



State of Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board

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MINUTES

Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board • September 20th 2022

The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board convened on Tuesday, September 20th 2022 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 at 9:30 A.M. with roll call; Joe Spadoni, Tom Brown, Reggie Binns, Wayne Edwards, Carrie Meeks, Jerry Vint, Matt Ross, Scott DeMott were present. Also, in attendance were director Steven Rogers, investigator Tracy Watson and legal counsel Joe West.

The chair introduced Charles Moulton who would proceed with the Disciplinary Hearing schedule. The court reporter was Conway Court Reporting.

Disciplinary Hearings

Case Number **2022-12-021**: Interstate Wrecker LLC. Fort Smith, Effie Drosopoulos was postponed at counsel's request. The hearing was rescheduled for November 15th 2022.

Case Number **2022-05-052**: SF Towing LLC. Jonesboro, Kevin Sartin was heard in Mr. Sartin's absence. Proper notice was mailed.

Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. § A.C.A. §27-50-1203(e)(1)(E) and Board Rule 4.1 by failing to respond to a Board-issued request for information pursuant to this complaint investigation, two (2) counts and Ark. Code Ann. § A.C.A. §27-50-1208(b)-(c) by failing to perfect the possessory lien prior to selling the vehicle. Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$8,750.00 for the violations. Respondent's license is suspended for a period of ninety (90) days for the violations and ordered to complete training to be determined by the Board Director and Chief Investigator. Training to be completed during the period of suspension. If the training is not completed during the suspension period, Respondent's license shall remain suspended until the training is completed.

Motion by Tom Brown. Second by Wayne Edwards. Motion carried. 8-0.

Business Meeting Reconvenes

The Minutes for the Board Meetings from May 17th 2022 were approved as mailed on a motion by Matt Ross. Second by Jerry Vint. Motion carried 8-0

Treasurer Carrie Meeks noted the total revenue for the first month in the new fiscal year, FY 2023 was \$37,868.00 and expenses for the same period was \$6,670.53. These figures were from in-house numbers. Tom Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Jerry Vint. Motion carried. 8-0

Tracy Watson presented the Complaints Report for June 2022

Joe West updated the board on, pending appeals and briefing schedules that had been filed.

The director, Steven Rogers updated the board on what could be upcoming legislative issues, the HD inspection

schedule and the development of the website.

Joe Spadoni updated the board on his conversations with ADLL, Secretary Bassett and others regarding the replacement of the director and the second investigators position. Joe Spadoni indicated he wanted to hold interviews for the investigator position as soon as possible so that the board could demonstrate to the Secretary the urgency of the need to get fully staffed.

The next regular board meeting which would include a hearing schedule was set for Tuesday January 17th 2023 to be held at the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board office in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:42 P.M.

Signed _____
Joe Spadoni, Chair

Attest _____
Steven Rogers, Director

Approved _____ (Date)