

**OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.  
MRPC Building - 4 Industrial Drive  
St. James, MO 65559**

**Call to Order**

Brady Wilson called the May 16, 2017 meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**Members Present:** Ray Mortimeyer, Arthur Cook, Brady Wilson, Craig French and Don Theberge. Attending via conference call were Darrell Skiles, Ray Schwartz, Gary Hicks and Marvin Wright.

**Members Absent:** Brad Nash, Robert Koerber, Jim Holland, Steve Vogt and Gary Gilliam.

**Staff and Guests Present:** Tammy Snodgrass, Jill Hollowell, Linda Loughridge, Caitlin Jones and Linda Carroll.

**Approval of Agenda**

Ray Mortimeyer made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Craig French seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye".

**Finance/Budget Report**

Linda Loughridge presented financials for both ORSWMD operations and grants for the month ending April 30, 2017.

Arthur Cook made a motion to approve the April 30, 2017 financial reports as presented. Craig French seconded the motion. All present voted "aye" with the exception of Gary Hicks who abstained.

Linda Loughridge also presented the proposed budget for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. She noted that a revised budget would be presented at a later date.

Ray Schwartz made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented. Marvin Wright seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

The 2017-2018 District Operation and Implementation Grant Applications were presented for review and approval.

Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the applications as presented. Darrell Skiles seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

Staff also presented technical assistance contracts for organizational administration and plan implementation for review and approval.

Ray Mortimeyer made a motion to approve the contracts as presented. Craig French seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

**Consent Agenda**

After reviewing the agenda, it was determined that Item 4, Request for Funding, should be discussed as a separate agenda item.

Ray Mortimeyer made a motion to accept the agenda with the change of discussing item #4 - Request for Funding as a separate agenda item. Craig French seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

### **Request for Funding**

Erik Lowes, Lowes Landscape of Cuba, requested \$535 to attend the Bi-State Compost School in June. Brady Wilson indicated he had some concerns as to how his request would benefit the district. Jill Hollowell noted that he had previously applied for a composting grant but was denied at that time. He is currently handling only his own compost but would like to grow his business to accept compostable materials from others. Jill indicated that a request for him to attend an out of state workshop had been submitted to MDNR and would require their approval as well. The board generally agreed composting is a growing area of waste management but approving this request would set a precedent and future funding for similar requests could be a concern. Tammy Snodgrass stated that the funds would come from MRPC's Community Outreach and Assistance Fund.

Ray Mortimeyer indicated that the community had some concerns about Mr. Lowes expanding his composting as there has been concern with leaching of materials onto adjacent properties. If he expands his composting to include organics, there are concerns about its impact on the surrounding residential area. The committee felt Mr. Lowes needs to consider another location for his composting operations, especially if he begins accepting organic food waste. Mortimeyer suggested funding \$300 of his request and requiring him to pay the balance. He also suggested Mr. Lowe come before the board and provide a presentation on the training. It was again noted that funding would be dependent upon approval from MDNR for the out of state travel.

Craig French added that if Mr. Lowes decides to accept food waste for composting, he will need to spend thousands of dollars in infrastructure to properly prepare the site for accepting food waste.

Ray Mortimeyer made a motion to fund the request at \$300 with the stipulation that a presentation be made to the board after the training. Ray Schwartze seconded the motion. All present voted "aye" with the exception of Craig French who voted "nay".

### **Chairman's Report**

Brady Wilson reported that overall, everything was going really well in Rolla. He and designated associates plan on attending household hazardous waste training at the MORA conference in August.

### **Old Business**

Staff passed around a copy of the 2018 Grant Packet for review and approval. Advertising will go out July 6, 2017 with grants being due August 18, 2017. Grant review will take place on September 19, 2017. Packets are sent to cities, counties, schools and chambers and Jill asked the board for other suggested organizations.

Ray Mortimeyer made a motion to approve the 2018 Grant Packet as presented. Craig French seconded the motion. All present voted "aye."

Jill reported that Earth Day was a success. Fourteen schools participated, schools in Steelville and Salem joined as new participants. Tammy passed around samples of the prizes that were awarded included backpacks made from rice sacks; laptop bags made from magazines; and messenger bags made from plastic bottles. All prizes are made from recycled materials.

Jill informed the committee that there are now two surveillance cameras available for use at illegal dump sites. Referrals from MDNR have been a primary source, but more input is needed from cities, counties, and board members. It was noted that when cameras are set up, local law enforcement is notified and any

photos of illegal dumping are turned over to them. Craig French suggested that Missouri Department of Conservation agents are also a good resource on identifying illegal dump sites.

Caitlin Jones reported the HB722, “the plastic bag bill,” had passed that does not allow local governments to impose plastic bag bans.

Jill reported on a recycling program in St. Louis where customers bringing reusable shopping bags were given a wooden coin upon check-out. Then coins were distributed into one of several bins representing a charity. The store would in return donate five cents to that charity for every coin that was dropped into the bin. It was suggested that the United Way organization would be the place to start for ideas on getting something like this in place in our area.

### **New Business**

Don Theberge, Public Works Director, was introduced as the new representative for the City of Crocker. Both the police chief and mayor of Crocker have expressed an interest in recycling.

A slate of officers for the upcoming year was discussed. It was recommended that all current officers serve another term. The current officers are:

Chair – Brady Wilson

Vice Chair – Gary Gilliam

Treasure – Steve Vogt

Secretary – Darrell Skiles

Officers will be voted on at the June 13, 2017 full council meeting.

Members are still being sought to participate on the Advisory Committee which meets once a year. The next meeting will be held in early August, 2017.

The group discussed how the 2018 targeted material, construction and demolition (C&D), could be addressed in the region. Cuba is demolishing 26 houses and must deal with the issue of what to do with the materials that may be available for reclamation. Craig French indicated that this is a tough issue, especially for wood structures and when asbestos is present in materials. It was suggested that MRPC staff provide information to communities on including requirements into their demolition bid specifications that would require recycling of at least some of the structures and provide protections to avoid illegal dumping of C & D waste.

### **Other Business**

City and County Updates:

Brady Wilson – He reported that recycling prices are strong in Rolla. Also, the egg carton factory has had a couple of setbacks so their start-up has been delayed. They hope to fire up production by early June.

Ray Mortimeyer – He reported that they are studying the possibility of working with the Prairie Valley Landfill to establish methane gas recovery with the city using the gas for power generation.

Arthur Cook – Flood recovery is the priority in his area.

Don Theberge – He indicated that they are looking at cleaning up the town and abatement orders. There are a lot of abandoned and/or condemned properties.

Craig French – He reported that his priority is also flood damage clean up.

Tammy reminded the committee that there is a waiver on dumping woody debris and appliances from flood clean up at area landfills. Both materials are typically banned but exceptions are being made due to flooding. She also noted that there has not been a federal declaration of disaster yet.

Jill informed the committee about a company in Iowa that recycles cartons to be used as the middle layer in roofing material. It replaces the gypsum board. She also noted that there are grants for infrastructure for recycling stations to redesign their facilities to accept carton recycling. Brady Wilson indicated that he would be interested in recycling cartons, if it was feasible.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

September 19 – Grant Review

September 26 – Executive Council

June 13 – Full Council

November 28 – Full Council/Annual Awards Banquet

August 8 – Household Hazardous Waste Handling workshop (Lake of the Ozarks, just prior to MORA Conference)

August 9-11 – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual MORA Conference, Lake of the Ozarks

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, Craig French made a motion to adjourn. Ray Mortimeyer seconded the motion. All present voted “aye.” The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Chairman, Brady Wilson

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