



# State of Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board

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## MINUTES

Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board • March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board convened on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 9:30 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, Wayne Edwards, Matt Ross, and Reggie Binns were present. Also, in attendance were director Steven Rogers, investigators Tracy Watson and John Williams and legal counsel Joe West.

Chair Spadoni welcomed guests then turned the meeting over to hearing officer Marcus DeVine to proceed with the Disciplinary Hearing schedule. The court reporter was Sandy Rowland.

### **Disciplinary Hearings**

Case Number **2020-08-017** Steve's Auto Center violated A.C.A. §27-50-1101 (a)(2)(E)(ii) by failing to make a good faith effort to locate documents or other evidence of ownership and lienholder information after taking possession of a vehicle and ACA 27-50-1208(b)-(c) by attempting to gain title to the vehicle without following the statutory possessory lien process. Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.

Prior to the disciplinary hearing Matt Ross recused himself from the case.

### **Business Meeting Reconvenes**

The Business Meeting reconvened at 12:25 P.M.

The Minutes for the Board Meetings from November 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 were approved as mailed on a motion by Ross. Second by Brown. Motion carried 7-0

Treasurer Carrie Meeks reported operating expenses for the month of February, \$2,962.57 and revenue for the same period as \$24,309.75 The ending balance in the treasury account is \$300,985.50. Ross made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Edwards. Motion carried.7-0.

### **Consent Agreements / Offers of Settlements**

Case Number **2020-09-030** J Hook Towing & Recovery

Following a brief discussion the Board agreed to a \$200.00 civil penalty and to reimburse the complainant \$275.00 for failing to send a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice. Motion was made by Spadoni. Second by Ross. Motion carried 7-0.

Case Number **2020-11-047** Complete Towing & Recovery

Following a brief discussion the Board agreed to a \$100.00 civil penalty and to reimburse the complainant \$50.00. Motion was made by Ross. Second by Cochran. Motion carried 7-0

### **On-Going Business / Staff Reports**

Tracy Watson presented the Complaints Report for February and a Phone Log.

Joe West updated the board on the results of the Big Daddy Bail Bonding Inc.

**New Business**

Steve Rogers offered his director's report including an update on recent activities within the Department of Labor and Licensing, an update on the move to the new offices and included copies of the updated Regulatory / Technical Bulletins staffed used to answer tow related questions that reflect board policy.

The next regular board meeting which would include a hearing schedule was set for Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 to be held at the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board office in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Spadoni, Chair

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Rogers, Director

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)