

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bob Baird, Mike Bianconi, John Davies, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, James Mavromatis, Rob Sproul

ABSENT: Joe Luckino, Dan Lima, Mitch Morelli,

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Natalie Lysle, Mark McVey, Dorene Unterzuber, Shawn Albaugh, Babette Mavromatis

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, 67895 Pickering Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, February 10, 2025.

Mr. Fabian turned the meeting over to Executive Director Anita Petrella. Ms. Petrella introduced two newly hired employees, Mark McVey as the new Belmont Coordinator, and Dorene Unterzuber as the new Belmont County Environmental Educator. Ms. Petrella stated we are extremely grateful to have Mr. McVey back involved in Belmont County after a rough year here. She stated that Dorene had previously worked for the Authority as the Educator for 10 years and did an excellent job. She had left to take another position for seven years, and we are pleased to have her back as an experienced educator, and knows her and Mr. McVey will do a wonderful job together. Ms. Unterzuber thanked everyone for bringing her back, she is excited to be here, and looks forward to educating people in Belmont County, letting them know what we do here, and working with you all again. Mr. McVey thanked the Director and the Personnel Committee and the Board for showing confidence in him by hiring him. He reported that he spent most of last week finalizing the Belmont Community Cleanup Collections with the help of Ms. Petrella and Mrs. Lysle. He stated that the Township Trustees are extremely appreciative of the Collections, and excited that the tires would be included this year. Several Township Trustees pointed out to him that out of all of our events and collections these are the most important to them, that they are more personal to them because they directly effect their communities. He was amazed by just how much the trustees appreciate the collections. He thanked Board for continuing to fund this important event.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the January 13, 2025 Reorganization Meeting minutes was made by Mr. Echemann, and seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **Vote: 10 Said Aye, with Mr. Dawson and Mr. Davies abstaining, Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the January 13, 2025 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Krajnyak, and seconded by Mr. Henry. **Vote: 10 said Aye, with Mr. Dawson and Mr. Davies abstaining. Motion passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Scott Fabian

Mr. Fabian read correspondence from the Living Bread Kitchen Food Pantry thanking the Authority for the donation of \$50 in December.

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report: Anita Petrella

Mr. Fabian reported that Mr. Renforth was off sick. Ms. Petrella reviewed Mr. Renforth's Report which reflected January revenues of \$300,810.09, with expenditures of \$165,413.84

and net income of \$135,396.25. Non-Payroll Expenditures and Salaries & Wages Sheets were reviewed by the Board with no questions.

Ms. Petrella reviewed the Apex Tonnage report which reflected 9,165.23 tons In-District, 20,161.06 tons Out-of-District, 125,969.81 tons Out-of-State, for a total 155,296.10 tons yielding \$238,442.07.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for January 2025 was made by Mr. Mavromatis and seconded by Mr. Irvin. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

Community Cleanups

Ms. Petrella reported that the Community Cleanup Collection dates for both Counties have been scheduled, and that Mr. McVey was very instrumental in scheduling Belmont's. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates have been set for June 14th in Jefferson County and October 4th in Belmont County. The locations are yet to be confirmed. We will also be having electronic Collections in 2025. Two in Belmont County, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, and one specified day in Jefferson County where residents can take their electronics directly to Infinite Electronics and the Authority will pay for it, rather than collecting them and hauling them from a site in Jefferson. Ms. Petrella explained how the Tire collections would be different this year, last year Soil & Water bowed out after the first one and the Authority had to take over the tire collections and cover the cost for them. This year Gene Dunn will provide a trailer to every Township Collection, the sites that bring in less than 500-600 tires will not get one next year, residents near the ones that don't accept tires next year will be asked to take their tires to a neighboring collection site that is accepting them. Mr. Sproul asked if the tires would be limited like previous years. Ms. Petrella explained that we accept 10 at a time from residents because that is what the ODOT law allows for transporting at one time, but we won't take, for example, a flatbed full of 300 tires because we know they are coming from a business.

New Truck

Ms. Petrella reported the New AutoCar Truck ordered two years ago arrived, and it is currently waiting on signage. The other truck ordered should be here next month. We have 23 New Bins at the Jefferson yard, which will be signed one at a time then will replace the rusted out bins currently out, half of which will be going to Belmont County. Once these are all placed, she will be asking the Board to order 23-25 more from this years budget.

Follansbee Plan Tour

Ms. Petrella reported that she along with JBGT staff, Mr. Lima, Mr. Irin, and Mr. Henry who brought some of the Jefferson County Health Department staff, toured the new Plant in Follansbee where hopefully we will start recycling. JBGT trucks are expected to dump the commingled at the Junction in Mingo Jct, who will then bail, skid and take the materials to Follansbee to convert it into fuel. Mr. Henry stated it was very interesting tour, and seems to be very beneficial with the repurposing of the property and finding good use for materials where there is often a lot of waste because it can't be recycled, due to them being able to take almost anything there. Mr. Irvin stated he was very impressed with the building and setup, it is a very clean process and he is optimistic. Ms. Petrella stated the Empire Diversified Energy engineer from South Africa that created the machine was there and explained the entire process to them. Mr. Henry stated it will be a completely self sufficient operation because

they use what they burn to fuel the machine. Ms. Petrella stated the Junction is supposed to be getting back to her, she has emailed and called Scott Ewusiak, today she spoke to his son because they are supposed to get her a Certificate of Destruction from the EPA to show everything with this process is legal. They wanted to see about the Styrofoam and she sent them the information, but the Empire Diversified Energy Engineer is looking into it to see if they can burn the Styrofoam or not at the new plant. If they can't take it she is ready to come out in full force in the spring with a program in Jefferson and Belmont County, but she is currently waiting to hear back from them.

Belmont property Lease Resolution

Ms. Petrella stated we now have the lease and a Resolution from Attorney Bauer for the property and trailer next door to the Belmont Building. She explained the Authority is not in the rental business, but doesn't wish to displace the person that has been living there prior to the purchase of the property so we will be leasing it until he moves. The renter takes care of the property and trailer, and cuts the grass for \$350 a month which was the rate the renter set. When the renter eventually moves out the trailer will be removed, and the property will no longer be rented out. She stated the gentleman has not been treated rudely or inhumanely like was stated by someone before, he has been treated fairly and has been living rent free for six months since we purchased the property. She has been in regular contact with his sister every month since May and there have been no issues. He will begin paying rent in March.

Mr. Dawson made a motion to pass Resolution 2025-01, Mr. Henry seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All Said Yes. Motion approved.**

Mr. Sproul asked about the Unit and Bins for the Styrofoam program that were to be purchased. Ms. Petrella stated they are on hold until she sees if the Follansbee Plant can take Styrofoam, if so it will then just be accepted in the current commingled bins. Mr. Fabian suggested a media blitz to get the word out when we do start to take the Styrofoam. Ms. Petrella stated she planned to put it on Facebook, the Website, TV news and in the local Newspapers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: George Irvin

Mr. Irvin stated they met just for interviews for the Belmont positions, but he did want to clarify a topic from the December meeting. The Committee met in reference to accusations made by the previous Belmont County Coordinator Mrs. McMillen. He reported there were no findings to support claims made by those accusations which is why they moved forward with the Contract, etc.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

Mr. Bianconi reported that the Committee did not meet but Mrs. Lysle provided him with the status List of the 2024 Grants which she has been very on it like she is always is with everything. He reviewed that the Powhatan Cemetery Association and the Powhatan Point Municipal Park District were returning their grant funds and would be reapplying due to the person coordinating them having to deal with family illness and was unable to complete the projects. He reviewed others who had returned partial funds, stating in essence everything was going well because of everything that Ms. Lysle has done, including coming up with a new Progress Report Form to help ensure the Grant Recipients to get their projects done and reports in. Mr. Dawson asked Mrs. Lysle if she received a good response with the Progress Report Form. Mrs. Lysle stated she did, this year there was only one, maybe two, that were late in getting their documents submitted, and the Progress Report did really help keep them all on track with their Grant Projects and Completion Reporting. Mr. Bianconi stated that was all due to the work of Mrs. Lysle and thanked her for doing a great job.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

LANDFILL REPORT: Andrew Henry

Mr. Henry reported January Apex Material Reports show MSW of 168,000 tons, CD&D of 84,000 tons. There were seventeen (17) odor complaints, they have been steadily in the teens since September so are doing a good job of keeping the complaints down. There were no Notice of Violations in 2024 and so far in 2025. One of his staff members who was out there last week detected odor that was light, so we will probably see a one (1) on the report next month.

Mr. Henry informed the Board that the Ohio Attorney Generals Office has Open Dumping Grants available until the end of February for municipalities and government agencies. He will send the information out to the Board tomorrow. A Grant can be for up to \$100,000 for open dump cleanup and \$20,000 for Open Dump Prevention such as barriers, fencing, etc. They are looking for government property that has open dumping to be cleaned up. The application deadline is February 28th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Fabina reported that the Senate Bill 119 as of last year sort of died on the vine, so to speak, but will be reintroduced as a more condensed Bill attacking specifics wanted by Mr. Reineke. Mr. Fabian stated that he met with the Government Policy Group (GPG) and Mr. Reineke while he was recently in Columbus. The GPG spoke to Mr. Reineke about making the wording of multiple in the Bill to mean three (3) or more, instead of two (2) or more, and Mr. Reineke agreed with them on the matter. This would take this Authority out of the fight and frees us up from having to oppose it. Due to the changes being made by Mr. Reineke it will be a different Bill Number when reintroduced. The Bill was further discussed briefly by the Board. The GPG will let Mr. Fabian know when the Bill is reintroduced.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Davis asked the Authority to place gravel at the Recycling Drop-off Site located in Martins Ferry. Ms. Petrella stated that they were actually in the process of getting some for the site located at 331 and another Belmont Site. Mr. McVey stated he went out to the 331 Site with a driver last week and saw how bad it was after all the snow and rain had depleted it. He had asked Mr. Albaugh to get him a list of all the sites that were bad and had just ordered 50 tons of gravel to have them fixed later this week. Mr. McVey told Mr. Davies he assumed that site is included because the drivers are doing a wonderful job, but if he didn't see the gravel by later this week to contact him. Mr. McVey stated that if any Board members notice a site getting bad to please call and let him know, he would like to stay ahead of it.

Next meeting set for Monday, March 10, 2025 at the Jefferson JB Green Team building at 5:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm. with a motion made by Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Echemann. **Vote: All said Aye.**

ATTEST:



Rob Sproul, Vice Chair



Mike Bianconi, Secretary