



State of Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board

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MINUTES

Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board • March 16th 2021

The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board convened on Tuesday, March 16th 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, Jerry Vint, and Reggie Binns, Wayne Edwards and Matt Ross were present. Also, in attendance were director Steven Rogers, investigator Tracy Watson and legal counsel Joe West.

Chair Joe Spadoni welcomed guests.

The Minutes for the Board Meeting from January 19th 2021 were approved as presented on a motion by Brown. Second by Cochran. Motion carried 8-0.

The Treasurers Report presented by Carrie Meeks noting that total income for YTD was \$183,335.50 and operating expenses were \$59,259.74. Rogers noted that the new investigator position had not been filled because income fell short of projections and the money was not there. He also pointed out that licenses and permit renewals were down, the primary reason for the short-fall. The report was approved on a motion by Vint. Second by Binns, Motion carried 8-0.

Consent Agreements/Offer of Settlements

2021-02-018 Steve's Auto Salvage, the board accepted the conditions of the consent agreement. The licensee is to pay a \$500.00 civil penalty for failing to obtain a private property removal form prior to removing the vehicle.

2021-12-012 Helton's Wrecker Service, LTD. After a great deal of discussion and looking back at the history of Helton's Wrecker Service with the same types of complaints the board, on a motion by Brown, Second by Binns increased the civil penalty in the consent agreement from \$1,000.00 to \$6,000.00. The motion carried 8-0.

On-Going Business / Staff Reports

Tracy Watson presented the Complaints Report for the prior month. Also included in the report was a graphic and information looking at the complaint numbers over a five (5) year period and trends that have developed.

Joe West updated the board on the pending appeal with Big Wrecker.

Matt Ross and Steve Rogers briefly went over the legislative session and what came out of the session that would impact the tow industry.

Steven Rogers updated the board on a number of items including an update on education and training programs.

The next regular board meeting which would include a hearing schedule was set for Tuesday May 18th 2021.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Signed _____
Joe Spadoni, Chair

Attest _____
Steven Rogers, Director

Approved _____ (Date)