

**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
MRPC Building - 4 Industrial Drive
St. James, MO 65559**

Call to Order

Gary Larson called the Oct. 7, 2025 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Members Present: Gary Larson, Vic Stratman, Roger Pankey, Steve Vogt, T.R. Dudley and Troy Porter. Jim Fleming, Jim Holland and Carrie Sutterfield participated via Zoom.

Members Absent: Greg Parker, Jesse Geltz, David Sansegraw, Peter Cruz and Jax Jensen.

Staff and Guests Present: Jill Hollowell, Tammy Snodgrass, Linda Carroll, Bethany Ferrell and Linda Loughridge MRPC. Janice Morgan attended as a guest.

Approval of Agenda

Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted addendum. Steve Vogt seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

Approval of Minutes

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

Financials

Staff provided financial reports ending June 30 and Aug. 31, 2025 and a budget revision for the 2025-26 DO/PI budget.

Approval of Financials

Bethany Ferrell presented the financial statements for year ending June 30, 2025. Linda Loughridge added that the financials for FY 2024-25 were recently audited with no issues found. She said that more information would be provided at the December 2025 meeting.

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the financials as presented for year ending June 30, 2025. Roger Pankey second the motion. All present voted aye."

Bethany Ferrell presented the financial statements for month ending August 31, 2025.

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the financials as presented for year ending August 31, 2025 as presented. Roger Pankey second the motion. All present voted aye."

Jill Hollowell discussed the revision of the FY26 DO/PI grant applications retro-active to July 1, 2025, for District Operations from \$107,690.50 to \$103,727.00 and Plan Implementation from \$42,300 to \$37,200. She explained that the revisions were due to a miscalculation of the MDNR requirement for 50/50 funding distribution of MDNR funding, total funding \$140,927.

Steve Vogt made a motion to approve the revision of the FY DO/PI budget as presented. Roger Pankey seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

Approval of Grant Requests/Determinations

1. Requesting retroactive board approval for Dixon Area Caring Center (K2023-011) to move \$1,773.27 from the Lean-to Labor line item to the salary line item. The Dixon Area Caring Center (DACC) was able to construct the Lean-to with volunteer and/or existing staff and, as a result, did not need the contract service labor line to complete the project scope of work as awarded. The \$1,773.27 reflects the final draw to close and fully expend the grant.

Linda explained that the cumulative transfer among the direct cost category does not exceed 10% of the current total approved budget and, as a result, does not require board or MDNR prior approval per previously established MDNR regulations. However, to be safe board approval is being requested as the salary line exceeds 10% of total budget without the movement of funds which the district would generally require an amended FAA for to ensure compliance with prior established MDNR regulations.

Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1,773.27 from the Lean-to line item to the salary line item for the Dixon Area Caring Center grant. Roger Pankey seconded. Troy Porter abstained. All others present voted "aye."

1. Requests for grant closures.
 - a. K2024-004 MRPC Special Collection, all obligations are met.
 - b. K2024-006 MRPC Illegal Dump Clean Up, all obligations are met.
 - c. K2024-007 MRPC Environmental Education, all obligations are met.
 - d. K2024-011 Dixon Area Caring Center, all obligations are met.

Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the grant closure for all above grants. Steve Vogt seconded. Troy Porter abstained. All others present voted "aye."

2. Requests for grant extensions through Dec. 31, 2026.
 - a. K2024-005 – MRPC Community Fund
 - b. K2025-004 – MRPC Special Collections
 - c. K2025-005 – MRPC Education, Awareness & Business Outreach

Vic Stratman made a motion to approve the grant extensions for MRPC's Community Fund, Special Collections, and Education, Awareness and Business Outreach grants. Troy Porter seconded. Roger Pankey abstained. All others present voted "aye."

3. Requests for retroactive extensions.
 - a. K2023-005 – MRPC Community Fund for a retroactive grant extension from June 30, 2025, to December 31, 2025, to pay for unforeseen grant expenses or requests from the community.

Troy Porter made a motion to approve the retroactive extension for the MPRC Community Fund grant. T.R. Dudley seconded. All others present voted "aye."

4. Request for executive board affirmation of executive committee's actions.
 - a. Approval of funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the Leasburg Revitalization Organization to purchase tires, a wiring harness, straps and for mileage expenses. They will use a trailer for collecting recycling monthly in their community.

Steve Vogt made a motion to affirm the executive committee's decision to approve funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the Leasburg Revitalization Organization. Roger Pankey seconded. All others present voted "aye."

Review of District Grant Applications

The board reviewed the rankings on the grant applications. The total funding requested was \$253,682.45, however, the funding available is only \$175,657.99. The committee discussed how to adjust the requested amounts to meet the funding that is available.

Linda Loughridge explained that funding decisions needed to consider staff time requirements, particularly for district-wide grants like household hazardous waste and special collections, which required approximately 117 additional hours of staff time that would need to be covered by the 2026 grant.

Jill presented a detailed analysis of grant funding and personnel costs, explaining that due to increased costs, they would only be able to support 226 hours with the next award, a significant reduction from previous levels. She reviewed various projects including illegal dumping, education, and household hazardous waste collections, noting that while some flexibility exists, major cuts in services would be necessary across all projects to maintain funding levels. The committee discussed potential funding adjustments for specific projects to stretch the limited funding further.

The board made the following determinations for funding:

| Ranking | Areas Served | Project ID | Project Name | 2026 Award Requests | 2026 Grant Distributions |
|---------|----------------|------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 114.5% | District Wide | K2026-K | Environmental Education | \$31,596.34 | \$31,596.34 |
| 106.4% | District Wide | K2026-M | Special Waste Collections | \$33,445.81 | \$33,445.81 |
| 105.6% | District Wide | K2026-J | Illegal Dump Clean Up | \$22,016.31 | \$22,016.31 |
| 104.3% | Pulaski/Maries | K2026-I | DACC Recycling Center | \$16,396.00 | \$16,396.00 |
| 102.9% | State-wide | K2026-D | 2026 MORA Conference | \$9,300.60 | \$3,000.00 |
| 101.3% | Phelps | K2026-G | Increasing Local Capacity to Redirect Food from Landfills to Pantries | \$15,167.54 | \$4,672.00 |
| 100.9% | District Wide | K2026-L | Household Hazardous Waste | \$47,865.21 | \$47,865.21 |
| 98.3% | Gasconade | K2026-F | Reducing Food Waste Education | \$13,503.00 | Refer to Comm Fund |
| 97.1% | Phelps | K2026 A | Park Recycling Project | \$21,170.00 | \$6,800.00 |
| 92.0% | Phelps | K2026-C | Recycle Everything! | \$8,100.00 | Not Funded |
| 91.6% | Pulaski | K2026-H | City of Waynesville Recycling Project | \$11,462.56 | Not Funded |
| 90.9% | Phelps | K2026-E | Food Glorious Food - but not in our waste stream! | \$9,009.08 | Not Funded |
| 88.7% | Dent | K2026-B | Lake Spring Satellite Recycling | \$9,650.00 | Not Funded |
| 88.3% | District Wide | K2026-N | Community Outreach Fund | \$5,000.00 | \$9,866.32 |

A roll call vote was taken for each grant and the results were:

Environmental Education, MRPC

Vic Stratman made a motion to fully fund the application; Steve Vogt seconded the motion.

Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Special Waste Collections, MRPC

Vic Stratman made a motion to fully fund the application; Roger Pankey seconded the motion.

Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Illegal Dump Clean Up, MRPC

Steve Vogt made a motion to fully fund the application; Roger Pankey seconded the motion.

Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Dixon Area Caring Center

Roger Pankey made a motion to fully fund the application; T.R. Dudley seconded the motion.

Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – abstain | Vic Stratman – abstain |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

2026 MORA Conference – Missouri Recycling Association

Jim Fleming made a motion to partially fund the application at \$3,000 as the committee is looking to fund projects with significant diversion. Vic Stratman seconded the motion. Individual votes were as follows:

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| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Increasing Local Capacity to Redirect Food from Landfills to Pantries, The Food Bank for Central and NE Missouri

Jim Fleming made a motion to partially fund the application at \$4,672; Vic Stratman seconded the motion.

Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Household Hazardous Waste, MRPC

T.R. Dudley made a motion to fully fund the application; Steve Vogt seconded the motion.

Individual votes were as follows:

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|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – abstain | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Reducing Food Waste Education, Curators of the University of Missouri

Jim Fleming made a motion to refer the request to the K2023-005 Community Fund for partial funding of supplies, salary expenses would not be eligible. Vic Stratman seconded the motion. Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Park Recycling Project, Meramec Spring Park

Steve Vogt made a motion to partially fund the application at \$6,800; T.R. Dudley seconded the motion. This project, other than the Community Fund was the lowest ranking project to be funded. Individual votes were as follows:

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| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Recycle Everything, St. James Caring Center

Vic Stratman made a motion to decline funding the application due to lack of funds; Roger Pankey seconded the motion. Individual votes were as follows:

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| Jim Fleming – abstain | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

City of Waynesville Recycling Project, City of Waynesville

Roger Pankey made a motion to decline funding the application due to lack of funds; Troy Porter seconded the motion. Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Food Glorious Food-but not in our waste, Kaleidoscope Discovery Center

Vic Stratman made a motion to decline funding the application due to lack of funds; Steve Vogt seconded the motion. Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Lake Spring Satellite Recycling, Richard Orsa

Steve Vogt made a motion to decline funding the application due to lack of funds; Roger Pankey seconded the motion. Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – abstain |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – abstain |

Community Outreach Fund, MRPC

Vic Stratman made a motion to use the remaining dollars in the amount of \$9,866.32 for the community fund rather than individually funding multiple grants with small amounts. This would allow unfunded grants with higher ranking to resubmit requests for supplies only; salary would not be an eligible expense. Requests would be approved by the executive committee and affirmed by the executive board at the December meeting. Steve Vogt seconded the motion. Individual votes were as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Fleming – yes | Jim Holland – yes | Gary Larson – yes |
| Roger Pankey – yes | Troy Porter – yes | Vic Stratman – yes |
| Steve Vogt – yes | T.R. Dudley – yes | Carrie Sutterfield – yes |

Staff Activities

Solid Waste Plan Advisory Committee

Tammy Snodgrass reported one meeting had been held and a second meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19. She said she is looking for additional members for the committee and asked for suggestions. Tammy said she is creating a public survey to gather input and said she would distribute it prior to the next meeting. The survey will be available on-line, through press releases and on social media. Vic Stratman requested the survey be sent to counties for inclusion on county websites. Jill requested committee members to help identify additional participants, particularly school district representatives. Jim Fleming, Troy Porter and Steve Vogt have contacts in their school districts and will get back to Jill with possible contacts.

Discussion on Grant Timeline

Tabled until the December meeting.

Scheduling of 2026 Meeting Dates

Tabled until the December meeting.

Annual Awards Dinner Nominations

Only three nominations were received so the deadline was extended until Oct. 21.

T.R. Dudley mentioned nominating Gary Gilliam and Jill said that Kathryn Hawes mentioned a clean-up group.

Chairman's Report on Current Trends and Activities

No report.

City and County Updates

Gary Larson reported the Sheltered Workshop in Salem was up and running.

Vic Stratman mentioned Maries County is interested in hosting a special collection. Jill reported that a special collection is scheduled for Sept. 19, 2026, in Belle but she could plan a collection in Vienna in 2027.

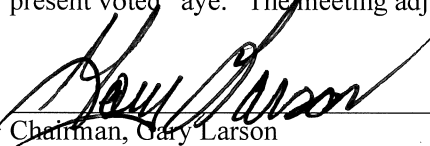
Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Dec. 9 – Executive Board at 5:30 p.m. and annual awards banquet at 6:30 p.m.

2025 Special Collections – Oct. 18 Owensville, hosed by Lakeside Book Company.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Jim Fleming made a motion to adjourn. Vic Stratman seconded the motion. All present voted "aye." The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.



Chairman, Gary Larson

12-9-2025

Date



Attest

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