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MINUTES

Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board • January 23rd, 2024

The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board convened on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held on the third floor of the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board office at 900 W. Capitol, Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201.

Chair Joe Spadoni called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with roll call; Joe Spadoni, Matt Ross Vice Chair, Ronnie Adcock, Tom Brown, Tad Bokker, Wayne Edwards, and Jerry Vint were present. Scott Demott was attendance via Zoom. Also, in attendance were Director Paul Burnett, Investigators Sheila Johnson, and Joseph Rowe, Deputy Attorney General Doralee Chandler.

Consent Agreements/Offer of Settlement.

None for this meeting.

Disciplinary Hearing.

None for this Board Meeting.

Chair Joe Spadoni was given the December 12th minutes to be consider for approval. The minutes were approved on a motion by Brown. Second by Vint. Motion carried 8-0.

Treasurer Report was given by Brown. Motion to accept the report by Ross. Second by Bokker. Motion carried 8-0

On-Going Business / Staff Reports

1. Complaint Report and Investigative Notes – Director Paul Burnett, updated the board on complaints since April through January. Since April the Board has received 112 complaints. 62 have been closed, there are 37 active complaints. Last month there was 45 complaints. There are 9 set for hearings /Consent agreements / 3 AG Reviews
2. Chair Spadoni asked Director Burnett to give the Board a report on all the travel my office has done. Director Burnett advised the Board that he and his staff has been traveling doing spot inspections around the state. The most recent trip was to Harrison. Director Burnett advised the Board he and Investigator Rowe spent two days in the Harrison area visiting tow companies to performing spot inspections. Director Burnett stated that they had issued several statutory citations for non-compliance violations. The Board asked what violations were found. Director Burnett and Investigator Rowe both addressed the questions. The Board was advised the violations were mostly signage. The Board was advised that all the tow companies sent checks back with us for their violations. The companies stated they haven't seen anyone from this Board since being in business. Director Burnett advised he and his staff will be traveling more to conduct spot inspections. The Board was please with all the progress.

3. Legal Update-Doralee Chandler, Deputy Attorney General. Doralee gave an update on the case involving ATRB. The appeal for the A-1 Recovery case.

New Business

Director Burnett advised the Board that they needed to vote every year in January to receive Stipends/ travel and any meals that are needed for a Board meeting that lasts all day. Motion by Vint to pay Stipends / travel and meals for Board meetings that last all day. Second by Brown. Motion carried 8-0

Director Burnett brought up he would like to form a complaint committee so he and his staff can be as fair and impartial when deciding about the outcome after an investigation. Director Burnett and Deputy Attorney General Doralee Chandler are going to get together and write the language to get this put in the Boards rules.

Vice Chair Matt Ross advised the Board that he wouldn't be seeking reappointment to the Board.

The Board decided on February 2nd and 23rd for the next two hearing dates.

Motion by Bokker to adjourn. Second by Edwards. Carried 7-0

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Signed _____
Joe Spadoni, Chair

Attest _____
Paul Burnett, Director

Approved _____ (Date