MINUTES
ZOOM Meeting
Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board • March 17th 2022

The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board convened by ZOOM, teleconference call on Thursday, March 17th 2022 at 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of a business meeting.

Director, Steven Rogers noted there was a quorum available, Vice Chair, Matt Ross convened the meeting at 9:40 A.M. Also in attendance were Tom Brown, Greg Cochran, Scott DeMott, Carrie Meeks and Jerry Vint. Joe Spadoni joined the call at 9:50 A.M. Also, in attendance were director Steven Rogers, investigator Tracy Watson and legal counsel Joe West.

The Minutes for the Board Meetings from January 18th 2022 were approved as mailed on a motion by Greg Cochran. Second by Jerry Vint. Motion carried 6-0

Tracy Watson presented the Complaints Report for January/ February. Tracy also explained to the board why the two (2) scheduled hearings were not heard, he also indicated that in one instance where the case was dismissed the staff had worked hard in reaching a resolution allowing the case to be withdrawn for the overcharge.

Treasurer Carrie Meeks noted that the agency had not yet received an Expense/Income report from ADLL since her last report. She indicated that a financial update would be mailed once she had done so.

Her primary item was the approval of the ADLL audit 2019/2021 which including the AR Towing & recovery Board. With no questions chair Joe Spadoni asked for a motion to approve as mailed. Matt Ross made a motion to approve the 2019/2020 audit as mailed. Second by Greg Cochran. Motion carried.7-0

Joe West updated the board on Helton appeal indicating that the final order had been issued by Judge Wright simultaneously with the order to dismiss the motion to set aside the suspension of Helton's non-consent license. Mr. West suggested that any effort to collect the remaining outstanding civil penalty be postponed until the motion for reconsideration is ruled on and the deadline for filing an appeal had passed. The suggestion to wait for the appeals to run its course was emphasized for the chair, Joe Spadoni.

Director, Steven Rogers asked the board for permission to stop asking for the rate sheets noting that it was not in the rules or the statute and that it was implemented to answer a question asked years ago by a state Senator. And that the perception of approval of the rates by tow companies was troubling. On a suggestion by Matt Ross and Joe Spadoni it was decided that the rate sheet no longer be a part of the licensing renewal and that in its place the staff conduct a survey twice a year to watch rates posted by region. No motion was needed.

Matt Ross discussed with the board members the need to make a change in the database currently used and to implement an online renewal process in compliance with the ADLL policies and the governor's office. Ross noted there would be no cost to ATRB and that the benefits far outweighed the inconveniences of modifying the current system. The new database system is the ELP and was developed and built by INA. Ken Anderson with ADLL will be the person working with the staff to develop the new products. The change in database and development of the online renewal process was approved on a motion by Greg Cochran. Seconded by Carrie Meeks. Motion carried 7-0.

Joe Spadoni left the meeting.

Steven Rogers presented the Enhanced heavy-duty licensing packet for the board approval. The forms and the licensing process was approved on a motion by Greg Cochran. Second by Tom Brown. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular board meeting which would include a hearing schedule was set for Tuesday May 17th 2022, to be held at the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board office in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

Signed _____
Joe Spadoni, Chair

Attest   _____
Steven Rogers, Director

Approved _____ (Date)