

**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.  
MRPC Building - 4 Industrial Drive  
St. James, MO 65559**

**Call to Order**

Gary Larson called the March 18, 2025 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**Members Present:** Gary Larson, Steve Vogt, Vic Stratman, Jim Fleming, Robert Schultz, Troy Porter and Gary Gilliam. Alternate Janice Morgan also attended. Greg Parker participated via Zoom.

**Members Absent:** Richard Jensen, Jim Holland, Jesse Geltz, Charles Bassett and David Sansegraw.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Jill Hollowell reported there was a change in the retention amount for grant 2022-005 that was listed on the agenda. The correct amount is \$2,527.80. There was also an agenda addendum presented.

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted addendum and updated retention amount for grants 2022-005 and K2023-005. Vic Stratman seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Financials**

Linda Loughridge reported she would be presenting financials through Dec. 31, 2024, not through Jan. 31, 2025, as stated on the agenda. Linda explained that revenues are recorded when funds are dispersed or expenses are incurred, and the only revenue over expense is interest. The balance sheet showed cash, accounts receivable, payables, and deferred revenue. She also discussed the grant worksheet, which breaks down the financials for district operations and plan implementation.

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

**Approval of Grant Requests/Determinations**

1. Request to release retention, close out district grants and distribute funds after all obligations of the grant are met prior to the next meeting.
  - a) K2022-008 St. James Caring Center – return unspent funds, \$4,142.57 to the district.  
Action on this request was discussed and approved for closure at the Dec. 10, 2024, meeting.
2. Request the executive board to extend grants as noted.
  - a) K2022-005 Community Fund: retroactive extension from Jan. 1, 2025 – Jun. 30, 2025, and release retention in the amount of \$2,527.80.
  - b) K2023-005 Community Fund: extend from Jun. 30, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2025.

Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the extensions for grants K2022-005 and K2023-005. Jim Fleming seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

3. Request for distributions of Community Funds for payment of Household Hazardous Waste expenses. Payments were previously approved by the executive committee; these are revised amounts.
  - a) K2022-005 Community Fund: pay \$509.53 to Heritage Environmental (service: 9/12/24)

- b) K2022-005 Community Fund: pay \$7,046.55 to Heritage Environmental (service: 12/20/24)
- c) K2023-005 Community Fund: pay \$4,306.58 to Heritage Environmental (service: 9/12/24)

Jim Fleming made a motion to approve the payments to Heritage Environmental. Troy Porter seconded. All present voted “aye.”

#### **Agenda Addendum Items**

##### **1. Request for grant extension.**

- a) K2022-009 – MORA – extend through June 30, 2025

The committee discussed extending a grant for the Missouri Recycling Association, which would require board approval and notification to DNR. Tammy Snodgrass reported on the challenges faced by the Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) and their ability to recover from recent setbacks, including the departure of their former executive director. MORA has requested \$2,600 to purchase backdrops for their conference. The committee discussed the request, suggesting that the money could be better spent on educational activities or speakers.

Gary Gilliam made a motion to deny MORA’s extension request. Vic Stratman seconded. All present voted “aye.”

- b) K2023-007 – Environmental Education and Outreach, extend retroactively from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025.

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the Environmental Education extension request. Jim Fleming seconded. All present voted “aye.”

##### **2. Request for a retroactive extension from Oct. 31, 2024, through June 30, 2025**

- a) K2023-009 –University Extension/Reducing Food Waste

Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the retroactive extension for the University Extension/Reducing Food Waste grant. Jim Fleming seconded. All present voted “aye.”

##### **3. Request for release of retention and close district grants upon completion of all obligations.**

- a) K2022-005 – Community Fund
- b) K2022-009 – Missouri Recycling Association (MORA)
- c) K2023-006 – Illegal Dump Clean-Up
- d) K2023-007 – Environmental Education and Public Awareness

Jim Fleming made a motion to approve the release of retention and close the K2022-005, K2022-009, K2023-006 and K2023-007 grants upon completion of all obligations. Gary Gilliam seconded. All present voted “aye.”

#### **Approval of the 2026 District Grant Application Packet**

The board discussed the upcoming grant round and the types of projects they would like to target for the upcoming year. Potential targets for the next grant round include focusing on food waste reduction and food banks. It was suggested that the grant application be more accessible and appealing to potential applicants. The board reviewed and prioritized the list of target materials and discussed waste management issues, including electronics recycling, battery collection, and the disposal of solar panels.

Board member Greg Parker emphasized the importance of education and proper disposal of household hazardous waste, particularly motor oil and vape devices, as key areas for grant funding. He mentioned the changing trends in household waste, noting a decrease in carpet and padding, and an increase in electronic appliances and flat-screen TVs. He also mentioned the rise in plastic waste due to bottled water consumption and the prevalence of vape devices. He highlighted the issue of illegal dumping and its impact on the cost of trash removal.

The board discussed the challenges of managing media storage and textiles, noting that the latter might need to be moved to medium priority. It was determined there was a need for education on recycling textiles and potential for collaboration with local resale stores. The issue of roadside dumping and the need for more collection sites was also highlighted by the board.

Discussion on organic waste decomposition, food waste reduction, and the challenges of managing waste in landfills was discussed. They also discussed the problems of mattresses and furniture in landfills, and the need to prioritize their disposal. The conversation addressed the hazards of batteries and lithium-ion batteries in waste management. They agreed on the need to educate people on proper waste disposal and recycling practices. Members were informed of the household hazardous waste program accepting vape devices at the St. Robert and Rolla HHW locations during business hours.

### **Staff Activities**

#### **Special Collections – Kathryn Hawes**

Kathryn reported on the recent special collection event in Dixon was successful, with 200 tires collected and good attendance supported by Dixon High School promotions.

Jill reported there was a 20% price increase for hazardous waste disposal. Average disposal costs for 2023 and 2024 were \$20,000. The current annual budget for disposal is \$25,000. To reduce costs, residents are being encouraged to return used motor oil to stores that offer collection services. Staff suggested limiting the amount of oil accepted per customer.

#### **Illegal Dumps – Kathryn Hawes**

Kathryn reported that the AmeriCorps crew cleaned 26 dump sites in January, removing 7.1 tons of trash from the Mark Twain National Forest. She also mentioned a successful dump cleanup in Washington County with a volunteer group called Heartland Trail Trash and plans to work with Gambler 500 in April. Kathryn also mentioned the Trash Art event, which had fewer participants due to snow days and teacher changes but had new participants from Pulaski County

### **Chairman's Report on Board Activities**

The board discussed the process for the selection of new officers. A committee consisting of two members, Vic Stratman and Robert Schultz, were named to determine a slate of officers for presentation at the May meeting.

### **City and County Updates**

Chairman Larson reported that the Scenic Rivers Sheltered Workshop in Salem, destroyed by fire last December, is currently operating out of a building that used to be Whitaker Building Supply. However, they are not accepting cardboard, which is causing issues in Dent County.

Fort Leonard Wood (FLW) representative, Robert Schultz, stated FLW has engaged in an intergovernmental service agreement for trash service with the city of St. Robert. For recycling, FLW has purchased a new baler. FLW collects glass and ships to Ripple Glass.

Tammy Snodgrass discussed the importance of having a plan in place for debris management following natural disasters, such as the recent tornado. She mentioned that they have applied for a USDA grant to update the solid waste plan, and it will include a section on debris removal after disasters. Staff will look to the board for committee participation to update the solid waste management plan.

### **Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

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

#### **Schedule for 2025 Meetings**

May 13th - Executive Board at 10 a.m.

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

Dec. 9th - Executive Board at 5:30 p.m.; annual banquet 6:30 p.m.

**2025 Special Collections**

June 14th - Brewer Science in Rolla

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - City of Salem

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> - Lakeside Book Company in Owensville

MORA Spring Conference, Kansas City – May 20 – 22, 2025

Jill said she and Kathryn would be attending the MORA Conference. Chairman Larson said he would get back to them on his availability to attend the conference.

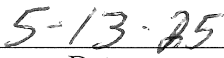
Jill requested board approval for a district grant item missed earlier in the meeting. Gary asked for a motion approval to release retention and close the K2023-006 Illegal Dump Clean-up.

Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the request to release retention and close the K2023-006 Illegal Dump Clean-Up grant. Troy Porter seconded. All present voted “aye.”

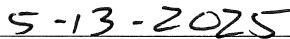
**Adjournment**

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

  
Chairman Gary Larson

  
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