

**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
MRPC Building - 4 Industrial Drive  
St. James, MO 65559**

**Call to Order**

Troy Porter called the Oct. 10, 2023 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom/conference call.

**Members Present:** Gary Larson, Steve Vogt, Vic Stratman, Roger Pankey, Jim Fleming, Troy Porter and Charles Bassett participated in-person. Participating via Zoom/conference call was Jesse Geltz.

**Members Absent:** Cody Leathers, Steve Black, Greg Parker, Glen Smith, Gary Gilliam and David Sansegraw.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Gary Larson 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 minutes. Roger Pankey seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

**Financials**

Linda Loughridge reviewed the proposed budget for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. She pointed out that the cost for the annual audit may be closer to \$7,500 rather than the \$6,500 shown in the budget.

Jim Fleming made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented. Vic Stratman seconded. All present voted "aye."

Linda presented financials for the month ended Sept. 30, 2023. She reported that with 25% of the year expired, revenues and expenses are under at about 18%.

Gary Larson made a motion to approve the financials ending Sept. 30, 2023. Vic Stratman seconded. All present voted "aye."

**Approval of Grant Project Requests**

A request to close out district grants and distribute funds after all obligations of the grant are met prior to the next meeting was submitted for the following:

- a) K2022-007 – MRPC Environmental Education – release \$6,573.42 in retention to pay out reimbursement requests.
- b) K2022-011 – DACC Recycling Center – release \$3,437.05 in retention to pay out reimbursement requests.
- c) K2022-012 – Curators/University of Missouri Columbia - release \$663.15 in retention, return unspent funds to the district and close out the grant.
- d) K2023-010 – MO S&T – funding declined, returning \$12,500 to the district.

Jim Fleming made a motion to approve closing out these grants and distributing funds after all obligations of the grant are met. Gary Larson seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

A request for the executive board to affirm the executive committee's approval of the following community fund requests:

- a) Funding approval in the amount of up to \$4,800 for a feasibility study, Exploring Sustainable Biomass Management for Organic Waste.
- b) b) Funding approval in the amount of up to \$600 to cover expenses for a MO S&T Eco-Miner student to attend the MORA conference.
- c) Funding approval in the amount of \$2,000 for the Teachers' Corner to cover monthly rent through January 31, 2024.
- d) Request approval for a grant extension, Dixon Area Caring Center K2022-011 through December 31, 2023.

Roger Pankey made a motion to approve the executive committee's approval of the above community fund request. Jim Fleming seconded. All present voted "aye," with the exception of Troy Porter who abstained.,

A request to extend the following grants through Dec. 31, 2024, was submitted for the following:

- a. K2022-005 – Community Outreach & Assistance Fund
- b. K2023-003 – MRPC Household Hazardous Waste Collections
- c. K2023-004 – MRPC Special Collections –
- d. K2023-005 – MRPC Community Outreach & Assistance Fund
- e. K2023-006 – MRPC Illegal Dump Clean-Up
- f. K2023-007 – MRPC Education, Awareness & Business Outreach

A request to extend the following grants through June 30, 2024, was submitted for the following:

- a) K2023-009 – MO Extension Service, Reducing Food Waste

A request from staff for an extension for reporting purposes only to satisfy DNR's four consecutive quarters of reporting:

- a) K2022-008 – St. James Caring Center through Sept. 30, 2024
- b) K2022-010 – MO S&T Anaerobic Digester through Sept. 30, 2024

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the above grant extensions. Vic Stratman seconded. All present voted "aye."

### Review of District Grant Applications

The board reviewed the rankings on the grant applications. The total funding requested was \$278,127.22, however, the funding available is only \$160,244.46. The committee discussed how to adjust the requested amounts to meet the funding that is available. All applicants were willing to accept partial funding.

Below are the final board determinations for funding:

District K	Ozark Rivers 2024 Grant Call						Vote of Approval	Abstained/ No
Project	Score	Project Name	Grant Applicant Name	Requested Amount		APPROVE D FUNDING		
B	94.5%	Recycling Center Improvements	City of Rolla, Environmental Services	\$12,146.00		\$12,146.00	G. Larson-motion to approve; J. Fleming-seconded. G. Larson, J. Geltz, S. Vogt, V. Stratman, R. Pankey, J. Fleming, C. Bassett, T. Porter	R. Pankey
D	94.0%	DACC Recycling Center	Dixon Area Caring Center	\$20,760.00		\$20,760.00	V. Stratman-motion to approve; C. Bassett-seconded. G. Larson, J. Geltz, S. Vogt, V. Stratman, R. Pankey, J. Fleming, C. Bassett, T. Porter	T. Porter

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Project	Score	Project Name	Applicant	Requested Amt	APPROVED FUNDING	Vote of Approval	Abstained/ No
E	936.6%	Household hazardous Waste Satellite Collection sites	MRPC	\$30,753.70	\$25,000.00	S. Vogt-motion to approve; J. Fleming-seconded. G. Larson, J. Geltz, S. Vogt, V. Stratman, R. Pankey, J. Fleming, C. Bassett, T. Porter	R. Pankey
F	90.5%	Special Waste Collections	MRPC	\$37,275.81	\$25,000.00	S. Vogt-motion to approve; G. Larson seconded. G. Larson, J. Geltz, S. Vogt, V. Stratman, R. Pankey, J. Fleming, C. Bassett, T. Porter	
H	88.5%	Illegal Dump Clean Up	MRPC	\$44,087.21	\$17,735.83	V. Stratman-motion to approve; S. Vogt-seconded. G. Larson, J. Geltz, S. Vogt, V. Stratman, R. Pankey, J. Fleming, C. Bassett, T. Porter	
I	87.8%	Environmental Education and Public Awareness	MRPC	\$49,833.07	\$25,000.00	C. Bassett-motion to approve; R. Pankey seconded. G. Larson, J. Geltz, S. Vogt, V. Stratman, R. Pankey, J. Fleming, C. Bassett, T. Porter	
G	85.8	Community Outreach and Assistance Fund	MRPC	\$40,000.00	\$2,500.00	V. Stratman-motion to approve; C. Bassett seconded. G. Larson, J. Geltz, S. Vogt, V. Stratman, R. Pankey, J. Fleming, C. Bassett, T. Porter	
C	82.3	Rolla sustainable Community Initiative: Furniture Redistribution	The Rolla Mission	\$30,133.43	\$25,533.43	S. Vogt-motion to approve; J. Fleming-seconded. G. Larson, J. Geltz, S. Vogt, V. Stratman, R. Pankey, J. Fleming, C. Bassett, T. Porter	
A	74.5	Composting as a Learning Experience in Ozark Schools	Missouri Environmental Education Association	\$13,138.00	\$6,569.00	V. Stratman-motion to approve; J. Fleming-seconded.-G. Larson, J. Geltz, S. Vogt, V. Stratman, R. Pankey, J. Fleming, C. Bassett, T. Porter	
-	-	-	-	\$278,127.22	\$160,244.26		

### **Staff Activities**

#### **Legislative Review – Tammy Snodgrass**

Tammy reported the Paint Stewardship bill will be introduced again. She reminded the committee that last year they had provided legislators with a resolution in support of the bill and suggested it could be updated and resubmitted if the committee wished to do so. Tammy added that state solid waste planners plan to visit state legislators in early February to promote passage of the bill. If passed, stores will add a .75 fee to paint when it's sold which will allow purchasers to return leftover paint to the store. She said paint manufacturers are on board with the bill. If the returned paint is viable, it will be reblended and sold as recycled paint.

Steve Vogt made a motion to update and resubmit the resolution in support of the Paint Stewardship bill. Troy Porter seconded. All present voted "aye."

#### **Review of SWAB Activities– Tammy Snodgrass**

Tammy provided dates for upcoming SWAB meetings. SWAB will meet Nov. 1, 2023 and then again on Feb. 7, 2024. Other 2024 meetings will be the first Wednesday of May, August, October and November. Meetings are also available via WebEx. Tammy said the annual report, which gets submitted to DNR and state legislators is in the works. Once a draft is available, she said she would share it with the committee. The report is due at the end of



December. Vic Stratman had been appointed alternate and was asked if he was willing to continue if re-appointed. He agreed.

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the appointment of Vic Stratman as alternate to attend the SWAB meetings. Vic Stratman seconded. All present voted "aye."

Tammy shared that EIERA had received an EPA grant made available only to states and will be working to update the statewide solid waste management plan. They plan to complete a strategic-type plan and will be forming stakeholder groups to begin discussions on that planning process.

#### District-Wide Program Updates – Jill Hollowell

Jill reported that Tammy had attended the recent Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) conference and was awarded the MORA Presidents Award. Committee members congratulated her on receiving that honor. Jill mentioned that Brewer Science was also recognized at the MORA Conference for their waste reduction activities.

Tammy gave a brief overview of the MORA Conference saying it was a good conference with a lot of good presentations. She said there were quite a few presentations on batteries, including lithium batteries. Tammy mentioned she talked to one gentleman who deals with batteries and said he told her there is work on a new recipe for lithium batteries that will make them less dangerous. She added there was a lot of information at the conference on battery recycling.

Tammy also reported there were some really interesting sessions on getting affordable food to those who need it. She said a group in St. Louis had converted a bus to a mobile market which traveled into areas without grocery stores. Tammy mentioned that the group has since merged with Operation Food Search, which is more food pantry oriented.

Roger Pankey also attended the MORA conference and said he found the battery sessions most impressive. He said he participated in a tour of a compost site in St. Peters and said it was a big and impressive operation. Tammy also participated in the tour.

Kathryn Hawes attended the conference as well. She said she toured shops in St. Louis that were similar to the Teachers Corner. She also had discussions with other organizations that the district could possibly partner with on various projects.

Jill spoke about promoting waste reduction over the holidays. She said one of the things she and Kathryn have had discussions about how pumpkins could be recycled. They also talked about how organizations or communities could make recycling pumpkins a fun collection event such as coordinating pumpkin smashing events or donating the pumpkins to community gardens for compost. Kathryn added that social media posts with recycling tips will be going up around the holidays.

#### Annual Awards Dinner Nominations

The board reviewed the proposed nominations. A suggestion was made to add one more nomination to the list. Charles Bassett reported that a mail carrier in Pulaski County has been very helpful in reporting illegal dump sites to the county. Several of the reports have led the sheriff's department to the offenders.

Jim Fleming made a motion to approve the list of proposed nominees with the additional nominee. Roger Pankey seconded. All present voted "aye."

Jill reminded the committee the date of the awards dinner will be Dec. 5 at the St. James Senior Center. The committee will meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with the banquet and awards recognition to follow.

#### City and County Updates

Vic Stratman asked for more details on the mail carrier from Pulaski County. Charles Bassett said the mail carrier reported the issue to him and then he contacted the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office traced the items back to the



person who dumped the items. That person had to clean the entire road because there was no way to distinguish which items came from them and which came from another party.

Troy Porter said the Dixon Caring Center no longer had access to the hauler who had been hauling off the center's baled clothing at no cost. The center now has to find another hauler. Steve Vogt suggested nominating that hauler for an award since he had been taking on that task at no charge to the center.

**Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Dec. 5 – Executive Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. followed by the annual awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. Both events will be held at the St. James Caring Center.

**2024 Meeting Dates**

The committee was asked if they wished to continue holding meetings on Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m. All agreed it was a good time.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Vic Stratman made a motion to adjourn. Steve Vogt seconded the motion. All present voted "aye." The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Troy R Porter  
Chairman Troy Porter

12-5-2023  
Date

Steven F. Vogt  
Attest

12-5-2023  
Date

