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MINUTES

Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board • October 31st, 2023

The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board convened on Tuesday, October 31st, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room 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, Tom Brown, Jerry Vint, Wayne Edwards, Chad Tillery, Ronnie Adcock, and Tad Bokker were present. Also, in attendance were Director Paul Burnett, Investigators Sheila Johnson and Joseph Rowe, and Legal, from the Attorney General's Office, Deputy Attorney General Doralee Chandler. There were guests in attendance, Sandra Bokker, Kevin Niehaus, and Danny Harris. Niehaus and Harris are with the Secretary of State's Office.

Swearing In of New Board Members.

Kevin Niehaus swore in the new Board Members at 09:32 a.m. with the Oath of the State of Arkansas. Sworn in were:

Chad Tillery

Ronnie Adcock

Charles (Tad) Bokker

Wayne Edwards (Reappointment)

All the new Board Members were given a packet for their Financial Statements of Rights. Kevin Niehaus witnessed all new Board members signing the Oath and took them with him to be placed on file with the State.

Chair Joe Spadoni was given the August 29th, 2023, Meeting Minutes and September 21st, 2023, EV/Rule Approval Meeting Minutes to be consider for approval. The Minutes were approved on a motion by Vint, and a second by Brown. The motion carried 7-0.

The Treasurer Report was given by Investigator Rowe. A Motion to accept the report by Brown, and a second by Edwards. The Motion carried 7-0.

Consent Agreements/Offer of Settlement.

2023-06017: J&A Towing & Recovery El Dorado, John Mitchell/ Airline Car Rental Complaint. Doralee presented the agreement. Civil Penalty \$500. Restitution \$375.00. Motion by Brown, a second by Edwards. Motion carried 7-0.

On-Going Business / Staff Reports

Complaint Report and Investigative Notes – Director Paul Burnett, updated the board on open complaints for the months of May June, July August, September, and October. The report included closed cases, settlements, and complaints active currently.

Legal Update- Doralee Chandlers, Deputy Attorney General, gave an update on the case involving ATRB

New Business

1. Treasure Vacancy: Motion by Edwards to nominate Tom Brown as Treasure. Second by Bokker. Motion carried 7-0
2. Director Burnett gave his report to the board that included his report on the public comments we have received to date from the EV/Rules. We received comments from Co-Part represented by Cammie Boggas and Brad Hawkins, Julie Mullenix representing IAA, Ward Tisdale representing Arkansas National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, Beth Williams representing NMVTS and Shannon Newton representing the Arkansas Trucking Association. Director Burnett advised Dan Parker, Chief Legal Officer for ADLL is responding to each comment.
3. Director Burnett advised the Board when he took over as Director ATRB was several months behind processing permits. Burnett advised after the hiring of Somer Shannon to process license and permits ATRB is no longer behind. If a complete package is sent in, then it is processed and sent back to the company. The turn around for a complete packet is about two weeks.
4. Director Burnett wanted to praise Investigators Johnson and Rowe for all the hard work they are putting in to help get the staff caught up on license and permits. The ATRB staff has been getting out once a week in the field doing enforcement. We have issued citations from the enforcement and collected civil fines from the citations issued.
5. ATRB is having trouble with individuals getting a trailer permitted and then getting a pick-up truck inspected to try and use it in conjunction with the trailer to use a tow truck. This matter was tabled so the Board and Deputy Attorney General Doralee Chandler can research the legal limitations of the Board.

Other Business

Next meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. on a motion by Vint, and a Second by Brown. Motion carried 7-0.

Signed: 

Joe Spadoni, Chair

Attest: 

Paul Burnett, Director

Approved 12/13/2023 Date