

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr, James Mavromatis, Mark McVey, Mitch Morelli, Domenick Mucci

ABSENT: John Davies, Chuck Dawson, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Joe Luckino, Rob Sproul

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 at the JB Green Team building, 228 Technology Way, Steubenville, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, September 13, 2021.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the August 9, 2021 Executive Committee minutes was made by Mr. Mavromatis, seconded by Mr. Echemann. **Vote: All said Aye, motion carried.**

A motion to approve the August 9, 2021 Regular Monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, seconded by Mr. Henry. Mr. Irvin and Mr. Morelli abstained. **Vote All said Aye, motion carried.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays reported the August Operating Statement revenues of \$277,651.37, with expenditures of \$196,040.69 and net income of \$81,610.68. Non-Payroll Expenditures were reviewed, with the largest amount for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Jefferson County of \$30,572. Mr. Echemann asked if the primary cost of the collection was to have the materials disposed of. Ms. Petrella explained the company hired brings 15-20 workers and all the equipment needed and sets up the night before the collection. The collections is held 9AM-1PM, and the initial cost is about \$18,000-\$20,000 before materials are handled. The cost of the materials to be disposed depends on what it is and how much of it there is, on occasion they will come and check with us on an odd material from a resident that is going to cost a higher than usual amount, to see if we wish to accept it, which we usually do unless it would be an astronomical amount. The Belmont HHW Collection will be Saturday, October 23rd at the OUE Campus in St. Clairsville.

The Apex Report for July shows 4,479 tons In-District, 17,136 Out-of-District, 108,118 tons out-of-state yielding \$200,929.53. Mr. Hays stated from what he has seen the amounts are pretty similar this month. Mr. Fabian explained the numbers are up and the waste from the hurricane is all coming to Apex Landfill. Mr. Henry stated they are getting a lot of C&D as well, and Apex is also taking sludge and there have been complaints about the smell.

Ms. Petrella stated she is setting up a tour of Apex for the JBGT Staff who haven't yet seen it, and invited any Board Members who would want to go.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for August 2021 was made by was made by Mr. Mucci, Mr. Echemann. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

Ms. Petrella stated the "Stock the Pantry" event begins at the end of this month in Jefferson County through Earth Day November 15th, Belmont's will start in October. She explained this is the first time in several years to try this event in Belmont County since they didn't have much luck in the previous years. They have a blue trailer they can take down to use.

Employee Mark Bigler returns to work this week after being off for medical reasons. He is the last of the third that have had to be off sporadically this summer, and the part time guy didn't work out.

The Ohio EPA Annual District Report Review was received with all good comments and has been sent to everyone.

The New Solid Waste Plan is expected to be approved and we are waiting on a return call from the Ohio EPA in the next few days.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey

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 0 violations in 2021 for Apex. There were three (3) odor complaints this week, if they get five in a certain amount of time it does count as an incident. The MSW was 132 tons and C&D 70,000 tons. Eight (8) odor complaints were received in August. As he mentioned earlier Apex is taking sludge on occasion resulting in a couple of odor complaints this month. He explained they dig a hole when they know it is coming, then fill it in and cover it as soon as possible to reduce odor. The way it is transported to Apex is in kind of a mulch form which gives off an odor. Odor intensity has been a .5.

OLD BUSINESS:

Belmont County Environmental Enforcement Officer Agreement

Mr. Fabian stated as of last month the Belmont Prosecutors office was agreeable to it. He had spoken to Attorney Bauer this morning regarding terminating the old Contract so the Authority

could give them back the old vehicle, but Mr. Bauer said he had a problem with doing that. He said we would terminate the program by terminating Contract. This morning Mr. Bauer made two (2) changes in the Contract (highlighted in red) that was last sent out to everyone. The first under 3.2 is to add “or her designee”. Anita said that is referring to the Belmont Director. The second change was under 5.3, removing “or similar prior agreements” then adding “The Sheriff may retain the vehicle and any equipment that was provided by JBRSWA on or about 2014 pursuant to the similar prior service agreement between the parties.” Basically, saying we are giving them the vehicle. The Prosecutors office agreed to it, and Dave Lucas agreed to it and wanted to sign it just after the last Board meeting, but it needed to go through this meeting first. Mr. Echemann wanted to clarify that the meetings mentioned in the Contract would take place in Belmont County. The signing procedure was briefly discussed.

Mr. Echemann asked how different it is from Jefferson Contract. Mr. Fabian explained Attorney Bauer reached out to Assistant Prosecutor Shawn Blake and has not received a call back regarding Jefferson’s, likely due to them being busy in Columbus with court hearings this week. Ms. Petrella stated they tried to mirror the two Contracts, but Jefferson had previously disagreed about the vehicle, and whether to pay the officer by billable hours or a service agreement. The Belmont vehicles will be kept at the Belmont JBGT garage in St. Clairsville where the officer will report to the Belmont Director every morning and take the vehicle. The vehicle is titled to the Authority, and we will pay the maintenance, the gas, the upkeep. Jefferson doesn’t want to do it that way, they also want to use it as a cruiser. So they either, don’t want the vehicle, to have a vehicle titled to them, or to have the old vehicle at the Jefferson Garage and drive it from there. Plus they want it called a Service Agreement instead of a Contract, which Attorney Bauer stated doesn’t matter what it is called, either wording means the same thing.

Mr. Bianconi made a motion to sign the Belmont Contract and enter into agreement with Belmont County for \$60,000, through the end of the year. Mr. Echemann seconded.

VOTE by Roll Call: All said Yes. Motion approved.

Mr. Echemann asked if they should have it go past the December 2021 date. Mr. Bianconi said they will just pass another in January, which shouldn’t be an issue.

Mr. Mucci asked about pro-rating, and how will they be doing it regarding the start and end dates. Members discussed. Mr. McVey asked how the funds would be paid and to whom for the Belmont Contract. The Authority will pay the Commissioner’s Office then they would pay the sheriff’s dept. Mr. Bianconi questioned the previous motion because of the pro-rating issue. Documentation of services provided, and pro-rate dates were discussed. Members discussed adding language “for a 12-month contract year” in 4.1 or make it “\$20,000 for the remainder of the year”. Mr. Fabian will contact Attorney Bauer about the change in language under 4.1 and including the dates to reflect the remainder of this year.

A Motion to amend the previous motion to include the change of wording in the Belmont Contract date to “from September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021” and change the amount from “\$20,000 to \$60,000” to show pro-rating for the remainder of the year was made by Mr. McVey. With Mr. Echemann seconding. **Roll Call Vote. All said yes. Motion approved.**

Mr. Bianconi wanted to inform the Board that the Authority received a good report for the recent Audit and gave Mr. Hays praise for doing an exceptional job.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Mcvey informed the Board that he will not seek another appointment in January. He was voted on as Chair to the Belmont County Planning Commission and wishes to avoid any chance of conflict of interest. He discussed his years serving on the JBRSWA Board. Mr. Mucci thanked him for his years of service on the Board and for stepping in as Executive Director years ago.

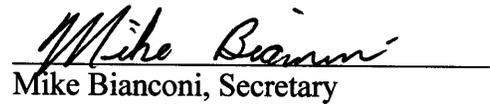
Next meeting set for Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30PM at the Belmont JB Green Team building.

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. Mavromatis. All said Aye.

ATTEST:



Scott Fabian, Chair



Mike Bianconi, Secretary