**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

**MRPC Building - 4 Industrial Drive**

**St. James, MO 65559**

**Call to Order**

Brady Wilson called the June 12, 2018 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Full Council Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Members Present:** Bill Bennett, Arthur Cook, Darrell Skiles, Mark Wallace, Jim Holland, Steve Vogt, Brady Wilson, Anne McClay, Dr. Charles Slider, Craig French, Zach Shepherd, Jay Whittaker and Gary Gilliam.

**Members Absent:** Ray Mortimeyer, Dennis Watz, Brad Nash, Gary Larson, John Kamler, Larry Miskel, Doug Drewel, Ray Schwartze, Billy Martin, Shane Anslem, Gary Hicks, Don Theberge, Mycal Brown, Eldon Haun, Luge Hardman, Marvin Wright, Cody Brinley, and Leo Sanders.

**Staff and Guests Present:** Tammy Snodgrass, Jill Hollowell, Linda Loughridge, Linda Carroll, and Maria Potter.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was suggested that under New Business, the Caucusing of Cities for Executive Board Representation be moved before Election of Officers for the next fiscal year. Jay Whittaker made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted change. Darrell Skiles seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**Approval of Minutes**

Zach Shepherd made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Full Council meeting. Jay Whittaker seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**Finance/Budget Report**

Linda Loughridge presented financials for month ended May 31, 2018 stating that she doesn’t expect full utilization of funds designated for administration costs. These funds will be returned to the district. Ms. Loughridge also provided a spreadsheet tracking district grants to sub-grantees and pointed out that $309,807.62 remains to be paid out at this time. Steve Vogt made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Jay Whittaker seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**Chairman’s Report**Brady Wilson reported that the recycling markets are very tight. Mills are slowing down as they have all of the material they can handle at this time. He also noted that prices are down.

Chairman Wilson stated that the special collection held in Rolla on Saturday was a success with over 200 cars dropping off recyclables for a collection that took in several tons of waste.

He informed the council that the Department of Natural Resources has put out a call for potential educational grants with the funding for the grants coming from the scrap tire program. Ideas that were suggested were educational activities revolving around topics such as:

* Reduction of contamination and unwanted items in recyclables
* Sharps generated at the residential level (needles being disposed of in plastic boxes and then the boxes being put in recycle containers rather than trash)
* Pharmaceuticals
* Lithium batteries, which can burst into flames

With the response received at the special collection, Chairman Wilson said that Facebook and social media appear to be good methods for informing the public. Jill Hollowell added that city newsletters could also be a source of education.

Anne McClay asked if the council could apply for a grant to produce a one-time newsletter or other promotional piece, such as those with a refrigerator magnet carrying the message which individuals could post for future reference. Chairman Wilson said the district would submit and then work with each individual community promoting their specific recycling information. Ms. Hollowell asked how well he thought the magnets worked to get the message out. He indicated that they were mailed out at the bulk rate and stated that he would do it again. Craig French added that it would be a good way to explain household hazardous waste. Gary Gilliam said that you would need to use good visuals. He went on to say that in St. Louis, flyers usually just get tossed in the trash so now they are looking into putting the message on buses, billboards and television. Their Recycle Program begins in October and he suggested that Ozark Rivers could spin off of that program. Arthur Cook informed the council that the recent issue of *National Geographic* had a good article on the world of plastics. It was noted that by the year 2050, there is an expected increase of 30 to 40 percent in plastic packaging.

**Old Business**

**District Grant Report**

Jill Hollowell provided a report on the status of districts grants and copies of the 2019 grant application packet for distribution. The application period official opens July 6 and the council was informed that the grant application is also on the Ozark Rivers website. She noted that the average grant was $10,000 - $20,000. One example she gave was using the grant to purchase a baler or using the grant funds to cover transportation costs to take baled material to a recycle center. Ms. Hollowell stated that Jim Holland had given her a referral to St. George School in Hermann and she indicated that she sees them as a good candidate for an award in recycling for their various recycling efforts. She reported that a grant workshop would be held in mid-July with grants being due August 24. Grants will be reviewed on September 18 and awarded just after the first of the year. Ms. Hollowell informed the council about the food waste reduction being conducted in a Waynesville school. George Lauritson stated that St. Robert is still looking into food waste reduction efforts in their area.

The issue of banning plastic bags came up and Ms. Snodgrass provided a brief update on the issue. Municipalities cannot ban plastic bags. The bill on banning plastic bags was expanded to include other plastic packaging.

**Plan Implementation Activities**

Ms. Hollowell reported on these activities as follows:

* Earth Day – It was the 27th year for the event and there were 481 entries from 14 schools. Also participated in MO S&T Earth Day celebration.
* Surveillance Camera – Currently working with Community Partnership in Rolla and with the cities of Sullivan, St. James and Cuba. An additional camera was purchased to meet the demands at sites where residential yard waste is collected.
* Website – It was suggested that cities with Facebook pages repost special collection events and household hazardous waste services; it makes a huge difference in reaching the public.

Ms. Hollowell also touched on the topic of open burning and provided a fact sheet from DNR on this issue. She also suggested cities could coordinate the use of contracted chipper services to generate savings.

Bill Bennet asked about the handling of tires and Chairman Wilson stated that they work with Champlain Tire. There was a suggestion of cities working with S&T to make a mold and then make their own park benches from old tires as the cost to purchase them is quite high. Chairman Wilson stated Champlin Tire Recycling currently handles the district’s tire recycling and they make benches from crumb rubber. He also reported that that MO S&T is experimenting with using recycled tire material in construction blocks. Mr. French added that in addition be being expensive, benches from Champlin don’t weather very well and they are very heavy. Ms. Snodgrass also reported that MO S&T is experimenting with crumb rubber in paving materials.

**Legislation Report**

Chairman Wilson asked about the status of the Right to Choose trash collector services and Ms. Snodgrass reported that there has been no movement. She also reported that the Scrap Tire Bill passed and that she could send out an email when she receives the updates.

**New Business**

**Caucusing for Executive Board Representation**

The council took a few minutes to designate a representative to serve on the Executive Board. Representation is as follows:

Ray Mortimer  – City of Cuba FOR Crawford County – **to be verified as he was not present at the meeting**

Brad Nash – City of Salem FOR DENT CO

Mark Wallace – City of Hermann FOR Gasconade County

Steve Vogt – City of Belle FOR MARIES CO

Brady Wilson – City of Rolla FOR PHELPS CO

Gary Gilliam – City of Potosi FOR WASHINGTON CO

Dr. Charles Slider – City of St. Robert FOR PULASKI CO

**Election of New Officers**

Gary Gilliam nominated Darrell Skiles as vice chairman. Craig French seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

Jay Whittaker volunteered to step into the secretary position vacated by Darrell Skiles and Steve Vogt agreed to continue in the position of treasurer.

Gary Gilliam made a motion to nominate Brady Wilson as chairman. Craig French seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

Gary Gilliam made a motion to close nominations and accept the officers as presented.

Brady Wilson, chairman

Darrell Skiles, vice chairman

Steve Vogt, treasurer

Jay Whittaker, secretary

Craig French seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**Discussion of Potential New 2019 District Grant Projects/Programs**

Ms. Hollowell went over several suggestions for potential grant projects and programs including community grants to reduce the volume of waste being landfilled. Some priorities mentioned were recycling, waste reduction and education. The grants are funded by a portion of landfill tipping fees collected in the local Solid Waste Management District and she went over grant dollars that were distributed in recent years. Types of programs funded are in-school presentation and school field trips.

Mr. French said that field trips to the recycling center that don’t include a visit to the landfill are missing in educational value. Ms. Hollowell suggested that a grant could be written to produce a video that follows the recycling steps and could include information on recycling household hazardous waste.

Ms. Hollowell also noted that recycling promotions such as recycling markers could be promoted to teachers.

She stated that she is taking requests for special collections and anyone interested can reach out to her. Ms. Hollowell added that MRPC has a grant for illegal tire dumps so if a county has illegally dumped tires; MRPC will arrange to have them picked up.

Anyone with any thoughts on grant projects or programs was encouraged to contact her.

**Requests for Funding**

The council reviewed a request from MO S&T Eco-Miners Club for recycling bins that would be placed at sporting events on campus.

Mr. Cook questioned the use of plastic bags in the bins and Chairman Wilson felt that the signs needed to specify what went in the bins and that they needed to be placed next to a trash can. Ms. Hollowell reported that they will have volunteers to monitor the bins and educate those using the bins. The bin style has yet to be approved by the university. Mr. Gilliam made a motion to approve the funding for $2,378.60 but indicated he would like a report on how the project turns out. Zach Shepherd seconded the motion contingent upon the aforementioned item. All present voted “aye.”

The council reviewed a request for $125.00 to provide a portable sound system to the Rolla Recycling Center to enhance facility tours. With larger groups and the activity taking place inside of the center, it is often hard to hear the guide.

Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve the funding for the portable sound system. Craig French seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**Other Business**

Maria Potter with Onondaga Cave spoke briefly about recycling activities at the cave and mentioned that they had received a recycling award in 2015. She also mentioned that they recently held a scaled down version of their electronics recycling and still managed to fill a van with collected items.

**Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

September 18 – grant review

September 25 – Executive Board

November 27 – Full Council followed by annual banquet

September 11-13 – MORA Annual Conference in Independence, MO

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Jay Whittaker made a motion to adjourn. Arthur Cook seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.” The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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