**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Public House Barrel Room – 551 State Route B**

 **St. James, MO 65559**

**Call to Order**

Brady Wilson called the June 18, 2019 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Full Council Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Maria Potter, Sharon Hubbard (for Bill Bennett), Arthur Cook, Darrell Skiles, Gary Larson, Mark Wallace, John Kamler, Steve Vogt, Victor Stratman, Brady Wilson, Shane Anselm, Anita Ivey, Craig French, Gary Hicks and Troy Porter.

**Members Absent:** Ray Mortimeyer, Danny Skaggs, Dennis Watz, Brad Nash, Larry Miskel, Jim Holland, Doug Drewel, Bill Martin, Anne McClay, Don Theberge, Dana Tanner, Mitch McDonald, Zachary Shepherd, Gary Gilliam, David Sansegraw, and Cody Brinley.

**Staff and Guests Present:** Tammy Snodgrass, Jill Hollowell, Linda Loughridge, Linda Carroll, and Kathryn Hawes.

**Approval of Agenda**

Gary Hicks made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Steve Vogt seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**Approval of Minutes**

There was a discrepancy between the meeting minutes from Nov. 27, 2018, that were delivered to council members and the meeting minutes distributed at the meeting. Approval of the minutes will be sought through the ratification process as there was not a quorum present for the meeting.

**Finance/Budget Report**

Linda Loughridge presented financials for month ended May 31, 2019 noting that grant funds are being underutilized. Ms. Loughridge also provided the district’s sub-grantee tracking spreadsheet. There is currently $7,001.43 in deferred revenue that will be available for distribution in the next grand round.

Steve Vogt made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Shane Anselm seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**New members**

Chairman Wilson introduced new council members: Troy Porter representing Pulaski County; Sharon Hubbard, an alternate for City of Steelville and Anita Ivey representing St. Robert.

**Full Council Annual Officer Elections and Caucusing**

The nomination committee presented the following slate of officers for approval:

 Brady Wilson, chairperson Steve Vogt - treasurer

 Darrell Skiles, vice chairperson Craig French, secretary

Gary Hicks made a motion to close nominations and accept the slate as presented. Vic Stratman seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

 Council members reviewed the list of current representatives for counties and cities.

Craig French made a motion to accept the list of current county and city representatives. Shane Anselm seconded. All present voted “aye.”

 Approved representatives for the full council are as follows:

 Ray Mortimeyer for Crawford Co. Brad Nash of Salem for Dent Co.

 Mark Wallace of Hermann for Gasconade Co. Steve Vogt of Belle for Maries Co.

 Brady Wilson of Rolla for Phelps Co. Anita Ivey of St. Robert for Pulaski Co.

 Gary Gilliam of Potosi for Washington Co.

**Annual Disclosure Form**

The conflict of interest policy was discussed and members signed the annual disclosure.

**Approval of Grant Project Requests**

The Dixon Area Caring Center has requested a release of retention monies in the amount of $3,412.50 in advance of their Sept. 30 grant closure to pay out current expenses. Jill Hollowell indicated that they have an open 2019 grant and have been outstanding in submitting required reports. She recommended the board approve the request.

Craig French made a motion to approve the release of the retention monies. Gary Hicks seconded the motion. All presented voted “aye” with the exception of Troy Porter who abstained from voting as he is affiliated with the grant project.

**Staff Activities**

Jill Hollowell informed the board that 518 students from 14 schools participated in the 2019 Earth Day Trash Art contest. Participating schools were in Dent, Phelps, Maries and Gasconade counties. Staff attended educational Earth Day events at the Public House and Missouri S&T in Phelps County and at Fort Leonard Wood’s Earth Day event in Pulaski Co. that included a Peanut the Turtle litter awareness program.

Ms. Hollowell also reported on FY 2019 special collections. Four were held in spring 2019 and a future event is scheduled for September 14 in St. Robert. Fiscal year 2019 diversion rates to date are as follows:

* Special Collections: 71.41 total tons, 33 tons of electronics. 18 tons of tires
* Illegally dumped tires collected by counties: nearly 20 tons

 It was reported that the collections at Dixon, Owensville and Vichy all had a good turnout. Ms. Hollowell

 stated collections are being targeted for Cuba and Richland in 2020.

Kathryn Hawes reported that the forest service is using new technology to mark illegal dump sites. They are using a GIS app that will allow the rangers to drop a pin to mark the sites on the map. Ms. Hawes stated that they are allowing Ozark Rivers access to the app which will make it easier and faster to locate illegal dump sites. Photos can be posted on the app making it easier to plan for site cleanups. Staff will be contacting county commissioners to obtain known illegal dump locations in their counties.

Ms. Snodgrass informed the group that Ms. Hawes had put together a Headstart program using Peanut the Turtle and talking about littering. The program has been very popular and requested by several Headstart programs.

Ms. Snodgrass touched on the following legislative highlights and noted almost 100 bills were filed – only 95 passed.

* The interim committee on solid waste – passed and will have a kickoff in September
* Bill prohibiting the use of plastic bags or other disposable containers – did not pass as it is a violation of local authority
* Renewal of tire fee – Chairman Wilson asked staff to confirm if it passed

Chairman Wilson noted the governor signed an extension to the exemption on restrictions on disposal of flood debris in areas impacted by flooding. The extension is through the end of August.

**Chairman’s Report**Chairman Wilson reported that recycling markets are still difficult and tight. End markets are getting stricter on the collection process. Contamination guidelines need to be stressed.He also noted that there is a need for an additional HHW site in the region. The sites are grant funded and there are currently two sites in the district, Rolla and St. Robert. Chairman Wilson encouraged other cities to consider hosting a collection site at either a recycling center or a fire station. Appointments typically are set for drop-off weekly or monthly. The host city provides staff to receive and sort materials and the grant pay for disposal.

Chairman Wilson stated that the Rolla site accommodates walk-ins having only a few items for drop-offs. A hazardous waste hauler picks up materials and they are taken to a hazardous waste dump, incinerated or recycled. Gary Hicks asked about cost breakdown and schooling required. Chairman Wilson stated that pickup at the Rolla site is quarterly and costs about $3,500 to $4,500 per pick up. Operating costs, promotion, advertisements and supplies are covered by the grant. Chairman Wilson indicated he has gone through hazardous waste training and trains those who work at the Rolla site. He noted that if he has any questions he calls the fire department for assistance. Maria Potter added that the Department of Natural Resources has individuals who could possible help out with training.

Recommendations for the Ozark Rivers Advisory Board were sought from the group. Participation is needed for representatives from businesses and waste haulers.

Stan Slaughter made a presentation at the city of Rolla’s council meeting on composting food waste and showcased the successful operations in Kansas City. Space is a major barrier for implementing a composting project in a small community such as Rolla.

**Winery and Brewer Tour**

Members toured the St. James Winery and Public House Brewery. The tour featured a grant project funded by the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA). The tour highlighted a project that distills a spirt from the waste generated by the wine making process (stems, seeds, skins). The group also learned how most of the organic waste was recycled back as compost for the vineyard, even the waste from the brewery goes to its neighbor's farm.

**Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Members were directed to the list of 2019 meetings and events listed on the agenda.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business. Vic Stratman made a motion to adjourn. Troy Porter seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.” The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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