

Minutes of CCSP Housing committee
February 11, 2009

Those in attendance: Keith Runyon, Margo Green, Deb Wilson, Wesley Kluck, Billy Bunn, Tom Calhoon, Sarah Petit, Glen Beedle, Joe Phelps, Art Tippin, Shelley Loe, Carrie Roberson.

The meeting was based upon a recycling plan by 2012 and the Arkadelphia Human Development Centers current recycling program.

The Volunteer Council currently operates a recycling program at the Human Development Center. They will add a mobile shredding service at the end of this month. The start up phase for their program includes 35 metric tons of trash –cardboard, paper, plastic. The Volunteer Council wants to enhance what the city is doing. They are overwhelmed with the positive response from the community. AHDC main priority is to provide jobs for clients with an emphasis on assisting the county in being more green.

The committee also discussed the city of Arkadelphia pursuing a recycling program with the end goal of zero waste. The money that is used from delivering trash to Pine Bluff can be used in re-investments for the city. The city is in the early phase of the project and is requesting partial funding for a feasibility study. The study will benefit both programs. The feasibility study for bio-mass plant will take trash and turn it into power. Conway's recycling program was discussed and was agreed that their program could be a model for what the city of Arkadelphia would like to do. Further research to the program will depend on the finding of the feasibility study.

The committee approved either or both organizations to present grant proposals to CCSP.

Update: The Clark County Housing Study was approved with Southern Bancorp funding the \$12,500. Billy Bunn and Tom Calhoon will meet next week with the consultant to start the process. The consultant hired is Angie Rios with Rios Appraisal and Consulting Services out of Vilonia, AR.