

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2019**

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Jerry Echemann, Barbara Godwin, Tony Kolanski,

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Jamie Zawila

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the Martins Ferry Public Library in Martins Ferry, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, August 12, 2019.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the July 17, 2019 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci and seconded by Mr. Krajnyak. **Vote: Ten (10) said Aye, with Mr. Sproul and Mr. Irvin abstaining. Motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays reported revenues for July of \$288,899.75, with expenditures of \$126,520.13 and net income of \$162,379.62 with an unencumbered cash balance of \$2,873,105.58. Non-Payroll Expenditures were reviewed with no questions from the Board. Apex Tonnage Report for May showed 14,152 In-District Tons, 12,187 Out-of-District tons, 83,416 Out-of-State tons, for a total of 109,756 tons; generating \$163,652.64.

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

Mr. Hays informed the Board that the June Apex report was received but it was without the check, which should be for \$156,000. They thought it was an oversight until they spoke to Glenn Alexander the CFO in NJ who said it wasn't a mistake, that they were going through something right now but would not give any more details, other than it could be big. He emailed him later asking for some information prior to tonight's meeting, he responded by email stating that they plan to pay the host fees during the week of August 19th, the facility will continue to operate in the foreseeable future. Mr. Hays contacted the EPA who hadn't received their check as of last week either. Mr. Hays asked Mrs. Balakos if the Health Department received theirs yet. She said yes, but then realized she they got the tonnage report but wasn't sure if the check was received yet. She then sent a text to someone to try to find out, but later stated she never got an answer and didn't know for sure, but was told last week it was on it would be coming. Ms. Petrella stated she spoke to Joe Tatarek and Craig Petrella three times each last week who at first said they would overnight it.

Mrs. Balakos stated she meet with Joe last Thursday and they discussed the EPA, and whether or not the Health Department would continue to handle solid waste (inspect the Landfill) because the EPA is enforcing and wanting bi-weekly inspections. Mr. Tatarek asked her when the Board meeting was and told her to let him know how it goes after she advised it was tonight. She explained her Board discussed the possibility of not continuing to handle the solid waste and do inspections or let it go and the EPA will do them, the solid waste budget, what was spent in 2018

as the JBRSWA Board requested, and where they would be if they would be the inspector. She spoke to other Counties in regards to their funding of Solid Waste programs.

The Board discussed what to do regarding the Apex check, decided to wait and see if the check does get sent. The funds given to the landfill to fix the road was mentioned. Mr. Luckino suggested contacting the corporate office and asking what the issue was if the check is not received next week. Mr. Mavromatis asked how the Transfer station was running in the last few months after all the issues that were discussed at previous meetings. Mr. Bianconi stated it did get a little better, he's not getting complaints. Mr. Sproul agreed yes it is better, but also haulers have other venues to take their waste. Mrs. Balakos added that Apex is preparing to begin taking auto fluff. Mr. Hays asked what the auto fluff is considered, C&D or Solid Waste. Mrs. Balakos answered it is all municipal solid waste. Members continued the discussion, including the recent investments the company put in at the landfill.

Director's Report:

R-Way building

Anita Petrella reported that the letter of intent, purchase agreement and a \$25,000 check is in escrow with the attorney. The current owner is expected to be out December-January.

Six month Contract

The current office location owner just purchased the house next door also and is selling both lots together and does not want to go month to month rental anymore, he wants a six month contract (through the end of January 2020), also it is doubtful he is willing to allow until July as previously thought.

Driver retiring

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that a Jefferson County driver will be retiring near the end of October this year and she would like to permission to hire someone in early October to allow a new person to be trained before he leaves since it is difficult to find CDL drivers with front loader experience.

Mr. Bianconi made a motion to sign the six month lease for the current Jefferson Office location as requested. Mr. Luckino seconded. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yes, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mr. Bianconi made a motion to allow the Director to hire a new employee starting Monday, September 30, 2019 to begin training, seconded by Mr. Irvin. Mr. Mucci said he realizes this is time sensitive but recommends using the Personnel Committee first for something like this next time, to ensure the finances are in place. **VOTE: All said Aye. Motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

No report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey

No report.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis

No report.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino

Mr. Luckino reported that he talked to Shawn Blake who said Ron was out of town and will be back Tuesday, at which time he will then sign the Purchase Contract for the property. The Contract that Bruce Clark did was good overall, but there some language to add, one is him keeping his mineral rights as expected.

LANDFILL REPORT: Nicole Balakos

Mrs. Balakos stated that when she met with Joe Tatarek of Apex she told him it depended on where they are at with funding from the Authority as to whether it was feasible for the Health Department to continue in the solid waste program. She reported in 2018 they spend \$167,000 in hourly wages and fringe benefits, not counting administrative salaries or fiscal employee time. The EPA will now want more time with full inspections every two weeks, the \$73,000 funded by the Authority doesn't cover it. She has the hours for each of the Sanitarians for how much time they spent on solid waste, odor control, etc. The EPA will begin coming in to do ride alongs on August 21st. Copies of her reports were passed out to the Board for review. She will provide the monthly meeting reports prior to the meeting notices so Board members can review them ahead of time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bianconi discussed the article he provided copies to the Board about the Barnesville Meeting where a Council Member/Waste Management employee spoke out against passing the Resolution for the Plan Budget Ratification. Mr. Bianconi then asked if they should be reaching out to people with information. Members discussed the programs of Grants, drop-off recycling, and community collections the JBRSWA provides to Barnesville annually and the need to get that information to them and other local communities so they have a better understanding of what the Authority does. Many may not understand the EPA Mandates and requirements for the Authority. Mr. Mucci suggested that should be done prior to the New Plan approvals going out as well, members agreed and discussed the subject.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solid Waste Plan Update – Jamie Zawila, RRS

Mrs. Zawila provided handouts explaining that the New Plan was about 75% finished, it is in a new easier to read format of 4.0, the wording and information is not scattered and repeated in several places in the new plan like the current one. The New Plan will be due March 2021 to the Ohio EPA. The documents provided are a brief summary created to help look for gaps to fill on

the next Plan. The Chart on recycling shows a rate of 3%, the Ohio EPA's goal for the residential/commercial sector is 25%. The drop-off program was assessed and is performing at the best regionally on a per person basis, leading her to believe that the best management practices is curbside. She discussed curbside programs, but how historically in this district they don't stick around for many different factors. She thinks we are missing out on the Commercial side, and the businesses do not respond to surveys, so she is looking to change the process to try to capture what is being recycled. She discussed the materials that are going to the landfills, the lack of food waste and organic programs in the district, and how composting programs could make an impact.

The Memo provided outlines the programs in the last Plan with brief descriptions. Mrs. Zawila explained the Board needs to decide what to continue and what to change. She asked that members or staff go through and rank the programs listed as either High (H), Medium (M) or Low (L) to help her structure the new Plan.

Mr. Dawson asked how the Authority is doing in regards to Hazardous waste and electronic collections. She said she hasn't done an analysis comparing the authority to other districts but it is doing well. She discussed other solid waste districts programs and special collections, explaining that some have more semi-permanent sites for HHW collections throughout the year saving costs in the contract aspect, instead of a one-time event for example. Current access percentage rates and recent Drop-off site changes were discussed by Ms. Petrella and Mrs. Shepherd.

Mrs. Zawila explained the need for industrial data, discussed examples of other programs using incentives for participation in recycling. The reason for the low recycling rate was explained and discussed which included non-reporting businesses. Other areas in the country increased their recycling rate with curbside programs, operating their own clean MRF's and separating organics, and pay as you throw drop off incentive programs (residents purchase bags for garbage and recycle for free).

Mr. Mucci asked to have the final Plan with new programs emailed to the Board for review; she said that would definitely be done so the new programs could be discussed by the Board before approval. Board members could bring the rating sheets to the next meeting if they wished to complete them.

Mr. Mucci made a motion to move the meeting date for next month to Monday, September 16, 2019 so it would be held after the due date of the Resolutions, at the Steubenville City Hall at 5:30pm. Mr. McVey seconded. **VOTE: All said Aye, motion passed.**

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm. with a motion from Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Mucci. **VOTE: All said Aye, motion passed.**

ATTEST:

Scott Fabian, Chair

Mike Bianconi, Secretary