



# Lake Region Solid Waste Authority

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## MINUTES

### Quarterly Meeting

Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Miami County Commission Chambers | 201 S. Pearl, Suite 200 | Paola, KS

The following persons were in attendance:

Anderson County:  
Coffey County: Todd Bemis  
Franklin County: Don Stottlemire, Pat Campbell, David Lee  
Linn County: Al Doan, Shaun West  
Miami County: JR McMahon, Darryl White, Gary Price  
Osage County: Fred Diver  
Lake Region: Shay Hanysak  
Guests: Tom Jacobs, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)

### Board of Directors Meeting

#### **I. Call to Order**

Board Chair, JR McMahon, called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. A quorum was achieved. Introduction of Gary Price, who was appointed as the new Alternate seat for Miami County

#### **II. Approval of Agenda**

Don Stottlemire made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Todd Bemis seconded. The agenda was approved without objection.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Pat Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 2021 as presented. Darryl White seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.

#### **IV. Financial Review**

##### a) 2021 YTD Expenses & Projections

LRSWA profit & losses were presented for July through September, 2021 (Q3) and the year-to-date expenses (as of October 18<sup>th</sup>) were compared to the Budget line items.

JR McMahon suggested that the review and discussion of the 2022 Budget Proposal be added as a separate and new item (section b under VII New Business). The suggestion was approved by the group without objection.

#### **V. Coordinator Report**

##### a) Plogtober

MARC reached out a few months ago to ask if Miami County would be interested in



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participating in their annual Plogtober event. Attempts were made to coordinate between the three major cities (Paola, Osawatomie and Louisburg) and the Conservation District, but it was determined to be too difficult to pull together a truly successful event at the last minute. The Conservation District has agreed to partner and help plan with the Lake Region if we are still interested for next year.

The group agreed that it was worthwhile pursuing and should make the effort to participate in the event next year. David Lee indicated that Franklin County might also be interested in being included. Shay will keep in contact with the MARC representative and ask to be included in their planning process next year.

## b) Education & Outreach

### i. *Kansas Organization of Recyclers*

Shay notified the Board that she was contacted by the Kansas Organization of Recyclers (KOR) and accepted a nomination for a seat on Board of Directors.

### ii. *National Recycling Day*

National Recycling Day is November 15<sup>th</sup>. The social media and public education focus will be on reducing and eliminating contamination in recyclables and collection containers.

Due to continued COVID concerns, Franklin County will postpone hosting fieldtrips to their facilities for local school kids to discuss recycling and contamination. We will readdress this possibility next year.

## c) Ripple Glass Visits

Josh Boyer from Ripple Glass visited Anderson County on October 20<sup>th</sup> to recognize their 5-year service anniversary. A similar visit to Osage County is expected soon. Photos of these events will be shared on the Lake Region's social media and with the local and county personnel for their own promotion.

## VI. **Old Business**

### a) Recycling Data/Spreadsheet

The Regional Coordinator still needs to follow up and contact each county individually to arrange for a time or date to go over the information in order to collect the necessary data and compile the spreadsheets.

### b) Revised Interlocal Agreement

The revised Interlocal Agreement was approved by the Kansas Attorney General on 9/21/2021. A copy has been sent to the Secretary of State for recording. A package has been sent out and is circulating through the Register of Deed in each county. We are now waiting to receive proof that it has been recorded by each county.



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## c) KDHE Grants

### i. *Waste Tire Grant*

LRSWA was awarded grant funding to work in partnership with city administration and local civic groups to install 11 recycled benches around the community of Osawatomie. We are waiting on the City of Osawatomie who has tentatively scheduled the ribbon cutting ceremony for November 18<sup>th</sup>, right before their City Council meeting. Once the schedule is finalized, invites will be sent to the Lake Region Board members.

### ii. *Solid Waste - Adopt-A-Bike*

Large metal program signs were purchased and handed out to four of the five counties to install at their Transfer Station / Landfill. Anderson County was not present to receive their sign, so arrangement will need to be made to get one to them. Miami County will need to discuss options for an official county collection point due to their contract with Waste Management.

New Adopt-A-Bike pamphlets were designed, where 400 copies were printed and are being provided to the various application locations. A list of locations in each county has been created and is available on the website. The first round of social media promotions went out, requesting community support to partner and provide local donation centers and/or access to applications.

Currently waiting on purchase of the cargo container, where Franklin County will be providing the materials and labor to install a new gravel pad and stage the container. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be planned once the container is installed.

Final step will be to asking each Lake Region county to provide a link on their website.

## VII. **Guest Speaker**

Tom Jacobs, Director, Environmental Programs, Mid-America Regional Council joined the group to introduce and discuss MARC's Climate Action Plan.

## VIII. **Old Business - continued**

### c) KDHE Grants

### iii. *Solid Waste – Linn County School Recycling Trailers*

Linn County's Solid Waste Department was awarded \$25,000 towards the purchase of three new recycling trailers in order to expand their existing recycling program into the three school districts within the county. Al Doan and Shay Hanyak provided an update of the circumstances that resulted in the Linn County Commissioners requesting to back out of the grant.



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## IX. New Business

### a) Grant Opportunities

- i. EPA – Environmental Education (closes Dec. 6, 2021)

Grant funding to support environmental education project that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible action to protect the environmental.

<https://www.epa.gov/education/grants>

- ii. USDA - Solid Waste Management in Rural Areas (closes Dec 31, 2021)

Grant funding to reduce water pollution in rural areas by improving solid waste management.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDARD/bulletins/2f697c1>

### b) 2022 Budget Proposal

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:00 AM to discuss employee related matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:05AM with not action taken.

Don Stottlemire made a motion to approve a \$1 raise to the Regional Coordinator's hourly rate. Fred Diver seconded. The motion was approved without objection.

Todd Bemis made a motion to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget as presented. Don Stottlemire seconded. The motion was approved without objection. The Regional Coordinator will send a copy of the 2022 Budget to the County Commissioners for their approval and adoption.

## X. 2022 Meeting Schedule

Next year's meetings were scheduled as follows:

January 20<sup>th</sup> in Osage County (*to Celebrate Glenn Tyson's retirement!!*)

April 21<sup>st</sup> in Anderson County

July 21<sup>st</sup> in Coffey County

October 20<sup>th</sup> in Linn County

## XI. Adjournment

Pat Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Stottlemire seconded. The motion was approved unanimously and Board Chair, JR McMahon, adjourned the meeting at about 11:11 AM.

Minutes recorded by: Regional Coordinator, Shay Hanysak

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