

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 12, 2021**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, James Mavromatis, Mark McVey, Domenick Mucci, Rob Sproul

ABSENT: John Davies, Robert Krajnyak, Joe Luckino, Mitch Morelli

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Alisha Teramana, Louise Holliday, John Parker, Dave Lucas

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 5:36PM on, Monday, July 12, 2021.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the June 14, 2021, regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, and seconded by Mr. Echemann. **Vote: 10 said Aye, with Mr. Irvin abstaining. Motion passed.**

Chairman Scott Fabian introduced Mr. John Parker, the Chief Administrator for Jefferson County Sheriffs' Office, who was present regarding the proposed Contract with Jefferson County Sheriff's Department for the Environmental Enforcement Officer. Mr. Mavromatis stated from what he understands the JBGT has reviewed the contract, but the Sheriff's Department has not yet, and should be allowed to review before it is signed. Mr. Mcvey suggested the Board table it.

Mr. Mavromatis made a motion to table the Agreement with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Mr. McVey seconded. **Vote: All said aye. Motion passed.**

Mr. Parker spoke about the Contract, stating that the Sheriff will respond back. He asked they be patient with them, they will have to have their legal look it over, because from a quick glance he believes they may have some issues with their labor contracts which they have to honor. With their County Policy and procedures they will have to review it. He thanked the Board, explaining they are appreciative of all the effort the Board has put into this. Mr. McVey stated Section 5.4 was discussed as needing to be scratched off. Mr. Fabian stated they may have to take another look at the radios to discuss the specifics. Mr. Mavromatis explained different types of equipment that may be needed. Board members discussed other specifics needing reviewed, including video surveillance cameras.

Officer Parker thanked the Board for allowing them some time to take a look at the Contract adding that Mr. Polaski was doing a heck of a job, and asked they consider that when putting this Agreement into place. The work he has put in in the last six months, cleanups, investigations, convictions has already exceeded previous milestones set by others, and he believes they have the right guy for the job.

Officer parker left the meeting.

Belmont County Sheriff Dave Lucas spoke on the previous 2014 contract that worked very well for them, that Deputy Matt Gehrig works closely with the Township Trustees. This will help a lot, as the Board is talking about purchasing a new vehicle. The current one has 176,000 miles, and still has a use at their office, adding he would like the Board to consider donating the current one to the County.

Doing both program Contracts at same time was suggested by Mr. Bianconi. Mr. Echemann asked about appraised value of that truck. Sheriff Lucas said from \$14,000 to \$17,000 dependent on mileage

with Kelly Blue Book. The Authority can get more credit as a donation of about \$20,000-\$22,000. Whiteside said realistic about \$15,000. Sheriff Lucas talked about how many they have donated to other departments in need. Mr. Mcvey stated Mrs. Shephard got a call from Common Pleas Court/Adult Probation looking for a vehicle to use and asked if Sheriff knew of their need? Mr. Lucas said they gave them vehicles in past. Mr. Mcvey asked why they didn't have a combination of the programs rather than having two different entities? Mr. Lucas stated they have tried that, and he has a hard time picking just a few trustworthy Trustees from an entire jail. Community service is what Mr. McVey stated he was referring to. Mr. Lucas wasn't agreeable to that due to liability, and because the judges have to authorize and order them to do the community service. Adding all of the ones through Common Pleas are felons and cannot be used. Board Members discussed ways to make it work. Mr. Lucas stated that the Belmont Judges order them out to work with the Townships but not to the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Dave Lucas left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Scott Fabian
None.

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays reported the Operating Statement for June shows Total Revenue of \$461,152.74; Total Expenditures of 350,252.83; for a Net Income of \$110,899.91. Non-Payroll Expenditures were reviewed while Mr. Hays explained that the bigger ones were from the Cleanups and Haulers. The Apex Report for May reflected 11,876 In-District Tons; 9,493 Out-of-District Tons; 103,295 Out-of-State tons; for total of 124,665 tons.

Mr. Mucci made a motion to approve the Fiscal Report. Mr. Echemann seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes. Motion passed.**

2022 Tax Budget

Mr. Hays explained the Authority does it every July, we are required to file a Budget for the next year. He based this Budget on keeping the Rates & Charges the same at \$2 per parcel. If the Board does keep it the same, they just have to get a Resolution to both Auditor's offices by September. Mr. Mucci asked if he felt confident that keeping it at \$2 would get the Authority through without any problems, because they had lowered the amount to the \$2. Mr. Hays said Yes he did. The Board discussed briefly and agreed to keep it at \$2 Per Improved Parcel and have the Resolution for Auditors created for the next Board Meeting.

Motion to accept the 2022 Tax Budget was made by Mr. Irvin, seconded by Mr. Sproul. **Vote by Roll Call: All said Yes. Motion approved.**

Mr. Hays added as part of that the official certificate needs three signatures by board members and presented the signature for signatures which was signed.

Mr. Mcvey asked about the possibility of cutting that amount next year if there is a surplus available. Mr. Hays stated they will need to watch the landfill revenue. Mr. Dawson asked about EPA allowable surplus. Mr. Hays explained that the EPA reviews his Annual Report and questions what the Authority plans to do with it any surplus. Mr. Hays added that years ago big haulers in the State lobbied to try to have solid waste Authority's surplus shut down, so to only have education, but the Commissioners Association shot it down. Mr. Mucci stated the Rates &

Charges right now are the lowest they've ever been and suggested rather than reduce it that the Board reinvest the surplus, like they are currently doing with the two Sheriff's Departments, the Cleanups, and the Education. Mr. Hays reminded the Board as to why they put the Rates & Charges on to begin with, when they lost a lot of the rail revenue when Apex reverted to out of area, and the difficulty in getting it.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Petrella stated as the Board is already aware the President implemented the Juneteenth holiday. She had sent them all an email regarding the staff taking their day on July 2nd. It will need officially added to the Personnel Policy Manual for next year for June 19th.

Mr. Dawson made the Motion to make Juneteenth part of the Holidays observed by the Authority. Mr. Irvin seconded. **Vote: All said aye. Motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

Mr. Fabian reported the Committee did meet and discussed the Sheriff's Contract which has been tabled until next month. Members discussed meeting with both Sheriff's before next Board Meeting, so the details can be worked out. Mr. Mavromatis offered to set up the Executive meeting with both sheriffs prior to the Board meeting. Dates were discussed for last week of July. 28-30th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey

Mr. McVey stated the Personnel Committee did meet about Mrs. Petrella requesting a part time temp employee. They discussed wage rates/hours and the amount needed to avoid full time. Mr. McVey turned it over to Mrs. Petrella.

Mrs. Petrella explained stated they have a CDL driver willing to take a temporary part time position, they have checked his driver's license through the insurance. She explained about different staff members that have been and will be off making it difficult for the drivers to keep up with their schedules. The Temp employee will be employed no longer than six months and will work 3 days a week or less. She is undecided if he will train on front loaders because of the amount of time that would take. She plans to keep him on the skid steer and rear packer which will free up our guys doing front loaders. She asked for temporary help to get through these next few months.

Mr. Mucci made a motion to hire a Temporary part time employee as requested for no more than six (6) months. Mr. Echemann seconded. Discussion: PERS still needing to be paid into was discussed, with no other benefits was discussed briefly. **Vote by roll call. All said yes. Motion passed.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

None.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino

None.

LANDFILL REPORT: Andrew Henry

Mr. Henry reported 7 odor complaints for month of June, which is a reduction from 2017 when there were 128. Odor Intensity shows only two times this year when Sanitarians even noticed any odors levels at Apex. Generally none to mild odors at the site. Materials Report for 2021 showing MSW in June of 117,787 tons, and C&D was 66,730 tons. There were no Violations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bianconi wanted to thank the entire JBGT staff for all of their hard work, he deals with them often and appreciates what they do.

Mr. Fabian asked about the submitting of the Solid Waste Plan by Jamie Zawila so late after it had been signed by the Board. He stated that it wasn't submitted to the EPA until June 15th but had been signed off by the Board back in April. He asked why she waited so long to send it. Mrs. Petrella did not know why she waited to send it, but knows it was submitted before the deadline. Mr. Fabian stated this delays the siting strategy which now won't be in place until September. Adding he has recently heard there is now a company looking at Crossridge Landfill, who is watching the trial and may be interested in Landfill. He is concerned that the 90 days from the time she sent it in to take effect is now delayed because of the late submittal. Mr. McVey said it is crucial that it took that long to get in for EPA review. The delay could also affect what was going on with Kimble. Mr. Bianconi asked about what happened with the airport and the issue with Crossridge expanding. Mr. McVey stated the Airport zoned it but it was so many feet, and thinks it could still go in that corner and they have the distance to put one in just not as big. Mr. McVey stated the Plan should have been sent in to EPA immediately.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Petrella stated she attended the Commissioners meeting and gave a report on recent Cleanups. The Commissioners were pleased and said to thank the Board for their cooperation with the Environmental Enforcement Officer.

Next meeting set for Monday, August 9, 2021 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 6:30pm. with a motion by Mr. Mucci, seconded by Mr. Mavromatis.

ATTEST:



Scott Fabian, Chair



Mike Bianconi, Secretary