**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

**MRPC Building - 4 Industrial Drive**

 **St. James, MO 65559**

**Call to Order**

Brady Wilson called the June 15, 2021 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Full Council Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The meeting was held via video and conference calling.

**Members Present:** Steve Vogt and Brady Wilson participated in-person. Participating via video and conference calling: Vic Stratman, Jim Fleming, Troy Porter, Craig French and Darrell Skiles.

**Members Absent: Maria Potter,** Arthur Cook, David Lafferty, Cody Leathers, John Beckham, Dennis Watz, Brad Nash, Gary Larson, Larry Miskel, Jim Holland, Lee Medlock, Bruce Cox, John Kamler, T.C. James, Doug Drewel, Gary Hicks, Anita Ivey, Mitch McDonald, Michael Null, Dana Tanner, Doug Smith, Glen Smith, Gary Gilliam, David Sansegraw and Cody Brinley

**Staff and Guests Present:** Tammy Snodgrass, Jill Hollowell, Linda Loughridge, Linda Carroll and Bonnie Prigge, MRPC and Scott Volner with Catalytic Innovations.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Vogt seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**Approval of Minutes**

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the agenda. Vic Stratman seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**Guest Speaker**

Scot Volner, president of Catalytic Innovations in Rolla, provided an overview of the process he developed for recycling batteries into a plant food. Mr. Volner’s process separates zinc and manganese from alkaline batteries. With about 2,500 tons of batteries going to Missouri landfills, this process is the first low cost, high volume solution for recycling alkaline batteries. Chairman Wilson added that the Rolla Recycling Center is doing the front-end screening of batteries for collection through Catalytic Innovations at a cost savings to the Household Hazardous Waste program at the center.

Jim Fleming asked about issues arriving from nicad and lithium batteries getting mixed in with the alkaline batteries in collection boxes. Mr. Volner replied that they are sorted when they come in but if some do slip through, it’s not an issue. He added that both Duracell and Energizer are looking to use old batteries to make new batteries.

**Financials**

Linda Loughridge presented financials for month ended May 31, 2020 and provided the district’s sub-grantee tracking spreadsheet. On the statement of revenues and expenditures for grants, she noted that total expenditures are at 62.31% with the percentage of the year expired at 91.67%. This is likely due to the fact that some grantees haven’t requested reimbursement and some grants may be extended or deobligated. On the operating side, she noted deficits due to increased costs in both the insurance and web hosting line items. Total operating expenditures for the year are at 77.12%. Linda noted that most of the underage is in staff time.

**Full Council Annual Officer Elections and Caucusing**

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

 Brady Wilson, chairperson Craig French, secretary

 Darrell Skiles, vice chairperson Steve Vogt - treasurer

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

 Jill Hollowell and Tammy Snodgrass reviewed the list of current city representatives for each county as follows:

 To Be Determined - Crawford County Brad Nash of Salem for Dent County

 To Be Determined - Gasconade County Steve Vogt of Belle for Maries County
Brady Wilson of Rolla for Phelps County Gary Gilliam of Potosi for Washington County

 Anita Ivey of St. Robert for Pulaski County

Staff informed the council that letters had been sent to mayors asking for appointments to the council. Darrell Skiles stated he would work with the city of Salem to fill the Dent County position. Jill suggested Darrell reach out to Sally Burbridge with the Department of Economic Development. She also said she would reach out to the city administrator in Owensville for a Gasconade County representative.

Tammy suggested changing the meeting time would help with participation. Some counties and cities have council meetings at the same time the Ozark Rivers SWMD meetings are held. One idea was to move the meeting to 12:30 p.m. and Darrell Skiles was in favor of this option.

Jill asked about continuing to offer the Zoom option to members. Jim Fleming indicated he liked the Zoom option, especially for anyone who would be driving a distance.

**Annual Disclosure Form**

Jill informed the council that the forms have been emailed to executive board members and they are due back by Aug. 1, 2021. If anyone hasn’t received the form, they were instructed to contact Jill and she would re-send it.

**Approval of Grant Project Requests**

The following grant projects submitted requests for the release of retention funds and grant closure:

1. Request for Grant Extension - K2021-002 Ozark Rivers SWMD Plan Implementation extend the grant through December 31, 2021.

2. Request for Grant Closure - K2020-004 MRPC Special Collections - as long as all obligations of the grant are met, release $3,246.86 in retention and return unspent funds to the district upon grant closure.

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve grant extension for the Ozark Rivers SWMD Plan Implementation grant and to close the MRPC Special Collections grant, returning unspent funds to the district upon closure. Jim Fleming seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.”

**Staff Activities**

Legislative Review

Tammy reported that over 2,000 bills were filed during the past legislative session, but only about 82 made it across the finish line. No bills related to solid waste activities had any movement. She added that a product stewardship bill may appear in 2022.

2022 Grant Round Projects

Some of the upcoming grant projects are the Tough on Trash program in Phelps County and a pallet company in Franklin County which does extensive business in the Ozark Rivers district. The pallet company in Franklin County is looking for $10,000 for equipment. Other requests include Cane Pallets in Washington County and they were referred to EIERA based on the dollar amount of their request.

The Tough on Trash program was discussed based on its concerns with past performance of the program. Chairman Wilson said he would like to see an objective, duties and scope of work in the grant request. He went on to say that he felt the program should look at dump clean-up and preventions with a focus on education.

Special Collection Activities for 2022

Jill reported that special collections will be held this fall in St. Robert and Vienna. The collection in St. Robert may include mattresses. More information to follow. Tires will not be collected during the Vienna collection.

The collection schedule for 2022 may include: St. Robert, Belle, Rolla and either Cuba or Owensville.

Jill informed the council that Champlain Tire reported 16.36 tons of tires were picked up on June 12 at the special collection held at Brewer Science and another two to three tons were going to be picked up today.

Jill asked members to give some thought about how to expand recycling efforts during special collections. She suggested possibly coordinating with St. James Caring Center and having them bring a truck to collect textiles or having a station to collect batteries.

Jill reported a volunteer group cleaned up a roadway in Pulaski County recently and as a result discuss amongst staff has been to offer to the counites or cities, a clean-up kit they could provide to groups organizing dump clean-ups. The kits would contain items like, gloves, rakes, first aid kit, bug spray and bottled water. Tammy asked for feedback from county commissioners regarding willingness to keep kits on hand and available space to store the kits. Jill hoped a website function could be added so groups could submit a request.

Market Development: Sustainable Purchasing Workshop

Jill informed the council that and email had been sent on a Sustainable Purchasing Workshop that will be held June 23, 2021. She said she would re-send the information.

Product Stewardship Map

Jill shared an interactive map showing pharmaceutical take-back sites throughout Missouri. That website is: <http://bitly.ws/e2yk>. Chairman Wilson suggested the link be added to the district website.

Community Outreach and Support Fund

The council reviewed a request from Scott Volner, Catalytic Innovations in Rolla, in an amount up to $14,750 for a melting furnace, pouring molds and a diesel storage tank. The equipment will be used to purify extracted zinc from batteries. The purification process will expand the marketability of zinc extracted from batteries.

Due to the timing of some upcoming projects requiring the equipment he is requesting the funds for, Mr. Volner is unable to wait for the regular grant round. Jill said he is willing to accept partial funding. The council discussed the current fund balance, available funds from the 2021 and 2020 grant rounds and the funds being declined from the Salem Memorial Hospital grant. Total funds available amounted to approximately $21,000. Chairman Wilson said he felt this was a good project. Darrell Skiles suggested felt it would be prudent to wait and see if the DNR release those funds back to the district. Jill suggested that the council could award partial funding so the company could start moving forward. Darrell suggested awarding the $10,000 contingent upon DNR returning the funds to the district. Chairman Wilson suggested awarding them the cost of the furnace at this time.

Darrell Skiles made a motion to award $7,750 to Catalytic Innovations for the cost of the furnace, contingent upon DNR approving the reallocation of the declined funds from the Salem Memorial Hospital grant. Troy Porter seconded. A’’ present voted “aye.”

**Chairman’s Report**Chairman Wilson reported an uptick in recycling markets and some improvement in pricing for recycled materials. He indicated the economy is headed for a manpower crisis as it’s hard to compete with wages in the private sector.

Chairman Wilson informed the council that Rolla put their new trash truck out on the streets, and he is thrilled with its success. The truck has an extractor arm and only requires one operator. He added that there is twice the production, and the city is looking to expand its use in residential areas in the future.

Chairman Wilson asked council members to give some thought for nominations for Outstanding Achievements in Solid Waste Management awards. He also noted that grant applications will be going out soon and encouraged members to participate.

**Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Executive Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 12th

Full Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 30th, banquet to follow at 6:30 p.m. at the St. James Caring Center.

2022 Grant Round: opening July 1st and a grant writing workshop will be held on July 28th at 10:00 a.m.

2022 grant applications are due on August 20th by noon

Annual grant review committee will meet on Sep. 14th from 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Other Dates to Consider:

Sustainable Purchasing Workshop on June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

MORA Conference, Nov. 15-17 in Branson, Missouri

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Steve Vogt made a motion to adjourn. Vic Stratman seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.” The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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