

**WHITE RIVER REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**10:00 A.M. – June 24, 2025**  
**WRPDD Offices – Batesville, Arkansas**

The White River Regional Solid Waste Management District Board meeting was held at the District's office. Chairman Eric Smith called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were:

Board Members Present:

Judge Stacey Avey	Mayor Rick Elumbaugh	Judge Dale James
Judge Lisa Brown	Mayor Larry Fowler	Judge Kevin Jeffery
Mayor Robert Beard	Mayor Roger Gardner	Judge Jeff Phillips
Judge Kenneth Crow	Mayor Kasey Griffin	Mayor Gary Looney
Mayor Duane DeLair	Mayor James Jackson	Judge Eric Smith

By Proxy:

Mayor Mat Faulkner  
Mayor Derrick Ratliffe

Guests:

Cameron Bandy, Senator Tom Cotton's Office  
Dalton Barnum, DEQ  
Lucy Cross, DEQ  
Steve Dixion, Arkansas Municipal League  
Gene Higginbotham, Representative Rick Crawford's Office  
Kendrick Ketchum, Waste Connections  
Charles Landrum, Representative Rick Crawford's Office  
Kayla McDonald, ORE  
Joshua Mullinax, Senator John Boozman's Office  
Toliver Myers, Senator John Boozman's Office  
Debbie Smith, City of Searcy  
Elijah Snow, Congressman Rick Crawford's Office

Opening

Judge Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Executive Director Jan Smith welcomed all visitors.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 18, 2025, meeting were previously distributed via email.

- **Motion:** Mayor Rick Elumbaugh moved to approve the minutes.
- **Second:** Judge Dale James
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

### **Tire Monofill Update**

Tracy Wallis, Program Manager, provided an update:

- Awaiting the final survey from Miller Newell to address erosion caused by excessive rainfall.
- May and June recorded 41" of rainfall, compared to the average 11, leading to areas of concern.
- Crenshaw Contracting, previously hired to haul dirt to the monofill, has ceased operations due to health issues.

### **Tire Bill Update**

Wallis reported that current indicators suggest a strong likelihood of privatization of the tire program by the 2027 Legislative Session. The last quarter showed a deficit of \$443,000.

## **New Business**

### **Purchase of Property**

- Mr. Crenshaw has offered to sell a 5-acre tract with highway frontage, located half a mile from Bald Knob, for \$8,000. This tract has served the monofill for four years and contains an estimated 800–1,000 loads of dirt remaining. The location is ideal, just 4.5 miles from the landfill, and the soil meets specifications for closure. Executive Director Smith requested approval from the Board to approve the sale and authorize the Executive Director to sign the necessary closing documents.
- **Motion:** Judge Dale James moved to purchase the 5-acre property.
- **Second:** Judge Kevin Jeffery
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

### **Annual Budget and Resolution #1-2025**

Byron Southerland, Fiscal Officer, presented the annual budget.

- **Motion:** Judge Dale James moved to approve the budget and Resolution #1-2025.
- **Second:** Judge Kevin Jeffery
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Lease Approval – 2300 White Drive**

- **Motion:** Judge Dale James moved to approve the lease agreement between WRRSC and WRRSWMD.
- **Second:** Judge Jeff Phillips
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Recycling Grant Prioritization**

Executive Director Jan Smith requested Board approval for prioritizing recycling grants, which were listed in both prior emails and Board Meeting handouts.

- **Motion:** Judge Dale James

- **Second:** Judge Stacey Avey
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Citizens Bank Pledge Authorization**

Director Smith also requested that Carrie McIntosh be added as an authorized representative for releasing pledges with Citizens Bank and other banks. Currently, Director Smith is the sole authorized individual, and a secondary is needed.

- **Motion:** Judge Jeff Phillips
- **Second:** Judge Dale James
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Guest Presentation**

Lucy Cross from the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment addressed the Board regarding the *Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan*.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business:

- **Motion to Adjourn:** Judge Dale James
- **Second:** Judge Kenneth Crow
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned.**