

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2020**

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: John Davies, John Goosman, James Mavromatis

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Alisha Teramana

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board in the JB Green Team garage, 228 Technology Way, Wintersville, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, May 11, 2020.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the Regular March 9, 2020 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, and seconded by Mr. Echemann. **Vote: All said Aye, Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the Regular March 24, 2020 emergency meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, and seconded by Mr. Echemann. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the April 16, 2020 Special meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, and seconded by Mr. Echemann. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report: Dave Hays

Mr. Hays reported on March and April combined. Revenues of \$659,556.45, stating the amount includes Rates & Charges which is why it is so high. Expenditures of \$286,050.93, and the operating income of \$373,505.52. The expenditure handout was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Hays reviewed the tonnage reports for January and March and provided the combined totals of 21,383.86 In-District, 20,076.62 Out-of-District in state, and 272,851.99 Out-of-State, yielding \$272,851.99 in disposal and contract fees.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for March and April 2020 was made by Mr. McVey and seconded by Mr. Kolanski. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mrs. Balakos entered the meeting.

Director's Report: Anita Petrella

Ms. Petrella thanked the Board for taking part in the telecon meetings over the last two months when they needed administrative leave, as of yet business hasn't changed, they picked up 7 totes out of 100 with glass since bars and restaurants aren't open yet. Usually staff picks up about 3,000 lbs. in Belmont County, which only amounted to 1,000 lbs. just picked up. She felt the Covid-19 leave schedule currently in place could be extended for at least a couple of weeks due to the low to no volume at most local businesses. Operations have not missed a beat, there is someone in the office everyday to answer the phones while still practicing social distancing. She asked the Board if they could make a decision and a motion if they agree to the extension.

Ms. Petrella stated the company Stericycle, contracted to do the Household Hazardous Waste collections, feel they can still have those collections since their staff wears complete covering gear regardless. They would just need to be careful no one gets out of vehicle, so there is no contact, and have a couple of Green Team staff members directing traffic. Jefferson County's collection is scheduled for next month, Belmont's isn't until the fall, all other spring/summer collections have cancelled.

Mr. McVey asked how much time we have to cancel. The first collection is set for Saturday, June 13th. Board members discussed the matter briefly then agreed to go ahead with the HHW collections.

Mr. Fabian asked the Board for a decision on extending the administrative leave schedule. The pace of businesses reopening was discussed. Ms. Petrella explained how routes are currently being done and the office staff rotating and working from home. The normal education activities of presentations are completely shut down but staff is helping in the office. A date to go back to a normal schedule was discussed, and when retail and restaurants may be opening. Ms. Petrella stated the drop-off sites have been busy and had a lot of garbage, from people cleaning out their houses and putting non-recyclables in them, which requires being picked through by staff. She commended the drivers for doing a good job. Laying off staff was discussed briefly. Ms. Petrella stated there is a good chance that after Memorial Day the demand for service may get busy enough to go back to a regular schedule again.

Mr. Echemann made a motion to extend the Administrative Leave through Memorial Day weekend (May 26th). Mr. Mucci suggested the Personnel Committee meet to take a look at a long-term plan, taking a look at education and see what the best course is. Mucci seconded. **Vote: All said aye. Motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey

None.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

Mr. Bianconi reported the Grant Committee met with some in attendance in person and some by phone and discussed the applications received. There were only thirteen (13) applications, with a couple of very different types this year. He briefly explained them to the Board, believing the reduced amount of applications were due to the Covid shutdowns. With only 13 applications the total required for their funding would be about \$37,000. He gave special thanks to former Board member and Committee chair Barb Godwin for her assistance with this years applications.

Mr. Mucci made a motion to approve the thirteen (13) applications totaling \$37,843.70, Mrs. Balakos seconded the motion. **Roll call vote. All said Yes. Motion approved.**

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino

None.

LANDFILL REPORT: Nicole Balakos

Mr. Balakos stated attachments are in the packets, she reviewed odor violation report, odor trends, and the tonnage report. There were no questions from the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Sutak stated he brought a check returning the funds of \$5,000 from the City of Martins Ferry's 2019 grant. He explained he is still looking at couple places to place bins for drop-off recycling, he would like to prepare at site in by putting some gravel in, but they are not having a lot of council meetings right now due to covid-19 and weather has not been cooperative. The grant application he had planned to submit this year was put back because of everything being on hold/pushed back due to virus, hopefully next time around they can apply.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Fabian asked the members of the public if they have a spokesperson who would like to address the Board at this time. A member of the public asked about the lobbyist discussed at a previous meeting and if anything was being done. Mr. Fabian said they hired them, and that everything is at a standstill at EPA, even if they applied nothing is moving right now. The gentleman stated he spoke to a Sarah Keeler Who told him this could be stopped by the Board of Health, that she seemed to think that medical waste will be shipped in. Mr. Fabian said he has email correspondence to and from the Lobbyists if they want them, he can send them, which would be plenty of reading since there is alot.

Next meeting set for Monday, June 8, 2020 was moved to the Belmont County JBGT building in St. Clairsville by a motion from Mr. McVey, seconded by Mr. Kolanski.

Vote: All said Aye, motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

ATTEST:


Scott Fabian, Chair


Mike Bianconi, Secretary