

**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
St. James Senior Center
St. James, MO 65559**

Call to Order

Troy Porter called the Dec. 5, 2023 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Gary Larson, Steve Vogt, Jim Fleming, Troy Porter, Roger Pankey and Charles Bassett.

Members Absent: Cody Leathers, Steve Black, Greg Parker, Jim Holland, Jesse Geltz, Vic Statman, Gary Gilliam, and David Sansegraw.

Staff and Guests Present: Jill Hollowell, Tammy Snodgrass, Kathryn Hawes and Linda Carroll, MRPC, Gary Hicks, Phelps County; Colby Nadler, Didion Orf attended as guests.

Approval of Agenda

Gary Larson made a motion to approve the agenda. Jim Fleming seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

Approval of Minutes

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the agenda. Roger Pankey seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

Financials

Tammy Snodgrass presented financials for the month ended Oct. 31, 2023, 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 23.55% with the percentage of the year expired at 33.34%. She said she sees nothing in the budget to be concerned about.

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Jim Fleming seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

Approval of Grant Project Requests

The following grant extension requests were received:

1. Requests for Grant Extension through Dec. 31, 2024
 - a) K2022-009 MORA Education Grant
 - b) K2023-011 Dixon Area Caring Center

Jim Fleming made a motion to approve the grant extensions for the MORA Education Grant and the Dixon Area Caring Center. Charles Bassett seconded. Troy Porter abstained. All others present voted "aye."

2. Requests to close out district grants and complete final reporting:
 - a) K2022-003 MRPC HHW
 - b) K2022-004 MRPC Special Collections
 - c) K2022-006 MRPC Illegal Dump

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve closing out the MRPC HHW, MRPC Special Collections and MRPC Illegal Dump grants. Gary Larson seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

Staff Activities

District and Grant Activities

Tammy Snodgrass provided a brief update on the status of the Appellate Decision of St. Louis-Jefferson SWMD (District L) vs. DNR lawsuit adding that the courts ruled in favor of the district. She said there will be significant changes in district operations and reporting requirements.

She said one big difference is that in the past funds went to DNR and the districts would have to apply for the funds. This change in the law says DNR cannot hold the funds and must distribute them to the districts as soon as they receive them. A few other changes in the law Tammy pointed out included that every district is required to have a Solid Waste Management Plan and that DNR would conduct periodic performance audits. She added that grants will still have some oversight by DNR. Tammy said she contacted DNR, and they've told her that District K is in good standing. She provided a handout with more details on the appellate decision.

Tammy mentioned there has been some discussion about forming a planner's association, like the Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG), but with no membership fees attached. She said there are some concerns that have been voiced about how the association would operate without funds. Tammy added that if an association is formed, it would be an opportunity for collaboration between districts.

Illegal Dump – Kathryn Hawes

Kathryn reported on a special project that will take place for six weeks in November and December of 2024. With funding from AmeriCorp, Kathryn said she would be working with the Forest Service in cleaning up dumps on Mark Twain land located in all District K counties. Individuals working on the project would be paid through AmeriCorp and Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park has agreed to provide housing for those individuals.

Community Outreach and Support Fund Request – Jill Hollowell

Jill reported on a potential request from the YMCA located on Fort Leonard Wood (FLW). They are looking for funds to purchase a refrigerator for their new food pantry. Jill said the YMCA is independently operated and it not overseen or funded by FLW.

The board was asked for their thoughts on funding the request should it come in. Some questions that were brought up included how much food is expected to be stored and should they be required to have a food waste disposal method in place. Jill said since the request hasn't yet been received, she didn't know any specifics as to the size of the refrigerator that YMCA is considering. If a request is received, more information will be provided at a future meeting.

Chairman's Report on Current Trends and Activities

SWAB Update and Overview of SWAB's Annual Report

Chairman Porter deferred to Tammy as she attended the SWAB meeting.

The SWAB Annual Report was the main topic of the meeting. This report is submitted to DNR and copies are sent to district legislators as well. She explained that the report discusses what a solid waste district is and what it does. Some of the topics covered in the report include:

- Problems, challenges, and issues in districts
- New methods and technology
- Waste diversion
- Education and technical assistance
- Grant award criteria

City and County Updates

Gary Hicks asked about the status of the batteries to fertilizer project with Scott Volner. Jill said he's applied for larger funding from EIERA. She added that MRPC's Kelly Sink will be meeting with him to discuss the project and possible grant opportunities. Gary said that the county has donated some grant hours to him.

Jill asked if any members could offer up sites to collect batteries and said boxes would be provided. If anyone had any suggestions for locations, she asked that they let her know and she would reach out to the location to discuss the idea. Locations are also needed for special collections and she is scheduling three years out.

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Chairman Ported asked members to mark the following dates on their calendars:

Schedule for 2024 Meetings

Mar. 19th - Executive Board at 10 a.m.

May 7th - Executive Board at 10 a.m.

Oct. 8th - Executive Board at 10 a.m.

Dec. 10th - Executive Board at 5:30 p.m.; annual banquet 6:30 p.m.

2024 Grant Call Dates:

Aug. 16th - Grant applications due to MRPC by noon

Sep. 18th - Grant review committee meets at 10:00 a.m.

2024 Special Collections

Mar. 23rd - Owensville

Jun. 8th - Brewer Science in Rolla

Sep. 28th - Vienna

Oct. 7th - St. Robert

Adjournment

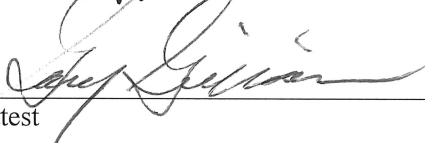
There being no further business, Gary Larson made a motion to adjourn. Steve Vogt seconded the motion. All present voted "aye." The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.



Chairman, Troy Porter

3-19-2024

Date



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