

WHITE RIVER REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10:00 A.M. – September 23, 2025

WRPDD Offices – Batesville, Arkansas

The White River Regional Solid Waste Management District Board meeting was held at the District office. Chairman Judge Eric Smith, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present

- Judge Stacey Avey
- Mayor Robert Beard
- Mayor Ray Bowman
- Judge Mark Counts
- Judge Kenneth Crow
- Mayor Duane DeLair
- Mayor Rick Elumbaugh
- Mayor Mat Faulkner
- Mayor Roger Gardner
- Judge John Michael Gray
- Mayor Kasey Griffin
- Mayor James Jackson
- Judge Dale James
- Judge Kevin Jeffery
- Mayor Gary Looney
- Judge Jeff Phillips
- Mayor Derrick Ratliffe
- Mayor Steven Rose
- Judge Eric Smith

By Proxy

(No entries listed)

Guests

- Jonas Anderson, Mayor of Cave City
- Cameron Bandy, Senator Tom Cotton's Office
- Kayla McDonald, ORE
- Steve Dixon, Arkansas Municipal League
- Susan Dumas, Crews and Associates
- Ebony Mitchell, Arkansas Advanced Energy
- Joshua Mullinax, Senator John Boozman's Office
- Toliver Myers, Senator John Boozman's Office
- Terry Sleight, ADEQ
- Elijah Snow, Congressman Rick Crawford's Office
- Martha Treece, ORE

Opening

Judge Eric Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following this, Judge Jeff Phillips spoke in memory of the late Judge Griffin, reflecting on their friendship and the honor of knowing him. A moment of silence was observed, after which Judge Phillips closed with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 24, 2025, meeting were distributed by email to all Board members. Judge Smith asked if there were any corrections or questions. None were raised.

- Motion to approve the June 24, 2025, minutes: Mayor Rick Elumbaugh
- Second: Judge Dale James
- Vote: Unanimous approval

Old Business

Tire Monofill Report

Tracy Wallis, Program Manager, provided an update:

- Reported on the Tire Bill, noting that the program will likely shift from state-funded to privately funded.
- Final work is being completed on the landfill to fill voids caused by spring rains.
- Crenshaw Brothers has been contracted to complete final dirt work on the perimeters.
- The processing site has been cleared of shreds and residuals in preparation for closure.
- A two-year post-closure period will follow.

New Business

2026 Recycling Grant Round

Sandra Tucker, Recycling Project Coordinator, reported that the 2026 Recycling Grant Round will open soon.

- Pre-Applications will be sent to Board Members and District Recycling Centers on October 15, 2025.
- Completed Pre-Applications must be returned by Friday, November 14, 2025.
- Applications will be reviewed for Board approval in December 2025, with funds available for use by the end of January 2026.

Adjournment

With no further business, Judge Smith asked Judge Phillips to pray for the blessing for the food. After the prayer Judge Stacey Avey moved to adjourn.

- Second: Mayor Rick Elumbaugh
- Vote: Unanimous approval

The meeting was adjourned.