

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY MINUTES  
FROM REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr., Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Joe Luckino, Jim Mavromatis, Dan Lima, Rob Sproul

**ABSENT:** John Davies, Mitch Morelli, Domenick Mucci

**OTHERS:** Anita Petrella, Alisha Teramana, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Louise Holliday

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the Belmont Building at 5:30PM on, Monday, February 14, 2022.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the January 10, 2022, Reorganization Meeting minutes was made by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Echemann. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed. Mr. Dawson, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Kolanski, Mr. Krajnyak and Mr. Lima abstained.**

A motion to approve the January 10, 2022, Regular Monthly Meeting minutes was made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Henry. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed. Mr. Dawson, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Kolanski, Mr. Krajnyak and Mr. Lima abstained.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Scott Fabian

Five notes of gratitude were received from *Stock the Pantries* donation checks in Jefferson and Belmont County. St. Francis Cabrini Community Food Pantry, Urban Mission Ministries, Daily Bread Center, St. Vincent DePaul Ministry and The Friendship Room.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Anita Petrella

Ms. Petrella noted that Mr. Hays was unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances, but he sent all the reports ahead of time. Ms. Petrella introduced new board member, Dan Lima, who replaced Mark McVey. She also welcomed back Tony Kolanski and Robert Krajnyak.

The revenue and expenditures for January of 2022 are listed on page 1 followed by the non-payroll expenditures on page two. Ms. Petrella highlighted the two expenditures to Government Policy Services within the same month and clarified that it was just how the billing fell for the month. Also listed is the \$2,204 in legal services as well as the \$3,500 start-up for the Debris Cleanup Program in Jefferson County. Belmont County Soil & Water District is still looking into starting the program as well.

The Tonnage Report from Apex shows 31,313.76 in Out-of-district tons, 100,890.60 in Out-of-State tons, 50,445.30 tons with the \$ .50 surcharge, which brings the total tonnage to 126,457.69 and the total submitted from Apex to JB Green Team was \$192,559.87.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Irvin, seconded by Mr. Luckino.  
**VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

**DIRECTORS REPORT: Anita Petrella**

*Pending Contracts*

The Belmont County Sheriff has signed contract for Environmental Enforcement Officer and is awaiting Sheriff or representative signature for Jefferson County Sheriff Contract. The Jefferson County Board of Health Contract is signed and being returned to Mr. Henry for signature from Board of Health President.

*Seneca Engineering*

Ms. Petrella brought before the board an application summary for an engineering firm to look at Kimble Transfer station. The position was advertised in newspaper, public notice and online. Only received one firm interested and the board was given the 18-page statement of qualifications to review prior to meeting as well as available copies at the meeting. They did not include any information on pricing and fees yet so she opened the floor for thoughts to which Mr. Echemann thought it would be a good idea to proceed and to also find out an estimate from them. Mr. Fabian added that this company specializes in this type of work. Mr. Luckino asked if we were required to do this and Mr. Fabian stated that we should be doing this as part of our due diligence, to make sure that Kimble is not violating our siting strategy. Mr. Luckino also inquired as to if Kimble has reached out to JB Green Team to which Ms. Petrella responded no. Mr. Echemann asked if there would be a vote on a plan for Kimble moving forward. Mr. Fabian stated that they would down the road and that Mr. Echemann should step back from this point forward since the Belmont County Commissioners have taken an official stance on the Transfer Station. Mr. Echemann inquired further about what Seneca Engineering would be doing to which Mr. Fabian informed that they would do such tasks as studying how it would affect traffic on route 40, lighting and its effect on traffic on I-70, study our siting strategy and consult. Mr. Dawson asked if all of the public hearings have been conducted and Mr. Echemann believed so. They (Kimble) got the final OK from the EPA at the end of December. Further discussion was held regarding possible next steps, and it was decided that they will postpone approving application until after more information regarding pricing and fees are received.

*Grants*

Ms. Petrella brought two inquiries before the board for discussion. The first was an additional tire collection for townships that would be made possible by our community grant. While it is possible to use the grant for this purpose, it opens up Pandoras Box to 28 other townships to do the same when JB Green Team offers Tire Collections each year for this purpose already. Mr. Dawson asked if it would be possible to have the collection after we have our own collection. Ms. Petrella didn't see the necessity in having an additional collection above what was already available for each township. Mr. Henry agreed that while it did meet the criteria for a grant application, it was not the most creative choice for a grant idea and there are already collections available to the residents for tires each year. Mr. Krajnyak inquired as to what would happen to tires once collected and whose responsibility it would be to see that they were properly recycled. Ms. Petrella said that the townships would be required to use the appropriate companies to ensure that all protocols were being adhered to.

The second inquiry came from the Fraternal Order of Police, which is a 501 (c)(8) organization, as opposed to a 501 (c)(3) organization which is what we accept for grant applicants. To be described in 501(c)(8), an organization must meet the following requirements: It must have a fraternal purpose; It

must operate under the lodge system; and it must provide for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits. The police department in Bridgeport would like to apply for the grant for benches throughout the town. Ms. Petrella brought it before the board because they had not previously received a request from this type of non-profit, but thought it was for the good of the community. Mr. Bianconi agreed that would be a good idea because it would be for the good of the community. Mr. Sproul wanted to ensure that it be clearly stated that these grants were only for use within the Jefferson and Belmont Counties since the Fraternal Order of Police group could cover more than one county. Discussion followed to fill in Mr. Lima on grant application guidelines.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian**

Did not meet.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul**

Did not meet.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: George Irvin Jr.**

Did not meet.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis**

Did not meet.

**GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi**

Did not meet.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino**

Did not meet.

**APEX REPORT: Andrew Henry**

For the month of January, MSW was 113,103.96 tons and 56,171.40 tons for CD&D. Apex closed 2021 with no notice of violations, making two years in a row of no violations. Mr. Henry also noted that there were no violations so far this year and zero odor complaints in January.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Jefferson County Board of Health Agreement*

Mr. Henry explained that in 2021, the Health Department had \$88,000 worth of expenses in their Solid Waste Fund. The amount in the agreement is not to exceed \$80,000. In going back and looking at some of the expenses that were charged internally to their solid waste fund, there were some C&D expenses that shouldn't have been in there and may have contributed to requests for higher contracts than were necessary. He did not believe that their Solid Waste Program was a \$125,000 program, but he could see it potentially exceeding \$80,000 at some point. There are certain

things such as an increase in work within the program that would require revisiting the budget. He wanted to ensure the board was aware that of that potential and to monitor that they have instituted itemized monthly bills. Mr. Luckino asked if COVID impacted the budget and Mr. Henry believed that, if anything, in 2020. The staff still had to do all their solid waste inspections. Solid waste still had APEX and residual waste inspections that they were able to conduct as well.

The next meeting is set for Monday, March 14, 2022, at the JBGT Jefferson County Building in Steubenville at 5:30pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm with a motion from Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Luckino. **VOTE: All Said Aye.**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Scott Fabian, Chair

  
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Mike Bianconi, Secretary