

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, James Mavromatis, Mitch Morelli

ABSENT: John Davies, Chuck Dawson, George Irvin Jr, Joe Luckino, Dan Lima, Rob Sproul

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Sharon Malin, Louise Holliday, 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 JB Green Team building, 228 Technology Way, Steubenville, Ohio at 5:31PM on, Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the February 13, 2023 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Echemann, and seconded by Mr. Krajnyak. **Vote: 7 said Aye, with Mr. Morelli abstaining. Motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays reported revenues for February \$289,717.81, with expenditures of \$189,090.31 and net income of \$100,627.50.

Non-Payroll Expenditures were reviewed with no questions from the Board.

The January Apex report showed 13,569.95 tons In-District, 23,714.69 Out-of-District in State tons, and 107,325.03 Out-Of-State tons, for a total tonnage of 144,609.67 yielding \$221,986.88.

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

Permanent Appropriations

Mr. Hays asked the Board for approval of the 2023 Permanent Appropriations, pointing out that they had a little bit more of a transfer from the Contract Fee Fund into the Capital Reserve fund for equipment purchases. Explaining that they originally had \$200,000 in the Tax Budget in July but increased that to \$500,000 with the possibility of purchasing a truck this year, an increase of \$300,000.

Mr. Krajnyak made a motion to approve the Permanent Appropriations as presented. Mr. Echemann seconded. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

Ms. Petrella told the Board that they currently have 5 Front loading trucks, our oldest has 147,000 miles with another truck at 82,000 miles. A salesman stopped in the office and stated they have a front load Auto Car truck with a Mammoth EZ Pack body available for \$347,000. The last time we purchased it was \$260,000. The salesman explained that they had originally had three of them available, two had been sold so they have one left if we wanted to purchase it

because they wouldn't be getting any more in for a year or more. But after staff looked over the truck it had several things we didn't like about it. First, it has a 40 yard packer instead of a 44 yard, and we need the extra yards in Belmont. Second, it has the EZ Pack, and we are trying to stick with the Wittke Packer on the Auto Car because we have had some issues with the EZ Packs. Third, the hydraulics on it are now on the outside which gives it a higher 18" lift for repairs of the body, is a concern with it on the outside because we worry it will get broken or have issues due to exposure and cold temperatures. She said so we nixed the idea of this one, and she called the salesman she usually deals with who told her it would take a year to 1 ½ to receive a new truck now. We are already aware of this issue since we've had a rear packer on order for nearly 2 years with our current rear packer barely hanging on. She estimates the oldest truck will go about 25,000 more miles and then will be about done. She asked the Board to think about whether they would want to order a new one now to arrive next year, and possibly provide her feedback at the next meeting.

Ms. Petrella explained that Sheriff Abdalla contacted her with the news the Sergeant that was going to take the job for \$85,000 is no longer going to take it. Another Deputy that may now take it would be for \$80,000 but hasn't been assigned to her yet and wouldn't be available to start until school ends after June 5th, she believes he is a resource officer. Their trucks are ready and Belmont has already taken theirs. Sheriff Abdalla did agree to provide a Deputy with inmates for help with labor at our Jefferson Community Cleanups, for which we will pay outside of the contract for those deputies.

The Community Cleanup Collections begin this Saturday in Belmont County, and Jefferson's begin April 6th.

Mr. Bianconi and Mr. Fabian discussed the issue with the wait times when ordering new trucks affecting other agencies also and felt we should move ahead now because of the delays. Mr. Kolanski agreed, stating his Township is a year to a year and a half out on just a one ton truck they ordered. The Board agreed to move ahead towards purchasing a new truck now.

Mr. Kolanski made a motion to approve moving ahead and begin procedures towards purchasing a new truck by getting the specks on it for next month's meeting. Mr. Krajnyak seconded. Ms. Petrella added that right now we are being offered \$80,000 for our trade-in, that may change as time goes on. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mr. Henry asked about prorating for the Sheriff's Deputy from June – December. Ms. Petrella stated Yes they would be except for the Community Cleanups.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

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 stated that so far in 2023 there have been no Notice of Violations issued. Tonnage of C&D so far in 2023 is 59,403. No odor complains were received in February. Odor intensity patrol has not picked up anything so far this year.

He informed the Board that Mr. Joe Tatarek who is often seen on these Solid Waste Reports is no longer working at Apex, our new main contact person is Landfill Engineer Bryan Largent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution for Kimble Transfer Station

Ms. Petrella explained Mr. Bauer provided the Resolution approved at last month's meeting to be signed by herself and Mr. Fabian.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hays stated the Board has previously discussed closing off part of the garage in the Belmont County Building for a Board Meeting room. He would like to suggest as part of that the Board consider replacing the old recycled oil furnace with the overhead radiation heaters like the ones we have in the Jefferson Building. The oil furnace is filthy and requires someone to be brought in to clean the oil residue off the ceiling fans and walls, and cannot be healthy for employees. The Board discussed the possible need for a propane tank if gas was unavailable at the building. Mr. Bianconi suggested purchasing property on other side from the homeowner since there isn't much property around the building. Members agreed to begin looking into replacing the furnace and discuss it next month after more information is available about gas/propane availability and overhead heaters.

Mr. Echemann commended the new Belmont County Educator for the Trashy Art Program that was just held at the Ohio Valley Mall in St. Clairsville. He stated the kids had some very clever projects and it looked very nice, and that it was good PR for us. Ms. Petrella spoke about the one held in Jefferson County at the same time by the Jefferson County Educator.

Mr. Fabian stated that he has spoken to a couple of people in hopes to fill Mr. Mucci's empty seat on the Board, and they are supposed to get back with him.

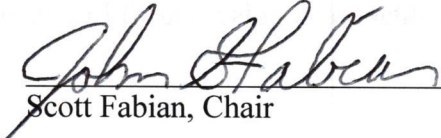
Mr. Kolanski spoke about serving on the Board for 14 years and the members that he had served with that are now gone, how he has enjoyed working with everyone over the years, including County Commissioners. He spoke about the Commissioners that have previously been on the

Board over the years and had questioned why for the last several years we have not had a Jefferson County Commissioner on the Board like Belmont does, instead having a fill-in member representing them. Adding he loves their representative on the Board and has no complaints about him. When he previously asked at a meeting he was told the Commissioners can appoint a representative, but what made him mad was the very next day he saw Jefferson County Commissioner Morelli on News 9 criticizing our Board to the public, after which our Chairman had to go on to bat for us. He stated that if an actual Commissioner was on the Board that would never have happened, there would be no issue of misinformation or lack of communication, and the Commissioners should not go on tv and speak about Board activities when you aren't attending the meetings.

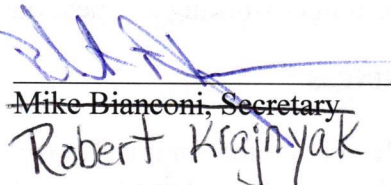
Next meeting set for Monday, April 10, 2023 at the Belmont JB Green Team building.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm. with a motion from Mr. Kolanski, seconded by Mr. Kolanski. **Vote: All said Aye, motion carried.**

ATTEST:



Scott Fabian, Chair



~~Mike Bianconi, Secretary~~
Robert Krajnyak