Vogt seconded the motion. All present voted “aye”.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Wilson spoke briefly on China’s ban on the international recycling of commodities. He noted that as of the first of this year, China will no longer accept the world’s recyclables due to product contamination. This ban has led to some flooding of domestic markets which may result in lower prices for recycling materials. Chairman Wilson stated that hopefully the ban will be temporary.

Chairman Wilson also brought up HB2097 Freedom to Choose Trash Collection Services Act. If passed, this bill would require municipalities seeking recycling contracts with trash haulers to put the contract out to citizens for a vote.

After some discussion on HB2097, the committee determined that it would be a significant cost to put the issue on the ballot and takes away local control. If it were to be put on the ballot, the public would also need to be educated on the issue which would result in more expense to the local jurisdiction.

Ms. Hollowell asked the committee if they would like to see a letter sent to legislators from the district voicing their opposition to the bill. Tammy Snodgrass stated she would complete the task if the committee was in favor of addressing this issue. Gary Gillam and Ray Mortimeyer both indicated they would support a letter of opposition with Mr. Gilliam noting that he sees the bill as a waste of taxpayers’ dollars. Mr. Mortimeyer stated that many communities have limited funds so it’s the smaller communities that would be most affected.

There is a hearing being held in Jefferson City today and Jill stated that MORA would be there to oppose the bill.

Steve Vogt made a motion to send a letter in opposition of HB20209 to our senators and representatives. Gary Gilliam seconded. All present voted “aye.”

**Old Business**

Ms. Hollowell reported that as of January 1, there are a lot of new sub-grantees and indicated that she would have an update on those new projects for the committee at the May meeting.

Ms. Hollowell also addressed county tire collections from illegal dumping activities. She indicated that in the past, we had been collecting from counties only when they had a trailer load and submitted a request for pickup and the counties were responsible for loading tires.

She stated that in 2016, there was not a MDNR grant for illegally dumped tires and that was the same year MDNR ceased their tire round-up collections. In 2017, MRPC contracted with Champlin Tire through a state contract with a rate averaging $165 per ton which includes the contractor loading tires rather than county staff. This new service is a significant man-hour cost savings for counties that previously loaded tires by hand.

Ms. Hollowell suggested the district needs to address and promote tire recycling and engage upcoming generations who often want to recycle tires and reduce the amount of tires going to the landfill. Craig French noted that as long as we’re charging for tire disposal, there will be problems with the illegal dumping of tires.

Ms. Hollowell asked the committee if there were any incentives that could be offered to small shops to encourage them to recycle old tires. Anne McClay suggested they tack on a little extra that would go to the recycling company. Ms. Snodgrass explained that the fees they charge to take old tires are typically paid out to whomever they send the tires to – either a recycling company or a landfill that cuts and landfills the tires. Jay Whittaker mentioned that they take tires all year long and charge $4.00 per tire. Ms. Hollowell noted there would be Special Collections, including tires, April 21st in Dixon and on June 9th in Rolla.

Ms. Hollowell stated MRPC’s Illegal Dump Clean Up grant also pays for school field trips. It is helpful to budget available funds to assure all counties in need of a tire collection may be serviced. Jim Holland indicated that Gasconade County would probably use a tire pick up this year. He also stated that there are some businesses in the county that are recycling used oil and use it to heat their buildings.

**Legislative Issues**

Ms. Snodgrass updated the committee on the following items.

* HB1396: Prohibits political subdivisions from adopting ordinances restricting the use of plastic bags or other disposable containers
* Funding formula – the city of Branson was trying to get the funding formula changed but there has been no further action.
* Old abandoned landfills – There has been no further information regarding addressing old abandoned landfills that weren’t properly closed or aren’t being maintained.

**New Business**

Ms. Hollowell informed the committee of the 2018 Earth Day Poster and Trash Art Contest and sponsors are being sought. The theme is “Be a Hero: Your Planet Needs You!” with a focus on “Rethink Plastic!”

A Community and Outreach Assistance Fund request from Bourbon High School was discussed. The school is working on a plastic reduction project and wants to purchase a hydration station. They have raised $250 and are requesting a match of $250 to purchase the station. Ray Mortimeyer made a motion to approve funding for the hydration station. Steve Vogt seconded. All present voted “aye.”

Caitlin Jones presented an overview of the Ozark Rivers website. She highlighted the location of the information for special collections as well as where recent news releases could be found.

Ms. Snodgrass addressed the board regarding 2019 proposed action items. She indicated that she is looking for direction, items that the committee would like to focus on in the upcoming year and projects that the board would like staff to develop grant applications for the 2019 grant round. Once a list is compiled, she stated that the advisory committee would convene to fine tune the selected actions.

Ms. Hollowell added that she would like to see the categories align with what MORA is doing and wants to know what will connect with the individuals in the communities. The end goal is to have a unified voice throughout the district.

Darrell Skiles indicated that the city of Salem is trying to figure out who can take over the recycling trailers formerly used by the city of Salem’s recycling program. He stated there is some reluctance to the county taking over the trailers. The reluctance stems from rules not being followed which leads to the contents having to be sorted, which is time consuming and an additional expense.

Jim Holland indicated that they use community service workers to pick up trash. Anne McClay reported that they pay the prison system to supervise prisoners to pick up trash along the roads.

It was reported that Cuba has a yard waste drop off location which only accepts trees, shrubbery and grass. The material dumped is then either ground up or burned (trees). There are cameras on the area and residents are able to go in and out at all times.

A handout on 2019 Proposed Action Items was provided and the committee began reviewing the listed suggestions. The activities listed align closely with MORA’s action items. Ms. Hollowell asked committee members to look over the list and the discussion would be picked up at the May meeting. If anyone had any suggestions prior to the May meeting, Ms. Hollowell encouraged the board to email them to her.

Marvin Wright stated that he would like to see a push with C & D products that would make a difference and perhaps work with Missouri S&T more on projects. Steve Tupper with Missouri S&T noted that this was a great point and he would love to work on those types of projects.

The committee was informed that there is a test project just outside of the Rolla city limits where crumb rubber is being incorporated into roadway asphalt. The project is a partnership between another solid waste district and Missouri S&T. It appears to be holding up well and reduces noise pollution. Mr. Tupper reported that there are a lot of similar projects being looked at with the key being can you make it commercially viable. It’s currently an expensive process due to removing the steel in the tires and then producing the crumb.

City and County Updates

Ray Mortimeyer reported that the city of Cuba pays for all trash pickup. It’s a contracted service and is paid for out of the city’s general fund.

Steve Tupper reported that there is a new department at Missouri S&T. He stated that it is a signature area for research and will work with advanced materials for sustainability.

Chairman Wilson informed the board that his facility has brought in a tub grinder for yard waste and they will have mulch available next week. The mulch is free to the public and can be picked up on Wednesday’s.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, Marvin Wright made a motion to adjourn. Steve Vogt seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.” The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Brady Wilson, Chairman
2. PRESENTATION
   * Joan Nadolski, Director of the Phelps County Industrial Solutions
3. CONSENT AGENDA

*The consent agenda is intended to group several items of a routine nature upon which the board agrees to accept an executive committee or staff recommendation. Listed below are consent agenda items. A motion may be made to accept all the items listed, or if a board member wishes to consider any item(s) separately, then a motion would be made to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the item(s) to be considered separately. Any item to be considered separately would then be taken up immediately after the consent agenda is adopted.*

The following agenda items are presented for consent approval:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2017

2. Request to close out sub-grant:

a. K2017-008 – Phelps County Tough on Trash - a final report was filed; requesting to close and payout the balance of the grant, including $1345.50 in retention.

b. K2017-009 – Dixon High School Key Club - a final report was filed; requesting to close, return the remaining balance to the district and release $742.50 in retention.

c. K2017-010 – Maries Co Recycling - a final report was filed; requesting to close, return the remaining balance to the district and release $1,090.80 in retention.

d. K2017-013 – Vermicomposting Bourbon High School - a final report was filed, requesting to close, return the remaining balance to the district and release $1,460.48 in retention.

1. FINANCE/BUDGET REPORT
   * Current financials will be provided by staff including revised budget.

*The board will need to approve financials and revised budget.*

1. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Brady Wilson will report on current issues.
2. OLD BUSINESS
   * District Grant Report – Jill Hollowell
   * Review of county tire collections

*Board members will be asked to review total expenditures for the collection of illegally dumped tires throughout the district and reassess the county tire collection program.*

* + Legislative Issues – Tammy Snodgrass

*Staff will provide an update.*

1. NEW BUSINESS
   * Request for funding through the Community Outreach and Assistance Fund

*Bourbon High School’s request of a $250 match for a hydration station.*

1. OTHER BUSINESS
   * City and County Updates

*Board members will be asked to report on activities and concerns of their respective counties and cities.*

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS
   * Suggestions for agenda topics or guest speakers for future meetings
2. RECOMMENDED DATES AND TIMES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS
   * Executive Board meetings at 10:00 a.m. on May 15th, and Sept.25th
   * *Full Council meetings at 10:00 a.m. on Jun 12th and at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 27th   
      with the annual awards banquet held at 6:30 p.m.*
   * Review of 2019 grant applications will be held Sept. 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
3. ADJOURNMENT