

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2023**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** John Davies, George Irvin Jr, Joe Luckino, Mitch Morelli

**OTHERS:** Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Sharon Malin

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, 67895 Pickering Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, June 12, 2023.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Echemann stated he had a correction to the May 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Page 4 where he discussed the new building, it should state “tearing down the old County Home.” A motion to approve the May 8, 2023 regular monthly meeting minutes with the correction was made by Mr. Krajnyak, and seconded by Mr. Sproul. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Scott Fabian  
None.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Fiscal Report:**

Mr. Hays reported May revenues of \$322,175.00, with expenditures of \$203,119.47 and net income of \$119,055.53.

Non-Payroll Expenditures were reviewed by the Board as Mr. Hays explained that one large expense was for Comprehensive Insurance through CORSA, Oklok-Criss is the local agency. The Apex Tonnage Report was reviewed, In-District Tonnage was 13,306.81, Out-of-District Tonnage was 19,898.39, Out-of-State Tonnage was 113,642.63. Yielding \$223,567.54.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer’s report and approve Expenditures for May 2023 was made by Mr. Kolanski and seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

**Director’s Report:**

**Enforcement Officer**

Ms. Petrella reported that the new Environmental Enforcement Officer began working on June 5<sup>th</sup> and that she has been training him herself until the previous officer returns from vacation to do it. The only unexpected issue is that the new officer will be going off for 6 weeks of maternity leave the first part of July, which she assumes falls under the Authority since we cover everything in his package.

**Cleanups**

Ms. Petrella stated we have a few left in Jefferson, and Belmont has a few in the fall. The Jefferson Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be this Saturday at the Mall, and Belmont’s will be in the fall. The Belmont River Sweep will be held this Saturday, Jefferson’s was last Saturday. Belmont County’s one and only Tire Collection will be on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Accident Case

Ms. Petrella reminded the Board about a traffic accident that occurred two years ago with one of our drivers backing out of Capri. The other car was allegedly driving forward. The case was dropped yesterday due to the Plaintiff not having enough evidence to back up her claims for a case.

### Belmont Building

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that we are still having issues with Contractors not responding with estimates. We have had three (3) different contractors give three (3) different ideas & prices, but it has now been over a year and a half since the first estimate without any work starting. She definitely wants the work done before another fall/winter season causes more damage, for this reason if she doesn't hear back from Miller's Excavating soon she will contact an Excavating company in Jefferson County and see if they respond. Board members discussed the property around the building at length, revisiting the three different ideas on how it should be done. The possible need for an easement was discussed and whether a Township right-of-way is beside the building was questioned. Mr. Bianconi stated he would check with the Township and do some research.

### Senate Bill 119

Ms. Petrella reported that Attorney Bauer, SWANA, our Government Policy Group have been following SB119. Mr. Hays explained that due to pressure from an activist group against the Sunny Farms Landfill Facility in Seneca County Ohio, Senator Bill Reineke introduced what is currently Senate Bill 119. He did so with hopes of making it difficult for out of state waste to come into Ohio by adding a provision of additional fees. It has been revised five times and they have now backed off of that approach because of interstate commerce laws and costs that would trickle down to Ohio residents. Instead a new provisions that the activists are claiming is that it is not fair for the Counties who have landfills located in them to have to share the fee revenue with the Counties who don't. A divorce clause is being added to allow the County Commissioners of the Counties with the Landfills to split from the Counties who don't if they desire to do so.

Mr. Fabian reported that the County Commissioners Association came out against it, and that the Senator backed off of the fee increase because the Chamber of Commerce came out against it claiming it was just another tax on local residents, the increase would have been \$7.50 from \$4.50, and CD&D would have been \$8, for a combined cost of \$15 per ton. He explained how those costs would have affected local communities who have their own waste collection.

Mr. Hays explained that currently there are ten (10) allowable uses in the ORC on Authority spending of landfill fee revenue, this bill would add an 11<sup>th</sup> very vague use that requires the Solid Waste Districts to help resolve any disputes regarding the landfill facilities. Because it is not specific, it would leave it open to a wide range of possibilities that could be detrimental for Solid Waste Districts.

Mr. Fabian stated it seems the Senator is trying to fix a local issue via the entire State, and it could rip up current solid waste plans to nothing and would be a nightmare for the OEPA on SW Planning. Senator Reineke may have an amendment done to the Bill and try to slide the Bill in with the State Budget at the end of this month. Mr. Hays reported that Attorney Bauer had prepared a letter of opposition on behalf of the JBRSW Authority, a copy of which Board Members should have already received. Board members discussed contacting local Senator and State Representative. Attorney Bauer has already provided board members with a quick draft

summary on the Bill. Mr. Fabian explained that Solid Waste Districts are run by County Commissioners, Solid Waste authorities are run by a Board.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian**  
None.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul**  
None.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:**  
None.

**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 Health Department sanitarians detected odors twice in 2023 with odor intensity at .05 which is very faint. No Notice of Violations so far this year. As of May they've had eighty-two (82) odor complaints, most recently 18 in May, and 20 in April. Representatives from Apex Landfill will be attending the Board of Health Meeting next week just to give the Board some updates on what they are doing to combat the odors at the sites, and how they response to the influx of odors. This will help educate their new Board of Health member as well as remind the other members what is done. The data is on track to be very similar to where they were in 2022. The tonnage report shows May MSW at 158,254 tons, CD&D was 79,977 tons. Mr. Henry stated there was an article in the Herald Star a couple weeks ago about IWS and their interest in helping cleanup the Crossridge site. He explained that several months ago the Attorney Generals Office and the Ohio EPA invited some staff from the Health Department and Soil & Water Department to discuss the idea of IWS (who operates Apex) to cleanup Crossridge. In lieu of that they want to get an easement for a parcel of land in Amsterdam, so that they could cleanup the site and make it a closed landfill with the stipulation that a landfill could not operate there. The article had stated that the Health Department has been left in the dark etc. which is not the case, it's just that process is moving very slow. He offered to answer any questions from the Board, there were none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Fabian provided a letter from Fiscal Officer Dave Hays for Mr. Bianconi to read to the Board. The letter informed the Board of his Mr. Hays 30 day notice as of this evening that he would be resigning his position with the Authority, thanking the Board for it's support through the years and that he would do his best to make the passing of his responsibilities as seamless as possible to his successor. Mr. Hays was thanked for his years of work. Mr. Hays informed the Board he had waited until after the State Audit field work was complete, but for health reasons


he would like them to find his successor as soon as possible so he could train them and show them the accounting system. The Board discussed how to proceed. The Personnel Committee will have to meet, and a Job Ad will need to be done. Mr. Hays was asked to help create the Ad and position description outline. Options were discussed by the Board, contracting it out to an accounting firm. Mr. Hays stated by law Districts can have a county auditor perform those duties if an employee isn't available to do it, but they would get all of the revenues to invest. Board Members stated they like having their own staff in the position. The position is currently part time. The Board agreed to move ahead quickly, advertise and interview for the position as soon as possible.

Next meeting was set for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Jefferson JB Green Team building in Steubenville.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Echemann made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **All Said Aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.**

ATTEST:

  
Scott Fabian, Chair

  
Mike Bianconi, Secretary