

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2019**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Barbara Godwin, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Joe Luckino, James Mavromatis, Mark McVey, Domenick Mucci, Frank Petrola,

ABSENT: Rob Sproul

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Stephen R Baker, Michelle Baker, Ronald Duvall, Annette Stewart

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, April 15, 2019.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the March 11, 2019 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Dr. Petrola and seconded by Mr. Mucci. **Vote: All said Aye, with Mr. Dawson abstaining. Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the March 25, 2019 special meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci and seconded by Dr. Petrola. **Vote: All said Aye, with Mr. Bianconi abstaining. Motion passed**

CORRESPONDENCE: Scott Fabian

Mr. Fabian stated the Authority received a letter from Terry Bell resigning from the Board. Ms. Mucci made a motion to accept Mr. Bell's resignation, Ms. Godwin seconded. **VOTE: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

Mr. McVey made a motion to purchase a plaque in appreciation for his years of service and invite him to the next meeting to present it. Mr. Dawson seconded. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

Executive Director Anita Petrella informed the Board that at the Belmont County Trashy Art Contest held for students, a poster was entered with political purposes. The poster was removed and the student could re-enter a project if they so wished. Ms. Petrella explained that she and Mrs. Shepherd met with the father of the student, Stephen Baker a Smith Township Trustee, at the Township building this morning. She explained that Mr. Baker was very rude to Ms. Shepherd on the phone and herself at the morning meeting speaking over her, she advised him to attend tonight's meeting and address the Board directly. She told the Board that she felt the youth Event was not the place to address his political complaints.

Mr. Stephen Baker told the Board he didn't feel that Smith Township was getting their fair shake; believing they should have three drop-off recycling boxes in their Township. Ms. Petrella explained that the site was removed in 2014 for lack of use during cutbacks and it would add travel time for both types of bins and be difficult to add with the staff currently having a full schedule. Mr. Ronald Duvall stated they would be willing to call and let staff know when the bins need emptied. Mr. McVey stated he being from a remote area, he felt they should be given the bins. Board Members discussed at length.

Mr. McVey made a motion to purchase two (2) bins, 1 commingled and 1 paper) to provide Smith Township a drop-off recycling site.

Discussion, Ms. Petrella asked Mr. Baker if what they had discussed this morning and agreed upon had changed? He informed her that their Township employees don't have the time to pull a trailer to be emptied. The road conditions to possible sites were discussed, Ms. Petrella was concerned about the gas & oil truck traffic. Mr. Bianconi suggested doing some research first. Locations were discussed, the Senior Center was suggested as a good location. Mr. McVey stated Ms. Shepherd, Ms. Petrella and the Township could get together and work out a location.

Mr. Kolanski seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes. Motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays reported March revenues \$223,944.98, with expenditures of \$237,832.08 for a net loss of \$13,887.10. The Grants and repairs for the wrecked packer truck impacted that amount, an insurance check was received for \$61,000 for the body work. Non-payroll expenditures were reviewed.

Mr. Hays reported January tonnage from Apex of 9,082.77 In-District, 9,662.14 Out-of-District, and 75,379.53 Out-of-State for a total of 94,124.44 tons, yielding \$141,476.35 in March.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for March 2019 was made by Ms. Godwin and seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mr. Hays informed the Board that the Authority is under an Audit effective today.

Adding Drop-off bins for Smith Township and other locations were discussed. Ms. Petrella explained to the Board the staff is swamped and cannot expand any programs with the current staff. Mrs. Shepherd stated many Townships have been asking for years to be added, she has also applied for a grant to replace old bins but they won't be announced on who is awarded until May due to the high number of applicants. The EPA Access Requirement rate was discussed, Mr. Hays explained that it had been at 90% but that has since been reduced to 80%. Mr. Petrella stated we are currently at 110%. The Rates and Charges being reduced was briefly discussed by members, as well as the changes in the status of the landfill. Mr. Mucci stated that sites were chosen for removal back in 2014 for low volume with an analysis. Members debated on cutting or increasing services.

Director's Report:

Anita Petrella explained the Planning Committee is to meet to discuss a Resolution, according to the OEPA the Authority has to ratify the Budget before moving forward on the new building. This adds an additional 90 days on to the estimated breaking ground date, going from November to February for possible completion. With that being said she asked that the Board approve to extending the contract for the lease of the current Jefferson office space, with either the old or new owners because it is for sale by the owner, for another year. This will prevent having additional costs of moving again before completion.

Mr. Bianconi made a motion to extend the office lease to June 2020. Seconded by Mr. Dawson. **VOTE by Roll Call: 12 said Yes, with Mr. Luckino abstaining. Motion passed.**

Ms. Petrella brought copies of the 1st Quarter Enforcement Officers Reports for members to view if any wished to do so.

Electronic Collections

Director Petrella reported that the Electronic Collection events were completed the last two weekends, with long lines and waiting time at both. The Invoices for the collections received were in the amounts of \$16,377 for Belmont's and \$18,907 for Jefferson's, these amounts do not include the labor and other expenses. The Collection in Jefferson was held in Steubenville, filled three (3) trucks with electronics two tractor trailers with 1,498 tires. CRV type TV's were accepted again with a \$10 fee, and now cost the Authority per pound rather than count as of this year, averaging \$27 per TV. Board members discussed the collections, the process of the collecting and the packing of the electronics into the trucks. Costs for additional cleanups were discussed. Appropriations for 2019 were explained by Mr. Hays who stated our appropriations are exceeding our revenue for this year if no changes are made, which includes the new building. He recommended waiting until next year to see what revenues come in and how the Authority is financially.

Resolution:

Mr. Petrella said following ORC 3734.56; the Board of Directors of a Joint District may request a Policy/Planning Committee to prepare and adopt amendments to any of the provisions of District Plan. Mr. Hays explained they have a Resolution written up by Attorney Bauer, requesting the Planning Committee adopt a separate Resolution amending the budgetary section only of the SW Plan. Changes to be made are highlighted in yellow on the spreadsheet, he reviewed the key changes with the Board. Board members discussed the possible amendment, the costs of the new building, ways to lower the cost, costs of waiting to build and the current bid amounts. Mr. Luckino told the Board a lot nearby looking to build came out pretty close cost wise per square foot. Mr. McVey discussed the upcoming new SW Plan and suggested waiting and doing the ratification with it. The 2021 ratification process and timeline was discussed. Prefab buildings were discussed. Mr. Luckino stated that costs will continue to climb with passing of time for materials; we need to set a deadline and make a decision. Pole buildings were discussed.

Mr. Mavromatis recommended waiting to make up their minds on the building before proceeding with the resolution. The Resolution was tabled until the next Board meeting after Mr. Kayafas attends with other prefab building options. Mr. Kolanski will contact Gus Kayafas to discuss the information he was looking for prior to attending the next Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey

None.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Barbara Godwin

Ms. Godwin stated the Committee did not meet, but one additional Grant application from Powhatan Point Pool was lost in the email system at first and was since approved for \$5,000.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

LANDFILL REPORT: Dr. Frank Petrola

Mr. Petrola reported there were 47 complaints last month, with most on the 12th & 19th with nothing out of the ordinary going on at the Landfill. Twenty nine (29) so far in April with 15 of those reported on 8th, 12th & 13th, again nothing different going on to cause the issues. They spoke to Joe Tatarek who said Apex was fully operational as well as Montauk and didn't know what the issue could be.

Annette Stewart addressed the Board on behalf of the Jefferson County Health Department, providing a copy of their 2018 Solid Waste Program Expenditures. She stated they are interested in renewing the contract with the Authority and discussed previous amounts funded in recent years. They have four (4) sanitarians who all work at the landfill at different times because they are all generalist. The average Sanitarian salary and benefits cost \$36.67 per hour, and they spent 2,123 hours in Solid Waste Program in 2018. The administrative cost adding 4%, plus travel expenses at .26 cents per mile, subtracting the Infectious waste totaled \$94,295.42, which she said has remained the same for the last 3 or 4 years. The C&D funds from Apex are spent on extra meetings with the EPA, doing extra patrols for the EPA, employees working afternoon and evenings or early in the mornings. The moneys they are paying their sanitarians has been increasing for the extra work, for which they have been taking the funding out of Landfill Fund. She asked for an increase if possible for the 2019 funding from the Authority in the amount of \$94,295.42. The work is mandated by the EPA. Board Members asked about the Landfill Fund. She explained that they get to keep 40 cents per ton after paying out to ODNR and others, but that Fund pays for Dr. Petrola's time in Columbus, Court hearings with C&D Landfill/Scugoza, odor complaints from the gas wells being put up causing overtime, Mr. Bianconi asked how much is generated annually with the 40 cents per ton, and what is normally done with those funds? She responded that goes towards the overtime, Dr. Petrola's time, our Board time, legal fees, time in Court, trips to Columbus, a representative from Apex comes in once a week for meetings, she is not allowed to take that money and put it towards their Solid Waste Program, it is specifically in the area of Apex. Mr. Mucci asked what amount is allowed in the Plan, Mr. Hays answered \$73,571 is what is in the SW Plan.

Mr. Mucci asked how much is generated on the 40 cents per ton annually? She didn't bring that budget with her but believes on the appropriations side for next year \$555,000; of that money they pay \$1 to ODNR, 6 cents goes to EPA, Germane Township, Springfield Township and the County Commissioners. She has been ending the year with a zero balance in the C&D /the Landfill Fund. The Solid Waste Board helps the Health Department do the Solid Waste work they do.

Mr. Bianconi asked her to bring the financial breakdown to next months Board Meeting, and to email them to Anita ahead of time so she can send them to the full Board to review beforehand. Mrs. Stewart said she would be happy to do that.

Mr. Fabian stated the bottom line next month will be is if the Board going to vote to deviate from the Plan. The length of the current Plan and if the Plan Budget would need to be ratified for this as well was questioned.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Craig Petrella of Apex stated within the near future the railroad and Apex will enter into negotiations; put some spur lines in, looking for offloading building for C&D waste.

Mr. Dawson reported the Transfer station has improved dramatically. Mr. Petrella stated they restructured management people and upgraded some equipment.

Mr. Luckino asked if the work was completed on the roadway yet. Mr. Petrella stated no, Apex and Harrison County are still in discussion and they are doing a very poor job maintaining the roads. Adding the Authority cut a \$108,000 check to them for baseline and will need to pay \$72,000 for the emulsification. Mr. Bianconi and several members of the Board did not recall that amount still needing to be paid.

NEW BUSINESS: Next meeting set for Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Steubenville City Hall

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7 pm. with a motion from Mr. Krajnyak, seconded by Mr. Bianconi. **Vote: All said Aye, motion passed.**

ATTEST:

Mark McVey, Vice Chair

Mike Bianconi, Secretary