

State Marketing Board for Recyclables Minutes

August 15, 2013
9:30 a.m.

Integrity First Bank
Mountain Home, AR 72653

State Board Members Present:

Don Curan
George Wheatley
Tim Freel
Patsy Weidanz

Others Present:

Mark Methvin- Methvin Sanitation
Ryan McGreery- AR Democrat-
Gazette
Rick Pierce- Bass Cat & Yar-Craft
Boats
Paul Neal-Baxter Day Service Center
Bo Gregory- Mountain Home
Chamber of Commerce
Melinda Caldwell- Ozark Mt Solid
Waste District
Ed Majors- Economic Development
Teresa Bechtel- ADEQ

Acknowledgement of Notification of Media

George Wheatley called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. George Wheatley confirmed the media notification.

Discussion and Agenda

George Wheatley requested everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

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

George Wheatley thanked Rick Pierce for the tour of his manufacturing plant Bass Cat & Yar-Craft Boats conducted for the Marketing Board the previous day.

George Wheatley introduced Bo Gregory, who relocated from North Carolina to Mountain Home to become the Director of Economic Development in Mt. Home. He is looking for ways to grow Mt. Home but keep the resources clean and green. His motto is Green to Green with Employment In Between. He reported that younger folks were more likely to choose where to live over where they work which is much easier to accomplish with all the new technology available to them.

Paul Neal from Baxter Day Service Center reported that recycling was up 19% from July 2012 to June 2013. They have begun to take glass through the Ripple Glass recycling program. They have collected 59 tons of glass in the last 7 months and have a 24/7 drop off facility for Mt. Home.

Mark Methvin from Methvin Sanitation started construction and demolition recycling 26 years ago. A city clean up several years ago would consist of mainly white goods but it has evolved into more materials recycled. He told us if there is not a place to take recycled materials it would end up in the trash. He is trying to make people aware of where they can recycle, especially in rural areas. He is also working with schools and colleges to get involved by educating the children, who will in return educate the adults. Their shingles go to Hollister, MO to be recycled at this time. He received 55 tons of material at his transfer station last year and 500 gallons of motor oil.

He also worked with Habitat for Humanity in recycling used windows, sinks, etc. from demolition projects.

George Wheatley pointed out that volume drives the industry and there needs to be more regional recycling. He also stated that the 10 year Solid Waste plan for Arkansas will be out in November.

Teresa Bechtel gave us an update on recycled shingles. The Arkansas highway Department has recommended 3% use of shingles in asphalt mix as a special provision. The contractors will need to request the use of shingles in their asphalt mix.

Having no more business the meeting was adjourned.

Patsy Weidanz
Secretary