

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Terry Bell, Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Scott Fabian, Barbara Godwin, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, James Mavromatis, Mark McVey, Frank Petrola, Rob Sproul

**ABSENT:** Jerry Echemann, Joe Luckino, Domenick Mucci

**OTHERS:** Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Craig Petrella, John Henthorne, Dwayne Pielech, Ken Leach, Jennifer Leach, Tracy Pearson, Sandy Lytton, Chuck Lytton, Jon Getzlaff

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the Bellaire Public Library in Bellaire, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, February 11, 2019.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the January 14, 2019 Reorganizational meeting minutes was made by Mr. Petrola and seconded by Mr. Bell. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the January 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes was made by Mr. McVey and seconded by Mr. Bell. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Gus Kayafas – New Building Update**

Mr. Kayafas provided a printed copy of a draft Legal Ad to be placed in two local newspapers and on the JBGT website, asking for sealed bids for the construction of the new building. He explained that the construction documents are about 98% complete, and on February 18<sup>th</sup> they will be submitting them to the State of Ohio for building permits and plan review, and they will be available to submitters at that time. The Ads will run for two weeks, then from February 18<sup>th</sup> they will have a month to submit the bids by March the 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline. On February 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a pre-bid meeting at the drop site for all contractors to obtain or want to obtain a set of drawings or specs. They will walk the site and review the project area, answer questions about the drawings, etc., giving the contractors two weeks to tabulate their bids by the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The bids will be received at the Kayafas's office, and they will have a public bid opening as required, Board members are welcome to attend. They will tabulate them but no decision will be made at that time, they will work with the Committee to vet the bidders, tabulate the bids, prepare a contract and then present their recommendation to the Board at the April 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Mr. Kayafas reviewed some of the requirements that will be in the bid package. He stated the construction will start immediately if all is approved at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, and be substantially complete in 7 months, November 1<sup>st</sup>, allowing the trucks to be parked inside before another winter. At which time a punch list will be generated for the final items needing to be complete, and those will be completed within 30-60 days.

Mr. Bell asked about the number of site visits they will make during the build, Mr. Kayafas answered as many as it takes, typically every two weeks. They ask that Board/Committee members be present at every meeting, they will take minutes to distribute to the SWA Director. Anita Petrella stated we will put the Ads in and asked the Board who they wish to do the interviews of the contractors in addition to herself, Gus, Natalie and Dave? The Board agreed to

have Mr. Bell and Joe Luckino continue to be involved during this process. She will send the meeting dates to Board members in case they wish to attend as well.

Mr. McVey asked about prevailing wage requirements? Anita Petrella stated that the Authority's Legal Counsel Albin Bauer is expected to give a response on that, they had already questioned him if it was just for federal moneys.

Mr. Kayafas will attend the March meeting if there is anything new to report, otherwise he will be back at the April meeting. He quickly reviewed some of the fees to be expected during the Plan Review Process at the State Level.

#### **Collection Group – to address the Board**

Ms. Jennifer Leach of Blue Ribbon spoke to the Board about issues with the Transfer Station in Belmont County. Explaining the local haulers need help, they have no place to take their garbage they collect from their customers due to the Transfer station being closed so often and are unable to make the numerous long trips to Cambridge or other locations. The Transfer Station was closed again today and Saturday and had just one trailer available Friday, her company can fill 15-20 trailers a day. She services 1,500 customers and has been turning away customers, two private haulers have already gone out of business due to this issue. She was told by the EPA to ask the Authority for help, the EPA told her that the JBRSW Authority could buy the Transfer Station which she was told is for sale. She discussed a trucking company out of Chicago and Indiana who leases trailers and trucks for hauling solid waste to transfer stations.

Mr. Hays explained the Authority operates under the Division of Solid Waste in Columbus, and has a Plan that does not allow them to purchase the Transfer Station. The only way would be to go through a lengthy process of revising the Plan, which would include having it ratified in both Counties. He asked her to provide him the name and contact information of who she spoke to so he could get them in contact with Columbus.

Board members Mr. Dawson and Mr. Bianconi spoke briefly about the Authority's wish to help for a resolution to the issues.

Mr. Craig Petrella of Apex stated the tonnage numbers are down due to their inability to accept waste from third party haulers because of the road conditions, two access roads 157 & 158 are requested to be abandoned by Germain Township, and the Harrison County Engineer retired recently. County Road 51 should be open sometime this week with access to Apex, however the roads inside the landfill have deteriorated in the last 2-3 weeks from the wet weather. They themselves have 20-30 trailers needing dumped, some they can't get to with half frozen. The McKee's Rocks Transfer station was also shut down along with the Belmont Transfer Station, both due to weather related issues. The two walking floors brought in to ATS are also effected due to the Twsp Road 157. There is no issue with the rail cars.

Dwayne Pielech told the Board he has been hearing the same excuses for years regarding the issues at the Transfer Station. He discussed the loss of money for waste going out of the state or going to other Counties. He talked about needing a local alternative, something along the river in Martins Ferry. He met with the Mascaro Company out of Philadelphia that operates in Brooke and Wetzel County and suggested maybe they would be willing to operate in Belmont County. He suggested a meeting with the company to discuss the possible volume and benefits for them. He stated that it is an unfair playing field because West Virginia won't give Ohio haulers permits to pick up trash in Wheeling for example, but WV haulers can come into Ohio and take their business. He'd like to find out how much trash is going to those out of the area landfills for the a meeting with Mascaro.

Mr. McVey asked how many Solid Waste Authorities in the State of Ohio own Transfer Stations? Mr. Hays responded there are 2 out of 52; and that most Transfer stations are owned by large waste companies or individual Municipalities. The high cost for the Authority to purchase the Transfer station, the up-front capital to purchase the facility, trucks, trailers, and the debt that would be incurred to do so was addressed and discussed by the Board. It was pointed out the issues seem to be inside the landfill and not with the Transfer station itself, so the Transfer Station would have the same issues even if purchased by the JBRSWA. Mr. McVey questioned that if the Transfer Station would be such a big money maker for whomever purchased it, as Ms. Leach has stated, then why don't they do it? Because the Authority deals with public money's and it would not be fair to use those funds to serve just a portion of the District, and not all; adding that if the Authority did purchase the Transfer Station, it would most likely have to raise rates to incur such a profit.

Mr. John Henthorne addressed the Board as a customer of the haulers. Stating with the Rates and Charges included on his taxes, he felt he was not being represented by the Board and wants the Board help to resolve the issue. Mr. McVey responded by stating that he is indeed being represented by the Board., explaining the Authority's goals, from the Ohio EPA, is for recycling, cleanups and special collections, and there is only so much money to do that with. The Rates and Charges are to help run the recycling program, and if the Transfer Station is purchased that would be additional costs. Mr. Henthorne continued to speak to the Board and discussed his concerns of where the garbage will eventually end up if something doesn't change.

Tracy Pearson spoke to the Board as a resident with a basement full of stuff that she can't get a dumpster to get rid of it with. She asked the Board to look into an outside company coming into the area and servicing the haulers. Ms. Leach stated they would be willing to pay more to have a facility to dump at locally, because it would save her in fuel, employee time and the ability to service more of her customers daily.

Chuck Lytton spoke to the Board as a local roll-off business owner on how the problem is that the Transfer Station it is currently owned by a private company, and that if the JBRSWA purchased it and leased it out to a company, they then would then have some kind of control over it. He then discussed how his 25 roll-offs are sitting full with difficulty emptying them, and how the traveling to empty them is costing him time, money and more business because he cannot service the callers.

Mr. Krajnyak stated that Martins Ferry is having the same issues, and has even spoken to the railroad about hauling by train out of Martins Ferry. He would be willing to be a liaison for the JBRSWA Board to sit down and discuss at a meeting. Board members Chuck Dawson, Mike Bianconi and Mr. Krajnyak will work with them to try to help them with the issue.

Mr. Fabian explained to the guests that the Authority did invest \$108,000 towards the repair of the access road to Apex located in Harrison County. Craig Petrella explained how the funds had to come from and go to government agencies for the repair, then stated Apex owns the Transfer station, one part where the scale house is, and one where they dump, the road is owned by Puskarich and has to be leased, they have tried to purchase but could not because of it having to go to a Super Fund site.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Fiscal Report:**

Mr. Hays reported January revenues of \$222,059, with expenditures of \$114,727 and net income of \$107,333.

Mr. Hays stated they have received the insurance check from CORSA for \$58,500 for the wrecked truck; but he needs permission to increase Estimated Revenue in the Rates and Charge Fund to \$60,000; and increase the Appropriations in the Repair Line Item in the Rates and Charges by \$65,000 to fix the Truck.

Mr. Bell made a motion to approve the increase Estimated Revenue in the Rates and Charge Fund to \$60,000, and increase the Appropriations in the Repair Line Item in the Rates and Charges by \$65,000. Mr. Krajnyak seconded. **Roll call Vote: All said Yes. Motion approved.**

January Non-Payroll expenditures were reviewed with no questions from the Board. The Tonnage Report shows 8,417.91 In-District tons; 8,358.59 Out-of-District tons; 78,035.98 tons of Out-of-State tons.

Mr. Hays discussed the times that there is a need for a general credit card for staff; explaining that there is new legislation by the State, but the Authority has to adopt a Policy to use them. He would like to present such a Policy at the next Board meeting for approval, members agreed.

**Director's Report:**

Anita Petrella quickly reviewed the AutoCar truck repair status, expected to be a month or two. Haven't had to use the rental truck thanks to the old Mac still hanging on.

Grants have been a nightmare with the late Reports for 2018, the office spent all last week trying to contact all the ones overdue for either the report or the funds returned. Some haven't followed all the rules, etc.

The weather caused early closure a few days last week.

Anita Petrella reported that Mr. Sproul had inquired about putting a place to dispose of the unwanted plastic bags at the Drop-off sites. Mr. Sproul explained the suggestion. Anita Petrella discussed the logistics of adding the service at every site, the possible theft of the can, how it would need additional staff, equipment as well as a vehicle.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian**

None.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul**

None.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey**

They met today to review employees. The Committee recommends a 3% raise effective and retroactive to the first pay of 2019 for all employees including contract employees.

Mr. Bianconi made a motion to give a 3% raise to all employees retroactive to the first pay of 2019. Seconded by Mr. Kolanski. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes. Motion approved.**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis**

No report.

**GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Barbara Godwin**

Ms. Godwin reported there have been two (2) Applications for the 2019 Grants so far, she plans to hold a Committee meeting prior to next Board Meeting.

**LANDFILL REPORT: Dr. Frank Petrola**

Dr. Petrola reported there were 51 complaints in January, 17 so far in February. Oddly they included a new complainant from near Blackmore Golf course.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Krajnyak stated he was contacted by a local school asking if JBGT would conduct a recycling contest in May. Anita Petrella said it shouldn't be a problem and asked that he send her the information so the Education Coordinator could get in touch.

Next meeting is set for Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Steubenville City Hall

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. with a motion from Mr. McVey, seconded by Mr. Sproul. **Vote: All said Aye.**

**ATTEST:**

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Scott Fabian, Chair

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Mike Bianconi, Secretary