

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY MINUTES  
FROM REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 11, 2022**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Dan Lima, Jim Mavromatis, Domenick Mucci, Rob Sproul

**ABSENT:** John Davies, George Irvin Jr., Joe Luckino, Mitch Morelli

**OTHERS:** Dave Hays, Alisha Teramana, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Louise Holliday, Deputy Matt Gehrig

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the Belmont Building at 5:30PM on, Monday, April 11, 2022.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the March 14, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, seconded by Mr. Krajnyak. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed. Mr. Dawson, abstained.**

A motion to approve the March 23, 2022, Special Meeting minutes was made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Henry. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed. Mr. Dawson, Mr. Kolanski, Mr. Lima, and Mr. Sproul abstained.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Dave Hays

*Operating Statement & Fund Cash Balance*

The March operating statement reflects the total revenues for the month in the amount of \$288,115.90. Rates and charges from Jefferson County in the amount of \$63,544.10 were received. Mr. Hays reported that as of March 31, he had not received Belmont County's yet. Total expenditures for the month of March were \$145,117.66 and a net cash income of \$142,998.24. The next page is the non-payroll expenditures for the month of March.

*APEX Revenue/Tonnage Report*

For the month of February, the tonnage report proceeds are received in March. February activity in-district tonnage 6,512.80, out of district but within Ohio 22,523.75, out of state 93,127.96, which yielded a total tonnage of 122,164.51.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Mucci, seconded by Mr. Dawson. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

*Mrs. Petrella was ill and unable to attend the meeting, so Mr. Hays spoke on her behalf.*

*Apex Zoom Meeting*

Mr. Hays and Mr. Fabian attended an Apex meeting via zoom on April 7 to hear their plans to upgrade their rail facility, doubling the size of the unloading rail with a \$25 million plus project. The objective is to be able to keep the cars moving so they do not sit, reducing the odor. Mr. Fabian added that they are purchasing gondola cars that will go overhead as well and extend over 5000 feet. They are filling in strip

ponds as well and Mr. Henry stated that they are using the area across the street as a holding area for the dirt that they are moving around the facility. Mr. Mucci asked if they owned the property across the street as well to which Mr. Fabian confirmed that it was owned by Apex, which is owned by Interstate Waste Systems (IWS). He also stated that haul road from 646 coming is going to be updated as well.

#### *Community Cleanups*

There have been two cleanups in Belmont County and one in Jefferson County so far this year. Mrs. Shepherd noted that attendance at the Belmont County cleanups has been dramatically down in attendance from previous years. Mrs. Holliday, who attended the Jefferson County cleanup last week agreed that was the case there as well. Mrs. Lysle felt that the weather may have been a factor. Mr. Mavromatis asked how many people are assigned to work each cleanup and asked what day of the week the cleanups were held. Mrs. Lysle stated that the cleanups are held on Thursdays in Jefferson County. They normally have at least two drivers there and someone from the office as well as the litter enforcement officer and his work release crew. Depending on the township, trustees may be there. Mrs. Holliday added that Eastern Ohio Correctional assisted at this last cleanup in Jefferson County. Mr. Bianconi noted that this was the case in Jefferson County but in Belmont County they are run differently.

#### *Trashy Art Contest*

Mrs. Holliday spoke of the excellent turnout between the two counties this year for Trashy Art. In Jefferson County, 199 students signed up and 160 entries. Belmont County had 50 students signed up with 40 entries. Both events were held at the mall in their respective counties and generated much attention. Checks will be going out to all participating schools.

#### *JCHD Steering Committee*

Mr. Henry stated that the Jefferson County Health Department asked Mrs. Petrella to serve on their steering committee and identified her as a key stakeholder for their Community Health Assessment. The Community Health Assessment is a requirement for the Health Department and there are several different groups within that assessment, one being an environmental committee which Mrs. Petrella was asked to participate.

#### *Infinite Electronics*

Mrs. Lysle stated that a representative from the company met with the Jefferson Office and informed them that they are expanding their operations and are asking for more business and referrals. She stated that we refer all electronics disposal there in lieu of Electronics Cleanups we previously offered. Mr. Fabian asked for confirmation of their address in Wintersville, and Mrs. Lysle mentioned there is a fee for some disposal depending on the item.

#### *EEO Conference*

Mrs. Holliday stated that the Environmental Enforcement Workshop will be held on May 24, 2022, at the Towers Building, 5th & Market Street, 2nd Floor from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Steubenville. The workshop will provide local law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges with important information regarding Ohio's environmental laws, the environmental crimes being committed locally and the financial, social, and environmental cost to our community. The workshop will also feature mock investigations based on actual cases and tips for law enforcement when confronted with scrap metal theft, open dumping, and tire dumping. She stated that things were being done differently from the last time it was held here in 2014 and that they were now charging \$35 to attend and that space is limited to 50 guests. She also stated that the litter officers for both counties will be in attendance and speaking about the work they have done so far.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian**

Did not meet.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul**

Did not meet.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Did not meet.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis**

Did not meet.

**GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi**

*Grant Applications*

Mr. Bianconi reported that the committee met prior to the Regular Meeting to discuss the 36 applications for the 2022 Grant Applications. Notations from that meeting are as follows:

Belco Works is requesting grant money for labor for repairs to paper shredder that services the Community. It was recommended by the committee that they remove \$3,570 for labor.

Colerain Township is requesting \$700 for an Annual Litter pickup on CR 4 and 10. They have previously requested this grant as well, but we already provide bags, gloves, and litter grabbers to anyone wishing to use them to clean up the community. They are also requesting money for a dumpster, which would be considered a community cleanup and not what the recycling grant is about. We would supply them with materials they need for pickup.

The Village of Shadyside is requesting more signs to replace old signs in the Village. This grant was approved last year and has been suggested by the committee to approve again this year with the stipulation for next year that any signage will be denied as it is attainable through ODOT.

Tiltonville Volunteer Fire Department has requested lifting airbags, air bag control and kit for rescue but has been unable to confirm that these items are made from recycled materials. These items have been previously requested and been unsuccessfully verified as made from recycled materials and it is suggested that they turn down that application.

The question was asked if any applications were submitted outside of the deadline, and it was notated that The Steubenville Parks Department originally requested a new slide for Bellview Pool, but it was turned down, so they submitted a new request for 6 benches made of recycled materials which came one day outside of the deadline. The committee suggested to accept it because the original request came within deadline.

Mr. Bianconi wanted the board to be aware of all the work Mrs. Lysle put into the grants and thanked her for all her hard work. Mr. Fabian stated that the total amount requested was \$107,310.33 and the board approved \$100,000 for grants previously. With the changes suggested by the committee, the total amount approved would be \$98,040.33.

A motion to accept the 2022 Grant Applications recommended by the Committee was made by Mr. Krajnyak, seconded by Mr. Kolanski. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

**SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Did not meet.

**APEX REPORT:** Andrew Henry

For the Month of March, there were 3 odor complaints that came into the health department. The tonnage for the month of March from MSW was 148,000 tons and C&D was 56,000 tons. Odor Intensity for the year of 2022 has yielded no detections and in the last three years there have been no notice of violations. Mr. Henry informed the board that there was a fire at Apex in the beginning of April that was the result of a battery pack that caught fire. It did catch the cover on fire and will require repair. Fires do happen on occasion but are containable and generally are not caused by hot spots from waste.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Deputy Matt Gehrig introduced himself to the board as the Belmont County Litter Enforcement Officer. He brings 16 years of experience from the Belmont County Sheriff's Department and is available to assist in any way he can. He explained that he was currently working on a couple cases but isn't having any luck with finding the responsible parties for illegal dumping in the recycling bins but will continue to work on them.

The next meeting is set for Monday, May 9, 2022, at the JBGT Jefferson County Building in Steubenville at 5:30pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm with a motion from Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Sproul. **VOTE:** All Said Aye.

**ATTEST:**

  
Scott Fabian, Chair

  
Mike Bianconi, Secretary