

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bob Baird, Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Dan Lima, James Mavromatis, Mitch Morelli, Rob Sproul

ABSENT: John Davies, Joe Luckino,

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Scott Renforth, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd

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, September 11, 2023.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the July 15, 2023 Special meeting minutes was made by Mr. Krajnyak, seconded by Mavromatis. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the August 14, 2023 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded by Mr. Henry. **Vote: 10 said Aye, with Mr. Kolanski, Mr. Irvin and Mr. Morelli abstaining. Motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Renforth reported revenues for August were \$317,586.26, with expenditures of \$193,120.86 and net income of \$124,465.40. Non-Payroll expenditures for August totaled \$79,942.16.

Payroll expenditures for 2023 are \$40,368.32.

Apex July tonnage Report shows 10,919.22 In-District, 24,598.82 Out-of-District, Out-of-state 127,350.33 yielding \$251,142.36.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for August 2022 was made by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Sproul. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

Infinite Electronics

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that the staff members were given a tour of the Infinite Electronics Recycling business here in Wintersville recently. She reported the tour was very informative for everyone and was pleased to find out they also refurbish and resell some of the computers.

Drivers

Ms. Petrella stated that the new full-time employee is doing very well, he helped free another worker up to be able to sand and paint the blue goose trailers which are placed at the local malls for Stock the Pantry each year, as well as a few other community locations. A temporary paint room was rigged with tarps hanging on rings that can be pulled back like a shower curtain out of

the way until needed. She added that she is grateful to have him especially now that we have one driver scheduled for knee replacement Friday and another having eye surgery soon.

EEO Request

Ms. Petrella stated that the Environmental Enforcement Officers are both requesting permission to purchase a set of running boards for their new trucks for \$430 per set. They stated that they would protect the low lights and rocker panels. She asked the Board for approval of \$860 for both since these were not in the original agreements for the vehicle equipment.

Mr. Bianconi made a Motion to approve the purchase of the two sets of running boards for the new EEO trucks for a cost of \$860. Mr. Krajnyak seconded. **Roll call vote: All said yes. Motion approved.**

Ms. Petrella reported on the Belmont Building gas line. Jeff Vaughn had met with Mrs. Shepherd and Columbiana Gas regarding the installation which is expected to be soon.

The Invoice for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection held in Jefferson County on June 17th was just received. She reported that there had been 342 cars that came through with materials at a cost of \$49,723.63. Belmont's collection will be on Saturday, September 23rd. Ms. Shepherd reported that the office is getting steady phone calls about it.

Waste Management Proposal

Ms. Petrella explained that Jefferson County materials from the Cell was hauled by Don Moore to Kimble's Transfer Station in Carrolton for \$30 per ton, then Kimble across the board raised the cost to \$95 per ton. This increase included Cambridge site, so it was more cost efficient to just take our Belmont commingled materials to Cambridge site to save on hauling costs. Jefferson drivers still unload it at the Cell Yard and then Moore hauls it for \$230 (plus the Kimbel cost of \$95 per ton) to Carrolton. A gentleman from Waste Management Neville Island approached her about taking our commingled back to them. They plan to open a State-of-the-art facility in April of 2024 and is in need of more volume. She has been working with them on the possibility, they took some photos and accepted a load of our materials for free to be able to see how much contamination is in with the recyclables. They are wanting the HDPE type plastics (water bottles, etc). After sorting that load they stated ours is mixed with a lot of non-acceptable items, mainly plastic bags. They didn't like the high amount of plastic bags, adding that we had 31% residue, 18% glass which does not include our single stream glass that is shipped to CAP. They offered to take our Commingled materials at \$41 per ton. Mr. Moore stated the hauling cost would be \$400 to Neville Island, versus the \$230 to Carrolton. This breaks down to saving about \$500 per month/\$6,000 per year. However, they don't want to guarantee the price, they want to go a year and then see. But she explained, there is no way we are able to reduce the amount of contamination in our loads, we have pleaded with the public to not put plastic bags in the bins for years, and our staff member is not able to remove more than he already does. Also, Mr. Moore does not currently have enough drivers for that kind of long hauling, he would need to hire, which he is willing to do. There is also the expected opening of the Transfer Station by Kimble in St. Clairsville, and hopefully will be an option at some point. She called and met with them about the timeline since there hasn't been work being done recently at the site. They stated that they have been busy with a methane plant at their Dover Landfill but are almost finished, once finished they will start working to complete the St. Clairsville Transfer Station. They two she spoke with were not authorized to give any prices, but she is hoping we can work out a deal if we take both Belmont and Jefferson Commingled materials to that Transfer Station location, then we would no longer need to unload at the Cell Yard. She asked about Waste management

also taking out single stream Glass which is currently being hauled to CAP in Mt. Pleasant PA because it is expensive to do so. But they said at this point their new facility won't take single stream, just mixed loads.

Mr. Dawson asked if WM would be willing to provide a truck and pick up the Commingled material here? Ms. Petrella stated they would not. She stated that Ohio Valley Waste tripled their prices which is why we quit taking the materials there, so much so they seemed to just no longer want it, and had done the same thing to many Communities in this area including Wintersville.

Wintersville property

Ms. Petrella reminded the Board of the lot location in Wintersville that was discussed last year as a possible Community Site. The Board had been concerned the neighbors may have issues with putting a site there, the stream, and playground. Village of Wintersville Engineer Mr. McDevitt recently provided Plans for excavating the site without changing the stream located nearby. Ms. Petrella asked if the Board would be willing to go look at the lot themselves. She stated the Village of Wintersville would go door to door and then host a meeting for those nearby residents to voice any concerns, they would excavate the lot if we are willing to cement it and fence it in, and they would be willing to do a 10-year lease because of our investment. She explained that the current location next to Cedar One Realty, which Mr. Luckino has graciously allowed us to use, is small and often overloaded because it needs another bin, it was bad again this morning. Ms. Petrella stated the wall right behind the bins is on another property and is held by old railroad ties, which will collapse at some point, and the owner of that neighboring property won't sell or improve it from what Mr. Luckino told her. She told the Board that a permanent site is needed, explaining we have already put \$12,000 worth of gravel in the current one which just keeps sinking. After a brief discussion the Board agreed Ms. Petrella should proceed with the offer for the Village of Wintersville to hold a public meeting with the nearby residents of the possible new site, get a price of cost for the Authority's part to prepare the site, and agreed to have the Policy/Planning Committee members view the location. Members also liked the 10-year lease idea with the Village.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: George Irvin

Mr. Irvin stated the Committee meet today at 4:30 to review approximately 30 Applications for the Belmont Program Coordinator position. They narrowed them down to (5) five and plan to interview them next Wednesday, September 20th at the Belmont Building beginning at 4PM.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

None.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

LANDFILL REPORT: Andrew Henry

Mr. Henry reported the first page in the report shows the Odor intensity identified by the Health Department Sanitarians was now at 7 this year. The next page shows the MSW tonnage at 164,438.22 and the CD&D tonnage at 83,259.27 for the month of August. The Odor Complaint trends sheet shows they had a substantial increase over the last 3 months. They have taken a lot of calls from residents as well as calls to the OEPA and Apex to address these odors. September has 19 complaints called in so far. It shows zero (0) Notice of Violations (NOV) on the report however on Friday they had their first NOV for the year, and actually their first in years. Friday night there were 7 complaints called in, 6 of which were confirmed by Apex Odor Techs. When there is that volume of complaints detected it is a cause for concern. Apex did have a sprayer machine used for odor control that was down and didn't notify the Health Department, and they didn't change their work pattern to address it. The Health Department is trying to get them to understand that when they have this many complaints, they need to make changes to their operations, which has been a sticking point over the last several months, such as cover the work base or slow down the amount they are taking over the railcars. Mr. Dawson asked if they get fined when a NOV occurs? Mr. Henry stated no they do not, adding they did have tons of NOV's years ago, and haven't had any since until now.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bianconi spoke about the Environmental Court previously discussed stated that he is wondering if we can somehow pursue that now? Mr. Henry was supportive of it stating the Health Department had its first nuisance case, in the 3 years since he began, to finally get in front of a judge. It took a long time to get in front of the judge and the result wasn't much of a repercussion to the offender, he was just ordered to clean up the site. So, he would like to see improvement in how these are handled in Jefferson County. He doesn't believe they necessarily need to go to jail but we should have more teeth to the system. Mr. Bianconi felt it was the same in Belmont, that there is not enough bite in our bark so to speak. Mr. Fabian reminded the Board that Attorney Bauer had said there was a way to have an Environmental Court. Ms. Petrella stated they have been no cases taken to Court in Belmont, the Deputy has been cleaning the sites well but there has been no prosecution in Belmont. The Jefferson County Deputy currently has 3, one that just went to Court was fined \$750, and he has 2 more cases at Court. We are checking on the restitution since last year Jefferson was awarded it in the amount of \$750 from its cases. She stated the Courts usually just seem to order them to do 8 hours Community Service which is not a lot of punishment. Board members discussed. Mr. Sproul stated that when he used to work with Franklin County their Health Department had its own attorney and an Environmental Court with a specific judge, and it seems to work well, having its own Judge did make a difference. Adding but they had to have by-in from the system for the Judge, which is what we would need, possibly for just once a month. He provided a contact name for Ms. Petrella to reach out to for more information. A case from a previous cleanup was discussed by Andrew, which he added the Court had to pay for. Mr. Fabian will contact Attorney Bauer about information for an Environmental Court. Mr. Baird stated that you will need the legislative teeth in ordinances, or the Judges hands will often be tied, adding that many are repeat offenders, and it can be an endless cycle.

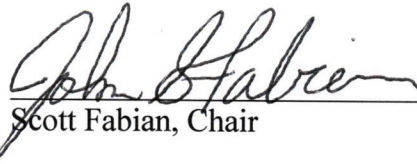
NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting set for Monday, October 2, 2023 at the Belmont JB Green Team building at 5:30PM

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm. with a motion from Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Lima. **Vote: All said Aye.**

ATTEST:



Scott Fabian, Chair



Mike Bianconi, Secretary