

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2020**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, John Goosman, George Irvin Jr., Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Joe Luckino, James Mavromatis, Mark McVey, Domenick Mucci, Robert Sproul

ABSENT: Nicole Balakos, Chuck Dawson, John Davies

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Albin Bauer, Brandon Reese, Dr. Joe Lewis, Geary Bates, Bekah Hawrothweigel, Nicolas Mastros, Frank Takoch, Tony Morelli

A quorum being present, Chairman Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the Steubenville City Hall, 115 S 3rd Street, Steubenville, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, January 6, 2018.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the December 9, 2019 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci and seconded by Mr. Luckino. **Vote: All said Aye, with Mr. Irvin abstaining. Motion passed.**

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Brandon Reese, President of Jefferson County Regional Airport Authority

Mr. Reese spoke about the impact the Waste Authority has on the airport, the siting requirements, and the deadly combination of wildlife and airports. He stated the Airport Authority's main job is safety. He explained how wildlife increases with MSW landfills, mainly birds, which can be dangerous to planes and their occupants. He believes updating the Authority's siting requirements while updating the SW Plan is something that can be used to address that issue, and asked the Board to take a hard look at them now while updating the Plan to protect the people, pilots and passengers. The JC Airport Authority has invested over 20 million dollars into the airport, and just one accident due to increased wildlife could create a big issue of pilots not wanting to use the airport. Large corporate jets now use the airport and buy jet fuel, bringing economic benefits. Word of a bird strike as a result of a nearby landfill would spread like wildfire with pilots who would then stop using the airport, having a big impact on the economic development they have focused on. He asked the Authority to not rely on the limited authority of the FAA and the OEPA to protect the Airport. The OEPA regulation has a exception to their safety zoning rule, if the waste processor is putting a plan in place to protect the airport the EPA may let it pass. The FAA regulations are geared towards large commercial airports. This leaving the Solid Waste Authority as the ones to protect the County Airport through its siting strategy in the Solid Waste Plan.

Mr. Reese discussed how the Jefferson County Airport had construction in 2014 to increase the runway to 5,000 feet to bring in fast corporate jets. Airplanes coming into the airport now are far different than before 2014. They have 500 acres of land that they manage. In one years time the airport has 4,000 airport operations (aircraft landings and takeoffs). They sold 15,000 gallons of Avgas. In 2019 their airport sold 58,000 gallons of jet fuel. He asked the Board to please look at Plan and see if something can be done to help protect the Airport.

Dr. Joe Lewis – Friends of Cross Creek.

Dr. Lewis asked the SW Board to act sooner than the 5 year Plan update to improve their siting strategies. They have been told because of prior litigation 20 years ago in Clark County if the