



**Arkansas Towing and
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MINUTES

Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board April 18th, 2023

The Arkansas towing & Recovery Board convened on Tuesday April 18th, 2023, in the Bessie Moore conference room in the Labor and Licensing building located at 900 W. Capitol Avenue, Suite 400 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

Chair Joe Spadoni called the meeting to order at 09:30 am with roll call; Tom Brown, Jerry Vint, Reggie Binns, Scott Demott, Greg Cochran and Wayne Edwards were present. Also, in attendance were Director Paul Burnett, Investigator Tracy Watson, Investigator Sheila Johnson and Legal Counsel Julie Chivas. Matt Ross and Carrie Meeks were absent.

Also in attendance were Seth McIntire, Patrick McIntire and Dan Parker attended after the board reconvened from executive session.

Joe Spadoni introduced the new director, Paul Burnett.

The treasure report was presented by Tom Brown in Carrie Meeks absence. He went over the income and expense report. The report was approved on a motion by Vint. Second by Binns, motion carried 7-0

The board was presented two Consent Agreements that investigator Tracy Watson had negotiated. Investigator Watson presented the findings of each complaint.

2023-08-007, Phoenix Towing & Recovery.

The owner refused to give the consumer a copy of the private property form. The owner was fined \$150.00 for the violation and advised this wouldn't happen again. Cochran made a motion to accept the fine. Second was made by Brown. Motion carried 7-0.

2023-08-009, Jim Smith Collision & Wrecker.

The consumer's car was towed from in front of a home in Conway. After reviewing the pictures, the owner agreed that this was not private property tow. The owner Sam Mitchell of Jim Smith Collision & Wrecker agreed to refund the consumer's bill in the amount of \$338.28 for the tow and storages. The owner Mitchell stated he would train his drivers on the matter. Cochran made the motion to accept the agreement and no additional fines. Brown second the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

On-Going Business/ Staff Reports

1. Investigator Watson gave a report on complaints and status of the open complaints currently. He stated complaints are behind due to manpower issues.

2. Legal Update was given by Julie Chivas on the Alma Towing Case 2022-11-020. Chivas advised the board we received an order from the judge with a split decision. Alma doesn't have to pay restitution but did have to pay penalties in the amount of 7,500 to the Towing and Recovery. Chivas informed the board we missed our 30-day deadline to appeal the order by the judge.

New Business

1. Phillip Bradley, Cleburne County Towing was on the agenda for the meeting, however, he called and stated that he wouldn't be attending the meeting.
2. The new director was introduced and a brief discussion about him.
3. Carvana: the board discussed the rules and regulations so Carvana could have exemptions on some of the safety equipment. Legal was asked to research the matter and report back to the board.
4. Updates were given in reference to the Lost Auto website.
5. Towing and Recovery moved from the NLR location to our new location at 900 W. Capitol Suite 400.
6. Repossessor license was discussed and ATRB will issue Repossession license for \$150.00. That license allows the repo company to do repossessions and consent tows.
7. The updated application forms were presented and approved by the Director and the Board.

Other Business

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, Office of the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board at the new location located at 900 W. Capitol Ave. Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

Meeting adjourned: 12:33 pm