

## **State Marketing Board for Recyclables Minutes**

September 18, 2015  
9:30 a.m.

Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Hot Springs, AR

State Board Members Present:

George Wheatley  
Don Curan  
Tim Freel  
Patsy Weidanz

Others Present:

Randy Atkinson City of Hot Springs  
Teresa Bechtel ADEQ  
David Reagler AR Records Mang.  
Elisha Morrison The Sentinel Record  
Robert Hunter ADEQ  
Bill Burroughs Interim City Mgr. HS

### Acknowledgement of Notification of Media

George Wheatley called the meeting to order at 9:30. Teresa Bechtel confirmed the media notification.

### Discussion and Agenda

George Wheatley welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

Patsy Weidanz read the minutes from the last meeting. Tim Freel made a motion to approve the minutes read. Don Curan seconded and the Minutes were approved.

Randy Adkinson the Hot Springs Sanitation Director gave our first presentation. Randy has only been on the job for 4 months and is in the process of studying all the current programs. Randy began in municipal government in 1994 in El Dorado with public works. In 1995 started recycling cardboard, paper, and office paper. They also collected glass that they put in a concrete mixer and turned the glass back to sand. They used the sand for potholes. They would put sand up to 2 inches in the hole, then use asphalt. Randy then took a job in Siliom Springs for 12 years working with recycling and solid waste. He took the job in Hot Springs because it put him closer to aging family.

Solid Waste is set up in Hot Springs to fund the Recycle Centers. They mainly recycle cardboard and newspaper. They had revenue of \$22,200 for the month of August. They have earned \$176, 247 in revenue for the time period January through August. They had an e-waste drop off in September at the Convention Center and collected 25.35 tons of e-waste. Their drop off Centers are not manned. They collect cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, steel and #1&2 plastics.

They have started a pilot program to take magazines and phone books and have collected 140 tons during the trial.

Hot Springs has a compost facility. The compost is free to the public with a small loading fee.

They do have curbside recycling at this time and 20% of residence are taking advantage.

Randy is very passionate about conserving landfill space.

Don Curan gave us an update of the Summer ARC meeting in Mountain Home. Sarah Klemschmit gave a presentation on the Missouri Hwy Department use of shingles and other products in asphalt mix. She said Missouri has saved \$27 million using reclaimed asphalt and shingles. They are using up to 12% in their mix. There were representatives from Arkansas Highway Department in attendance. Don also told us of a speaker from QRS in St. Louis that is taking 3-7 plastics and picking it up. Don will keep us updated on this new program.

Robert Hunter gave us a few updates when he attended the Arkansas Environmental Federation on September 18. This organization works well with industries and government bodies (State, Counties and Cities). He advised there is some uncertainty as to whether ESCO and Unicor will continue to provide free shipping for e-waste. He will keep us posted as he gets information.

George Wheatley told us containments in curbside programs are a real problem for Waste Management. Nation wide 22% of curbside recycling is contaminated and we must educate. Waste Management has a web site to help answer recycle questions called recycle often recycle right (rorr.com)

Having no more business the meeting was adjourned.

Patsy Weidanz  
Secretary