

## State Marketing Board for Recyclables Minutes

March 28, 2013  
10:00

Goodwill Resource Center  
Little Rock, AR

State Board Members Present:

Patsy Weidanz  
Don Curran  
George Wheatley  
Tim Freel

Others Present:

Ed Majors AEDC  
Michelle Gillham ADEQ  
Betsy Spetich ADEQ  
Chad Albough Goodwill  
Fred Wizer ESCO  
Michael Grappe Saline County  
RSWMD  
Ben Jones ADEQ  
Susan Speake ADEQ  
Teresa Bechtel ADEQ

### Acknowledgement of Notification of Media

George Wheatley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Teresa Bechtel confirmed the media notification.

### Discussion and Agenda

George Wheatley requested introductions from everyone in attendance.

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

As provided by Act 1211 of 1995, section 25-16-903 and 25-16-902, the State Marketing Board for Recyclables voted on the \$60.00 stipend and expense reimbursement to board members for performing official board duties. Patsy Weidanz made a motion to approve Act 1211 and Don Curran seconded, all were in favor and motion was approved.

Next was the election of officers. The following officers were elected:

George Wheatley – Chairman  
Tim Freel – Co- Chairman  
Patsy Weidanz - Secretary

Susan Speake gave a presentation on the Solid Waste Management Plan Update. She began with a history of the Solid Waste Districts from the beginning in 1992. The Solid Waste Districts wanted input and any new ideas from ADEQ, industries, and non-profits.

It has been a slow process however; there will be a final 10-year plan ready November 2013.

Chad Alrough gave a presentation on e-waste recycling within the Goodwill organization which began in 1927. Goodwill had their grand opening of their new facility December 15, 2012. With the new facility they have ample room to handle many recycling materials. One of their newest and largest is E-waste. Goodwill collects e-waste at no charge at their retail locations. The e-waste is brought to their Scott Hamilton location and separated and shipped to recyclers.

Goodwill hires ex-offenders through the TEO program (transitional employment program) to recycle the e-waste. They have a 7% repeat offender rate compared to a statewide rate of 48%. Goodwill's mission is to help build lives, assisting people with disabilities, and teach skills for jobs. Their recycling program has come a long way in 2012 where they diverted 15 million pounds of goods from the Arkansas landfills.

Teresa Bechtel asked the Board how they wanted to handle request from organizations that would like to have a link on our web page. Don Curran suggested we handle the request on a case by case basis. Teresa will email the Board the request, the Board will have approximately 2 weeks to research the request and get back with Teresa. Patsy Weidanz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board unanimously decided to allow Make a Wish Mid-South to have a link on the web page. At no cost, they tow away and recycle or auction off old vehicles for charity.

Teresa Bechtel gave the Board an update on several issues they have been working on recently. They are as follows:

#### **Shingles in Asphalt**

**Cranford Construction** – not using shingles but would consider in the future.

**Hutchens Construction**- Missouri used 5,700 tons from Arkansas in roads and parking lots. Arkansas cities and counties and commercial work- 2,000 tons

**Redstone Construction** – Using tear-off shingles on private jobs. Wilmar, AR received a state grant that required the use of recyclables in the roadway (3% shingle's, 20% recycled asphalt).

The U of A will be coming out with a report soon on use of shingles in asphalt by Dr. Williams.

The Board was instrumental in providing a forum for Donna Utter, Ripple Glass, to encourage Arkansas to begin recycling glass and sending out letters to the Districts. Teresa provided an update from Ripple Glass and their recycling efforts in Arkansas:

**Eureka Springs** has been recycling glass for 3 years – 350 tons in 2012

**Fayetteville** – curbside glass collection – 950 tons in 2012. Commercial glass recycling on Dickson Street and partnership with Hanna's Candles.

**Rogers** – 330 tons in 2012

**Boston Mtn RSWMD**- Prairie Grove – 68 tons 2012

**Sebastian County** – Fort Smith – Davis Iron and Metal 250 tons in 2012

**Faulkner County** – Conway started collecting fall of 2012 – 38 tons

**Madison County** – Huntsville 22 tons in December

**Craighead County** – Jonesboro just starting collecting glass

**Baxter County** – Mt. Home started last 2012

**Siloam Springs** just started.

In 2013 the following locations have started recycling glass:

**Green Source**, Clarksville

**Searcy County**, Marshall

**Pine Bluff**

**Saline County**, Benton

**N.E. AR**, Paragould

Tim Freel advised the Board he has been working with Tyson Foods on recycling their shrink-wrap. Tim is bailing the shrink-wrap then goes to a company in Oklahoma that turns the shrink-wrap into plastic pellets for decking.

Having no more business the meeting was adjourned.

Patsy Weidanz

Secretary