

**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
MRPC Building - 4 Industrial Drive
St. James, MO 65559**

Call to Order

Gary Larson called the Nov. 12, 2024, meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom/conference call, there were no attendees via Zoom.

Members Present: Gary Larson, Greg Parker, Vic Stratman, Roger Pankey, Jim Fleming, Peter Cruz, Troy Porter, and Charles Bassett.

Members Absent: Steve Vogt, Jax Jensen, Jim Holland, Jesse Geltz, David Sansegraw and Gary Gilliam.

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

Approval of Agenda

Charles Bassett made a motion to approve the agenda. Vic Stratman seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

District Grant Application Review Process

Jill Hollowell reviewed the criteria for reviewing grants. Jill also mentioned the importance of the Solid Waste Management Plan and how it is the guiding document used when scoring grants. She reminded the board of 2025 target materials for grant cycle and provided a handout listing those materials.

Jill informed the board that MRPC grant projects, implemented on behalf of the district directly correlates with the high priority materials. These projects include household hazardous waste collection, education, scrap tires, electronics, and appliance collections. She said the collection of scrap tires is a vital component of the illegal dump program. Electronics and appliances are covered under the special waste collections that are usually held four times a year, she said. Jill added last May, the board approved two added items for collection, vape products and media materials, both requiring proper disposal.

Jill explained to the board what the review committee is looking for when reviewing grants:

- Completeness. Staff assures completeness prior to the committee's review.
- Items needing explanation or clarification. Staff will reach out to the applicants to obtain additional information upon request.
- Compliance with the grant rules, such as reporting diversion, and if the grant's scope is on track.
- List of Target Materials. When a grant is scored over a 100%, it's likely the scorer determined the grant request was important enough to receive bonus points.

Jill added that the abilities of the applicants are taken into consideration. All resumes are reviewed, as is the quality of the budget, to ensure applications are complete. She said sub grantees are held to stated budgets and permission is required if they need to expend more than 10% of the approved grant amount.

For those grants that scored low, Jill provided possible reasons for the lower score:

- St. James Caring Center - collecting medium and low priorities, the grant application was incomplete with a lack of documentation showing purchased items.
- Dixon Recycling Center - They take all materials 24 hours a day, seven days a week and they have built an incredible level of participation in their community.
- Leasburg Recycling Program – The district offered them a used trailer, but they couldn't transport that large of a trailer. This project would serve a small population once a month.

Jill noted, for new board members, it's not unusual to partially fund a grant and invite them to reapply the following next year. It was noted the current distribution of funds included reductions already taken by the district's programs, implemented by MRPC. All these programs ranked above 90% and in accordance with the solid waste plan and the target material list.

The board reviewed the rankings on the grant applications. The total request was \$234,662.16, with only \$143,768.17 available. The board discussed how to adjust the distributed amounts from the board meeting on October 8, 2024, and align funding with the rankings determined by the grant review committee on September 18, 2024. Discussions on each of the grant applications are as follows:

H-Illegal Dump Clean UP

One of the services provided by this grant is collecting and recycling illegally dumped tires collected along roadways by cities and counties. Jill stated over the last 5 years, this project picked up 135 tons of tires, paying \$225 per ton. Tammy stated current budgeting will impact collection of illegal tires and the services may need to be eliminated. There is no anticipating how many tires will be collected in any given year, and it has been common to have backup funds available for unexpected needs.

I-Environmental Education and Public Awareness

Tammy reported that if funding is left at the determined \$13,140.00, staff hours and activities will have to be cut for next year. Current funding may only last through the third quarter. Activity reductions could include the elimination of programs such as the summer reading program and participation in community events.

F-Special Waste Collection

Linda reported there was \$33,000 at the end of June. She said approximately \$11,000 was spent as of September and that expenses for the October collection are not yet in. Last fiscal year, funding was \$42,300 and a little over \$18,000 was contract services and disposal costs. There were also costs for advertising. Fees collected go towards disposal costs, but those amounts are not included in these numbers, she said.

Tammy Snodgrass mentioned that a decision had been made to skip the special collection for St. Robert in 2025. She said the participation at that location has been declining. With funding of \$28,000, the district could do three collections. Linda Loughridge added that it would be tight to do four collections, which is the usual number held during a fiscal year. She said this grant had approximately \$15,000 still available. Gary Larson said he felt the district needed to hold four collections. Jim Fleming suggested fully funding the Special Waste Collection request and holding four collections.

G-Community Outreach and Assistance Fund

Jill Hollowell said that MRPC, on behalf of the Ozark Rivers SWMD, opted out of requesting funds from the 2025 grant round. She indicated there was approximately \$19,000 available in grants from previous years.

A-DACC Recycling Center

Troy Porter said the Center would be happy with whatever funding the committee decided.

C-Leasburg Recycling Program

It was noted that the Leasburg project would likely have more of the medium to low priority materials. Roger Pankey with the Rolla Recycling Center said he offered Leasburg the use of bins from his location.

B-St. James Caring Center

Jim Fleming reported the center recycles furniture and pallets, which are not on the list of targeted materials. Jill said they had indicated they would accept partial funding and that those funds would go to pay the salary for the instructor who teaches people how to repaint and refinish furniture.

D-Seniors Recycling for Cash /Phelps County Connection.

This request was for purchasing a trailer to manage disposing of scrap, such as electronics and household goods, which didn't sell in their resale shop. It was noted there was an unused trailer at Onondaga State Park that could be offered to at no charge to them. Tires, license, insurance could be funded through a request to the community fund.

The board reviewed each funding amount and aligned the grant funding based on the rankings and determined not to fund the three lowest ranking projects due to the lesser amount of funding available this year. Below are the final funding determination and record of voting and abstentions.

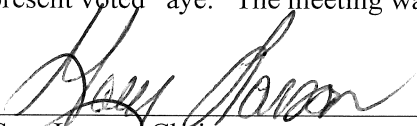
District K	Ozark Rivers 2024 Grant Call					Vote of Approval	Abstained/ No
Project	Score	Project Name	Grant Applicant Name	Requested Amount	APPROVED FUNDING		
H	105%	Illegal Dump Clean Up	MRPC on behalf of Ozark Rivers SWMD	\$49,640.19	\$30,000.00	J. Fleming-motion to approve; V. Stratman-seconded. J. Fleming; R. Pankey; P. Cruz; T. Porter; V. Stratman; C. Bassett; G. Larson; G. Parker	
I	103%	Environmental Education and Public Awareness	MRPC on behalf of Ozark Rivers SWMD	\$38,140.00	\$25,000.00	J. Fleming-motion to approve; G. Parker-seconded. J. Fleming; R. Pankey; P. Cruz; T. Porter; V. Stratman; C. Bassett; G. Larson; G. Parker	
E	101%	Household hazardous Waste Satellite Collection	MRPC on behalf of Ozark Rivers SWMD	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	J. Fleming-motion to approve; T. Porter-seconded. J. Fleming; P. Cruz; T. Porter; V. Stratman; C. Bassett; G. Larson; G. Parker	R. Pankey abstained
F	99%	Special Waste Collections	MRPC on behalf of Ozark Rivers SWMD	\$34,555.00	\$34,555.00	C. Bassett-motion to approve; G. Parker-seconded. J. Fleming; R. Pankey; P. Cruz; T. Porter; V. Stratman; C. Bassett; G. Larson; G. Parker	
G	94%	Community Outreach and Assistance Fund	MRPC on behalf of Ozark Rivers SWMD	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	J. Fleming-motion to approve; V. Stratman-seconded. J. Fleming; R. Pankey; P. Cruz; T. Porter; V. Stratman; C. Bassett; G. Larson; G. Parker	
A	92%	DACC Recycling Center	Dixon Area Caring Center	\$17,535.49	\$14,213.17	V. Stratman-motion to approve; J. Fleming-seconded. J. Fleming; R. Pankey; P. Cruz; V. Stratman; C. Bassett; G. Larson; G. Parker	T. Porter and C. Bassett abstained
C	88%	Leasburg Revitalization Org.	Leasburg Recycling Program	\$14,115.00	\$0.00	J. Fleming-motion to approve; T. Porter-seconded. J. Fleming; R. Pankey; P. Cruz; T. Porter; V. Stratman; C. Bassett; G. Larson; G. Parker	
D	85%	Seniors Recycling or Cash	Phelps County Connection	\$10,995.00	\$0.00	T. Porter-made motion to approve; V. Stratman-seconded. R. Pankey; P. Cruz; T. Porter; V. Stratman; C. Bassett; G. Larson; G. Parker	J. Fleming abstained
B	75%	Caring & Resource Centers	St. James Caring Center	\$14,681.48	\$0.00	G. Parker-motion to approve; V. Stratman-seconded. R. Pankey; P. Cruz; T. Porter; V. Stratman; C. Bassett; G. Larson; G. Parker	J. Fleming abstained
			TOTALS	\$234,662.16	\$143,768.17		

Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

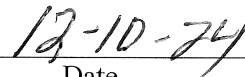
Dec. 10 – Executive Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. followed by the annual awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. here at MRPC.

Adjournment

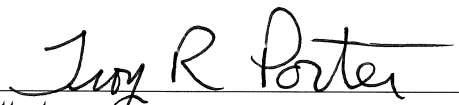
There being no further business, Vic Stratman made a motion to adjourn. Charles Bassett seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.” The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.



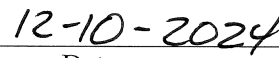
Gary Larson, Chairperson



Date



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