

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2024**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Dan Lima, James Mavromatis, Mitch Morelli, Rob Sproul

ABSENT: Bob Baird, John Davies, Jerry Echemann, George Irvin Jr, Joe Luckino

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Scott Renforth, Natalie Lysle, Craig Petrella

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the JB Green Team building, 228 Technology Way, Steubenville, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, March 11, 2024.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the February 12, 2024 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Bianconi, and seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **Vote: Seven (7) said Aye, with Mr. Morelli, Mr. Lima and Mr. Henry abstaining. Motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Renforth reported revenues for February of \$295,966.68, with expenditures of \$154,031.71 and net income of \$141,933.97. Payroll and Non-Payroll Expenditures were reviewed. Mr. Dawson asked about investing more money in the Star Account as previously discussed. Members stated that they had invested additional funds not long ago after that discussion. Mr. Renforth stated he would be more comfortable if we waited before investing more.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for February 2024 was made by Mr. Dawson and seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mr. Renforth reviewed the Apex tonnage report which showed 12,918.68 tons In-District, 23,104.54 tons Out-of-District, 121,380.11 tons Out-of-State, for total of \$241,197.93 in fees generated.

A motion to approve the Apex Tonnage Report for January 2024 was made by Mr. Krajnyak, seconded by Mr. Henry. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

2024 permanent appropriations

Mr. Renforth asked the Board to approve the 2024 Permanent Appropriations that were submitted. He stated his request closely mirrors the 2024 Tax Budget that was voted on and approved in July 2023, as well as Temporary Appropriations voted and approved in January. He referenced a few differences which included an increase in the payroll related appropriations, he explained it was \$1,000,179.04 and he is now requesting \$1,226,661.00. An increase for Fund 03 Contract Services from \$145,000 to \$150,000, since we were close to that \$150,000 mark in 2023 he asks that it reflect that in 2024. The increase in the (Jefferson County) Health Department Contract has been approved, previously amount of \$80,000 in 2023 is now at \$120,000 for 2024. And an Advertising and Educational Fund increase from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for additional programs with education in schools. There is also a reduction of \$150,000 that was set aside in Fund 20 from \$600,000, he is requesting that it now be \$450,000 because we have a

total of three trucks coming this year that need to be budgeted for, as well as approval for money to be set aside for a new administrative vehicle to replace the explorer.

Mr. Krajnyak made a motion to approve the 2024 Permanent Appropriations, Mr. Sproul seconded. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

Belmont Bins

Ms. Petrella told the Board that she ordered five (5) rear load bins for \$7,000 to be placed at the Powhatan Point Community Drop-off location. We already have a rear load driver picking up for businesses in that area and don't have any other front load bins near there. Powhatan Points front load bins will be switched out for these to save time and 30 miles on the route, adding Powhatan Point is serviced about once or twice a week. The bins will be labeled. She took four (4) front load bins out of Powhatan and relabeled them as commingled to put at sites needing an additional bin. She explained that commingled bins rust quicker than fiber bins because of the leachate generated by the liquids left in items put in them. We've had some of the bins since 2007. The EPA has a Grant in the fall that we plan to apply for to purchase 50 front loading bins, we will need to purchase new bins whether we get approval for the Grant or not. The cost of the bins has increased a good bit since our last purchase, from \$1,000 (in 2020) to \$1,350 each.

Belmont Educator Position

Ms. Petrella stated the Ad for the position has been posted in the Herald Star, Times Leader, on Facebook, our Website and on Indeed. To date we have received 48 applications, all from Indeed, with the majority not qualifying for the position. Deadline to apply was set for March 22nd. She explained the normal procedure to hire staff under her is for her to sort through the applications then interview about five (5), after which she will make her recommendation of who to hire to the Board at a meeting for approval. Any Board member that wishes to be present for the Interviews please let herself or Ms. Lysle know.

Litter Cleanup JB & EEO

Ms. Petrella stated we have been having local litter cleanups by the Jefferson County Enforcement Officer Ben Swoyer and our other staff members during recent good weather. They are taking crews and cleaning up along State on and off ramps, Township and County Roads and dumpsites.

Ms. Petrella informed the Board of a recent issue with the Belmont Water & Soil Community Cleanup schedule that we are partnering with. She explained that the Water & Soil employee is new and did not realize the number of tires they would be getting at the collections because she had assumed they could pile them and then transport them easily to another location. Ms. Petrella had happened to ask them who would be supplying their tire trailers at the collections and discovered there would be none. After the Water & Soil employee understood the possibility of getting 1,500 tires at each site some changes were made to the schedule. The Townships that are able to transport the tires to the one designated site will still accept them, the Trustees at Pultney and Pease have decided they cannot transport so they will not accept tires at their collections. JB Green Team cannot and will not be hauling any tires. Mike Bianconi explained to the Board how the JB Green Team tire collections are usually handled, last year was a one-day collection at one location where tires were collected and loaded into a semi-trailer on site from Liberty Tire.

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that Ms. McMillen and Jeff Vaughn are currently at the Richland Township Trustee meeting to talk about the water runoff plan for the Belmont Building as discussed at the last meeting. A packet provided by Mr. Vaughn was given to members.

JB017 Vehicle

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that the JB017 front load truck broke down last month on I70. Hills truck repair company told her that it needed a brand-new engine for \$60,000. She has since had it towed here to the Jefferson Building and had a traveling mechanic (Best Equipment out of Cleveland) look at it, he thinks this was caused by the air filter being clogged, it had needed a new air filter. Ms. Petrella spoke to Hills again today, explaining to them we recently had a PM (pre-maintenance) done, and was told by the woman at Hills that if the Filter Minder doesn't show that the air filter is blocked we don't change them, but since this happened have changed their policy, to which Ms. Petrella told her in the meantime they have stuck us with a need for a \$60,000 engine. The traveling mechanic explained to Ms. Petrella that the clogged filter dusted the engine and had the air filter been changed it would not have happened. He thinks he may be able to get the truck to run again by changing filters and some work on the transmission. We will not be using Hills for truck maintenance anymore.

Mr. Lima asked how long the bins typically last for us. Ms. Petrella explained that some we've had since 2007 and others since 2011 and they are just starting to really rust on the bottoms.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

Mr. Bianconi stated the Committee did not meet but Mrs. Lysle has kept them informed about the status of the 2023 Grant Reports that were still incomplete. A copy of her email was given to members showing the list of incomplete Reports. Brookside Park District has returned their grant funds as requested, Bethesda Park District and Village of Rayland reports are pending spring installations, Brookside Fire Dept & Village have received their materials and have begun putting their cans and benches together, photos and report expected once complete. Bridgeport Lodge 181 has not returned their funds or contacted the JB Green Team since being notified last month. Mr. Bianconi suggested waiting until the next meeting to see if they respond, if not we send one more letter, then turn the matter over to Attorney Bauer. Members agreed. Mr. Bianconi informed the Board that we have received only three (3) 2024 Grant Applications to date with the deadline of April 1st, so please get the word out to those you know that may be interested.

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that she was just notified by Mrs. McMillen that the Richland Township Trustees did not give us their blessing on the Belmont building water runoff project. Mr. Vaughn now has to go back to ODOT.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

LANDFILL REPORT: Andrew Henry

Mr. Henry reported that for the February Reports there was 149,000 tons of MSW, and 91,000 tons of CD&D. Their average tonnage is up slightly to about 7,700 tons per day from 7,500 according to the last couple meetings with them. They are approved for 10,000 tons per day at the site. There were fifteen (15) Odor complaints in February, only one verified by the Landfill Odor Techs. The Health Department patrols are out there every week and detected odors twice. There have been no Notice of Violations in 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Fabian provided copies of the email regarding the Environmental Court from Attorney Bauer who explained there are only two (2) Environmental Courts in the State of Ohio which are in Franklin County (Columbus) and Lucas County (Toledo). Mr. Fabian attached the Ohio Revised Codes that Mr. Bauer addresses for member to reference. Mr. Bauer's letter explains the lengths the Authority would have to go through in an attempt to establish an Environmental Court, and why currently there are only three (3) locations allowed to have them. Another issue would be that even if that process was successful, they would be required to have the Court in Steubenville, which only has one Municipal Judge and would be an issue when situations of conflict of interest or two court hearings are at the same time. Members briefly discussed the issue and decided it was not something the Authority could pursue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Craig Petrella informed the Board that Apex is on schedule to open the Gondola building in early-mid April after which they will be pushing the 10,000 tons per day. They are currently installing the weigh and motion scale.

Next meeting set for Monday, April 8, 2024, at the Belmont JB Green Team building at 5:30pm. A Grant Committee Meeting was set to be held just prior at 4:30pm to review the 2024 Grant Applications.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.

ATTEST:


Scott Fabian, Chair


Mike Bianconi, Secretary