

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2019**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Nicole Balakos, Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Barbara Godwin, John Goosman, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Joe Luckino, James Mavromatis, Mark McVey, Domenick Mucci, Rob Sproul

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS:** Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Tamara Shepherd, Commissioner Tom Gentile, Craig Petrella

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the Bellaire Public Library in Bellaire, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, October 7, 2019.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the September 16, 2019 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci. Mr. Irvin stated the minutes mistakenly reflect him present. Mr. Echemann seconded with the correction made. **Vote: All said Aye, with Mrs. Balakos, Mr. Dawson, Ms. Godwin, Mr. Irvin, Mr. Kolanski and Mr. Sproul abstaining. Motion passed, minutes approved with correction.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Fiscal Report:**

Mr. Hays reported revenues for \$263,316, with expenditures of \$206,651 and net income of \$56,665. Non-Payroll Expenditures were reviewed, with the largest being Bins purchased with the EPA grant, the Health Department and the HHW cleanup in Jefferson County. The Tonnage report showed totals of In-District tons 17,205; Out-of-District tons 11,898; Out-of-State Tons 75,595; yielding \$154,395.14.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for September 2019 was made by Ms. Godwin and seconded by Mr. Mucci. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mr. Hays requested approval for appropriation transfer in both the General Fund and the Rates & Charges Fund. First the transfer of \$30,000 from the Economic Incentives Line Item to the Contract Service Line Item in the General Fund. Secondly in the Rates & Charges Fund, a transfer of \$30,000 from Other Expenditure Line item to Contract Services. He explained that there is currently so much in the Other Line Item because they had received a \$60,000 check from CORSA for the wrecked packer truck and he was uncertain where they would need that.

A motion to transfer the funds of \$30,000 from the Economic Incentives Line Item to the Contract Service Line Item in the General Fund, and \$30,000 from Other Expenditure Line item to Contract Services, as requested was made by Mr. Luckino, seconded by Mr. Sproul. **Roll call Vote: All said Yes, motion approved.**

**Director's Report:**

Ms. Petrella reported that owner of the R-Way, Ron Davis says he will be moving out of the building on Thanksgiving weekend, allowing us to move our truck in right after, then the office

staff sometime after. They have had Phase I and inspection done last week and should have the reports next meeting.

The new Community Service Coordinator/truck driver started two weeks ago and is doing excellent, he is learning the routes and using rear packer, he will be trained on the front loaders.

She and Ms. Shepherd will be doing interviews for the Belmont Education Coordinator position tomorrow in the Belmont office, she hopes to have the new employee on board within three weeks, allowing them to give a two week notice to their current employer.

Ms. Petrella spoke about the Belmont Driver position that was eliminated back in 2015 when Apex funding dropped dramatically. She had requested refilling that position about six months ago and the Board had asked her to wait and come back about this time. She explained the need for a third driver part-time or preferably full-time, and another rear load packer truck for the person to use. Tammy has been assisting at the Drop-off sites cleaning up, and has been short-handed, borrowing the Jefferson Drivers often. The Personnel Committee was informed last month about the details. One of the Belmont Drivers will be going on medical leave at the end of December for atleast two months. Mr. McVey stated that the Personnel Committee recommends a full-time driver for the Belmont Office and explained they can float as needed to Jefferson County and the Cell. Tammy spoke briefly on other needs for the driver. Annual cost of \$63,000 for full time and \$30,000 for part time.

Mr. Mucci made a motion to hire a full-time Driver as discussed in Belmont County. Mr. Dawson seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes, motion passed.**

Ms. Petrella presented a program from an AEP Ohio Express Program-Energy Efficiency Proposal for LED lights to save electric in the new Jefferson Building. Mr. Luckino brought it to her attention, they met with Shane Stacey at the new building, who provided the proposal. She explained the savings expected for replacing all the lights with LED. The total upgrade cost is \$16,453; but the utility company would pay 33% which is \$5,357, leaving the Authority cost of 67% for \$11,096. Estimated savings for one year is \$2,638, allowing the Authority to get it's money back in less than five (5) years. She asked the Board if they wished to do the replacement. Members discussed and stated their own reasons for moving ahead, including Mr. Irvin and Mr. Krajynak who have seen the benefits with their own communities with the same program.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the AEP Ohio Express Program Energy Efficiency Proposal and have the lights in the new Jefferson building replaced with LED. Mr. Dawson seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes. Motion passed.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian**

None.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul**

Mr. Sproul stated the Committee met this evening to discuss the Board of Health request for a budget increase for 2019. Current amount in the agreement is for \$73,571. The Committee is proposing doing a contract revision increasing that to \$125,000 for 2019, with increased and improved reporting to the Authority by the Health Department, and the approval of the Contract

by the Jefferson County Board of Health. Mr. Bauer will revise the contract, which runs to the end of 2019 to reflect a total of \$125,000.

Mr. Fabian provided documents showing a list other Solid Waste Authorities/Districts with approved Health Departments in Ohio highlighted in yellow, and non-approved highlighted in blue. Each district shows how many landfills and total amounts paid by Authorities/Districts. This is the 2017 amounts, a new report reflecting the 2018 amounts comes out in a few weeks. The other document is the list of Ohio landfills and their 2017 tonnages, with the top nine (9) listed for TPD (tonnage per day). Apex is at number 3. The bottom nine (9) on the sheet are listed by the TPD allowed. The sheet shows Apex received up to 4,493 TPD, and are allowed 10,000 TPD. The third document is the 2018 expenditures provided by the Health Department in the spring. Attorney Bauer asked for clarification on what should be revised on the 2019 contract, since the Board had discussed wanting additional reporting, he does not have a contract to have approved tonight. Mr. Mucci suggested just changing the amount on the 2019, and revising the full 2020 contract in the coming months. Mr. Bauer was concerned about controversy in the future if the wording is not changed. The wording of the payment process was discussed as well, the monthly payments by Invoice. Mr. Bauer advised to cut a check for \$60,000 now, then divide up the remaining amount due over the last three months of 2019 for a total of \$125,000 for the year.

Mr. Echemann asked the reason for the large increase of funds. Mrs. Balakos stated it is based on the EPA and landfill issues and making sure they are doing what they need to do and keeping the services local. The funds go into their General Fund towards Solid Waste Issues.

Mr. Mucci made a motion to amend the 2019 Contract with the Jefferson County Health Department to reflect the \$125,000 rather than the \$73,571. Mr. Krajnyak seconded.

**Roll Call Vote: All said Yes, with Mrs. Balakos abstaining and Mr. Irvin voting No. Motion passed.**

Mr. Hays stated to make those payment the Board needs to approve an Increase Appropriations by \$51,429 out of the Disposal Fee General Fund.

Mr. Mucci made the motion to approve the requested increase in Appropriations by \$51,429 out of the Disposal Fee General Fund. Mr. Echemann seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes, with Mrs. Balakos abstaining and Mr. Irvin voting No. Motion passed.**

Mr. Mucci asked about the C&D tonnage funds going to the Health Department of \$200,000 last year, if it had gone down in 2019. Mrs. Balakos reported the amount was down significantly this year, only \$21,986.02 as of July this year. Back in 2010 it was at \$364,000 in C&D, and low as \$41,000 in 2014. The waste has changed to be more MSW than C&D.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey**

None.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis**

None.

**GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Barbara Godwin**

None.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino**

Mr. Luckino reiterated what was given by the Executive Director, they are moving forward with the new building, and inspections are under way.

**LANDFILL REPORT: Nicole Balakos**

Mrs. Balakos reported odor complaints were 51 in September 2017 and 2018, in September 2019 they were at 43 so they have come down. The Montauk gas plant operating at Apex has gotten better at keeping the odor complaints down. The Health Department did issue a new NOV (notice of violation) on odor complaints today, based on complaints for October 2<sup>nd</sup> coming in on the 1-800 complaint line while there was an odor patrol, allowing him to validate them. The 800 number calls go to herself, Mr. Maragos, the EPA and Apex, and Apex has a good system in place right now with their 24 hour odor patrols that track odors based on the address of the complaint. They keep a log that the Health Department checks and compares to their own patrol odor results. She reported C&D tonnage in September of 42,445, and in MSW they had 91,741 tons. Year to date C&D is 345,414 and MSW is at 904,158 tons.

Mr. Bauer asked about the nature of the odor complaint follow ups, for example the EPA uses meters. Mrs. Balakos stated they do not have meters, the staff makes a reasonable determination based on experience, adding they are non-smokers so they have a keener sense of smell than a smoker would, but they have talked about getting meters. They note the factors, such as windows up or down to mimic the callers conditions, they pull over and spend time at the locations and lap around. The route is a six (6) hours route. They go to different elevations depending on weather conditions.

Mrs. Balakos reported on Crossridge C&D landfill owned by Mr. Scagosa. The Attorney Generals Office was in again today doing witness prep for depositions and will be in Court on Thursday again. Over the weekend Mr. Scagosa was moving equipment out and is taking Judge Millers rulings and recommendations seriously. On Thursday he, his wife, his mother and his business partner are all ordered to appear, or face incarceration, to testify about their assets and what is happening. There is a person with possible interest in purchasing Crossridge to reopen it. Mr. Scagosa owes the EPA \$24,000,000 in fines and has been in litigation since 1989 and has never taken action to remediate or abate of the issues prior to this weekend. The Ohio Attorney General's Office is taking the lead on that case.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kolanski thanked the Board for funding the Township Collections, and Mrs. Shepherd for her work on them.

Mr. Gentile thanked the Board for working with the Health Department, adding he wanted to explain what he already explained to the Finance Committee. He briefly spoke on his roll to

ensure they keep local control, and the low regard received from the EPA in Jefferson and Belmont Counties with Crossridge issues for 20 years as an example. Believing it is critical to have local people monitoring, for better results and develop a good working relationship with the landfills.

Mr. Mucci asked the Finance or Executive Committee or Attorney Bauer if a 2020 contract for the Health Department could be prepared and presented at the next meeting for review. Mr. Bauer stated he will prepare that, he then asked the Board for a few clarifications on the wording of the current contract to better understand their meanings.

Next meeting set for Monday, November 4, 2019 at the Steubenville City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm. with a motion from Mr. Mucci, seconded by Mr. Luckino. **All said Aye. Motion approved.**

**ATTEST:**

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Scott Fabian, Chair

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Mike Bianconi, Secretary