

**WHITE RIVER REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – December 3, 2024
WRPDD Offices – Batesville, Arkansas**

The December 3, 2024, Board meeting was held at the White River Planning and Development District office. Chairman Eric Smith called the White River Regional Solid Waste Management Board Meeting to order. Those in attendance were:

Board Members Present:

Judge Stacey Avey	Mayor Roger Gardner	Mayor Derrick Ratliffe
Mayor Ray Bowman	Mayor James Jackson	Judge Eric Smith
Judge Kenneth Crow	Judge Dale James	
Mayor Rick Elumbaugh	Judge Kevin Jeffery	
Mayor Mat Faulkner	Judge Jeff Phillips	

By Proxy:

Mayor Kasey Griffin

Guests:

Cameron Bandy, Senator Tom Cotton's Office
Eddie Cowell, Stone County
Steve Dixion, Arkansas Municipal League
Susan Dumas, Crews and Associates
Tom Ginn, AEDC
Ron Haynes, Stone County
Gene Higginbotham, Rick Crawford's Office
Billy Holland, USDA Rural Development
Keith Husky, USDA Rural Development
Charles Landrum, Representative Rick Crawford's Office
Kayla McDonald, ORE
Tammy Moser, USDA Rural Development
Kristy Riley, USDA Rural Development
Dr. Brian Shonk, UACCB Chancellor
Bart Shultz, State Representative for District 28
Elijah Snow, Representative Rick Crawford's Office
Amy Williams, AEDC

Judge Eric Smith, the Board Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jan Smith welcomed all visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Board members were emailed the September 24, 2024 minutes in advance of the meeting. Chairman Judge Eric Smith asked if everyone had received the minutes and if anyone had any

questions or comments. No questions were asked or comments spoken. Judge Jeff Phillips moved to accept the minutes and Mayor Rick Elumbaugh seconded the motion. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Old Business

Tracy Wallis reported the fourth and final surplus equipment auction with Witcher Auctions will be on December 17th. Items include a Case Box Excavator and a tire trailer that was sold but the District did not receive payment from the buyers. In addition, there are three more tire trailers, an 80-gallon compressor, and a foot blade. The tire processing area is now a clean footprint with no equipment on site. Mr. Wallis said he has provided help to ADEQ in filing some reports for the old collection points. He spoke with the dirt contractor yesterday, and they are hauling the last loads of cover for the monofil. According to Mr. Wallis, the monofil will be ready to be turned over to a third party by the next Board meeting. The third-party contractor will need to be bid. The question was asked if anyone locally could do the third-party stage. Mr. Wallis said he did not think there was anyone local who was qualified to do third-party closures.

New Business

In new business, Sandra Tucker then took the floor asking the Board to reaffirm a Change order that had been emailed out after the last board meeting for a vote. Mrs. Tucker explained the WRI-10-20EWD was an older e-waste grant that was too specific to CRT disposal and that the \$58,715.05 amount could only be used for what was written in the application. By changing it to support the District's electronic waste, recycling operations, and other solid waste management activities it could be utilized more effectively. Judge Smith asked for a motion. Judge Stacey Avey made the motion to approve and Mayor Rick Elumbaugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jan Smith presented an update on Regional Solid Waste Management activities. Ms. Smith stated at the Regional Solid Waste Management District Association meeting in Benton, Attorney Walter Wright reviewed the Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management Districts' duties and responsibilities. A bill to amend Regulation 36 has been drafted by Senator Payton and is being considered by a subcommittee. There may be an amendment to the bill so the \$3.00 rim fee would be applied on all new tires sold. There is also a possibility that a bill to privatize the waste tire program will be considered.

Adjournment

After no further business was presented, Judge Mayor Rick Elumbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting and Judge Jeff Phillips seconded that motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.