

State of Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board

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MINUTES

Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board • July 20th 2021

The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board convened on Tuesday, July 20th 2021 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 9:36 A.M. with roll call; Carrie Meeks, Tom Brown, Greg Cochran, Wayne Edwards, Reggie Binns and Jerry Vint were present. Also, in attendance were director Steven investigator Tracy Watson and legal counsel Joe West.

Chair Spadoni welcomed guests then turned the meeting over to hearing officer Charles Moulton to proceed with the Disciplinary Hearing schedule. The court reporter was Conway Court Reporting.

Disciplinary Hearings

Case Number 2021-12-012 Helton's Wrecker Service, LTD

Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. § 27-50-1101(a)(2)(A) by failing to notify law enforcement of the private property removal of this vehicle within two (2) hours; violated Ark. Code Ann. § 27-50-1208(c)(1) by failing to mail the mandatory notice not sooner than two (2) business days but within eight (8) business days, and; violated Ark. Code Ann. § 27-50-1208(d)(1) by failing to request information about potential owners or lienholders from the Office of Motor Vehicle or ACIC after not being able to obtain said information within forty-eight (48) hours of taking possession of the vehicle. Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$6,000.00, and; It is further ordered that Respondent's license to operate a nonconsent towing business is suspended for a period of sixty (60) days, effective immediately. Respondent's ability to perform consent tows is not affected. A motion was made by Jerry Vint, seconded by Wayne Edwards. Motion carried, 7-0.

Case Number 2021-04-024 Jeff Riner dba Big Boy's Towing

The Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. § 27-50-1201(a) and Board Rules 6.1 and 6.2 by charging for the towing and storage of a vehicle subject to registration within the State of Arkansas without first possessing and maintaining a valid tow business license and safety permit(s). Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the violation. A motion was made by Reggie Binns, seconded by Greg Cochran. Motion carried, 7-0.

Business Meeting Reconvenes

The Minutes for the Board Meetings from July 20th 2021 were approved as mailed on a motion by Jerry Vint. Second by Tom Brown. Motion carried 7-0

Treasurer Carrie Meeks presented the financial statement for the month of July. The ending balance in the treasury account is \$242,437.34. Tom Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Greg Cochran. Motion carried.7-0

Tracy Watson presented the Complaints Report for August.

Joe West updated the board on the recent results on the latest appeal by Big Wrecker.

On a motion by Greg Cochran. Second by Jerry Vint the current slate of officers were elected by acclamation. Motion carried 7-0. The officer's for the coming year is Joe Spadoni, Chair; Matt Ross, Vice-Chair and Carrie Meeks, Treasurer.

The next regular board meeting which would include a hearing schedule was set for Tuesday November 16th 2021, to be held at the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board office in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:36 P.M.

Signed _____ Joe Spadoni, Chair

Attest Steven Rogers, Director

Approved _____ (Date)