

State of Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board

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MINUTES Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board • January 19th 2021

The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board convened on Tuesday, January 19th 2021 at 9:35 A.M. in the conference room of the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board office at 7418 North Hills Boulevard, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Chair Joe Spadoni called the meeting to order with roll call; Carrie Meeks, Tom Brown, Greg Cochran, Jerry Vint, and Reggie Binns were present. Matt Ross attended the meeting via Zoom. Also, in attendance were director Steven Rogers, investigator Tracy Watson and legal counsel Joe West.

Chair Joe Spadoni welcomed guests then turned the meeting over to hearing officer, Donna Lipsmeyer. The court reporter was provided by Conway Court Reporting.

Disciplinary Hearings

2021-09-005 East End Towing, Inc. It was found that the Respondent violated ACA § 27-50-1208(b)(3)(C), failing to request motor vehicle records from Georgia to determine ownership, and ACA § 27-50-1208(c) (1), failing to mail the mandatory notice, and ACA § 27-50-1209(e)(1), failing to send the notice of sale and, ACA § 27-50-1209(f), failing to publish the notice of non-judicial public sale in a newspaper of general circulation, and ACA § 27-50-1209(d)(1), failing to request stolen vehicle information from the Arkansas Crime Information Center prior to the sale and, ACA § 27-50-1210(c)(1)-(2), falsely submitting an affidavit of compliance of the statutory sale procedure in order to obtain a title for this vehicle from the Arkansas Department of Motor Vehicles. Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$2,500.00, have at least one (1) of its employees complete any remedial training deemed necessary by the Director of the Board and provide to the Board proof of payment \$3,500.00 in restitution to the Complainant that Respondent had previously agreed to pay prior to the hearing. Board action was unanimous.

Business Meeting Reconvenes

The Minutes for the Board Meeting from October 27th 2020 were approved as presented on a motion by Vint. Second by Cochran. Motion carried 7-0.

Treasurer Carrie Meeks and Steven Rogers presented a Treasurers report. Brown made a motion to approve the report, Second by Binns. Motion carried 7-0.

On-Going Business / Staff Reports

Tracy Watson presented the Complaints Report for the prior month [Attached]

Joe West updated the board on the pending appeal with Big Wrecker including a briefing schedule.

Matt Ross shared a legislative update including several bills that had been introduced early in the session

Steven Rogers updated the board on a number of items including the calendar for the coming year, conversations with the attorney general's office regarding difficult cases, and conversations with legislators in the past several weeks.

The next regular board meeting which would include a hearing schedule was set for Tuesday March 16th 2021.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Signed ______ Joe Spadoni, Chair

Attest _____ Steven Rogers, Director

Approved _____ (Date)