

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2022**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mike Bianconi, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, Joe Luckino, James Mavromatis, Mitch Morelli, Domenick Mucci, Rob Sproul

**ABSENT:** John Davies, Chuck Dawson, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak,

**OTHERS:** Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle

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 5:40PM on, Monday, January 10, 2022.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the December 13, 2021 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci and seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **Vote: 7 said Aye, with Mr. Echemann and Mr. Morelli abstaining. Motion passed.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Fiscal Report:**

Mr. Hays explained that the General Fund, the Contract Fund, and Rates & Charges Fund are for reporting purposes to the Auditor of the State. They are all the General Fund; we separate them out for tracking purposes throughout the year. The Rates & Charges Fund is for the Lawsuit settlement agreement, and the Contract Fee Fund because the EPA asked him to do that. As far as reporting it is all the General Fund, therefore the transfers in and out are intra-fund transfers. The Revenues and Expenses after deducting those intra-fund transfers were as follows: The actual revenues for December 2021 were \$279,720.46, with expenditures of \$203,207.64.00 and net income of \$76,504.72.

Non-Payroll Expenditures were reviewed with Mr. Hays explaining the largest amount shown is for the Clean Earth Solutions for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection held in Belmont County at \$36,917.20.

The Tonnage Report from Apex shows 10,131.86 In-District tons, 17,417.25 Out-of-District tons, 118,144.44 Out-of-State tons, for a total of 145,693.55 tons, yielding \$222,183.02 in disposal fees.

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

**Director's Report:**

**Belmont Stream Debris**

Ms. Petrella reported that as requested by the Board she contacted the Belmont Soil & water District to offer them the Stream Debris funding if they had the same program as Jefferson. They do not currently have a program but reached out to Jefferson Soil & water for information on it. She then contacted Anita asking if they have to align with Jeffersons Stream Debris Removal Program as they would like to have something on a much larger scale which would include hiring someone to clean up the approved sites. Ms. Petrella let her know that she would take her questions to the Board. Ms. Petrella reminded the Board that the motion made last month was to give the funds to Belmont only if they had the same program as Jefferson. With that in mind, the funding would not be granted for labor and a much larger

scale for Belmont, because they do not have the same program and the Authority is unable to provide labor or staff their program. But if they did start up a program like Jeffersons we could give them the \$3,500 startup funding and pay for roll-offs, unless the Board disagreed, none disagreed with Ms. Petrella.

#### Belmont Flagpole

As requested last meeting by Mr. McVey, Ms. Petrella researched the option for a larger Flagpole at the Belmont building. She read information provided by Mrs. Shepherd after contacting other internet Flagpole companies. They advised that natural grass and dirt is needed to place a standalone flagpole, (like at Jefferson's), but there is only gravel at Belmont's building, plus there is a county water meter and a sewer grinder underground in the front area. The companies also require us to "call to dig" for markings anything else that's underground before they would proceed.

Mr. Rice from Signs Limited sent a letter explaining that he surveyed the site on June 21<sup>st</sup> and determined the pole could not be moved from the original spot on the site. At 25 feet high and with movement of the electric line so close to the pole it was determined unsafe. There is no lighting option available, and if needed to be flown a half-mask the flag would likely wrap around the power lines or catch the corner of the roof. They were able to use the lighting source already on the building to illuminate the flag as required at night and provide a safe environment for maintaining the flag. According to all of this advice and input from Ms. Shepherd she feels it is best to leave the flag where it is. The Board discussed and understood Mr. McVey's concerns but agreed with leaving it where it is.

#### JBGT Annual Grants for 2022

Ms. Petrella advised the Board that it is time to decide whether to fund the Annual Grants Program and to set the amount if they chose to do so. Board Members briefly discussed what was funded last year.

A motion to keep the Grant Funding the same as last year, in the amount of \$100,000, for 2022 was made by Mr. Mucci, Mr. Sproul seconded. **Vote by Roll call: All said Yes. Motion passed.**

#### Community cleanups for 2022

Mr. Hays stated there is \$200,000 in the temporary Budget for the cleanups, and can change it to reflect that amount in the permanent budget. Members discussed and agreed to fund the 2022 Collections, since the funds are already in the Budget there is no need for a motion to move forward.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian**

Did not meet.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Did not meet.

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Did not meet.

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Did not meet.

#### GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Did not meet.

#### SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

Did not meet.

#### LANDFILL REPORT: Andrew Henry

Mr. Henry reported for December 2021 Apex had MSW at 126,491 tons, and CD&D of 70,221 tons. There was practically no Odor Intensity for 2021. No notice of violations for second year in a row. There were three (3) odor complaints in December. The Jefferson County Health Department did get a registered sanitarian in training who will start on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Jefferson County Board of Health issued Apex their license for 2022.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bianconi asked about the status of the Sheriff's Deputy vehicles. Mr. Fabian stated that he liked the idea of doing our own the more he thinks about it. Mr. Luckino asked if we had to have deputized officer in order to go on private property. Mr. Mavromatis advised that you do have to have statutory authority to do that, so they must use an officer. After hours use of the vehicles was discussed. Mr. Luckino suggested doing what was previously discussed that if used for other than Environmental it would be breaking the agreement and they could end the 1 year contract, adding they should try to mirror the two Counties.

Mr. Bianconi would like to move forward with the 2022 Agreement for Belmont. Members advised the contract would have to be approved by Board first. The old vehicles were discussed. The issue with the Jefferson program is that they plan to use vehicle after hour, which is not an allowable expense for the Authority. An Environmental officer is, but other regular police duties are not. Mr. Hays asked what ever happened with Attorney Bauer and Mr. Blake negotiating the Agreement as agreed back in September. Mr. Blake has the Agreement but has not returned his Mr. Bauer's calls. The Belmont Sheriff said they would make addendum to their Agreement to not use it for other duties after hours and is also willing to pay for the fuel so the officer could drive it home every evening. Mr. Luckino suggested doing the same with Belmont and if they breach the Agreement it take the vehicle back.

Mr. Hays will contact Attorney Bauer and check on progress.

Mr. Luckino made motion to reauthorize last year's Belmont County Sheriff's Contract for 2022, with the added addendum to not use vehicle after hours. The Authority will pay for fuel. Seconded by Mr. Sproul. **Vote by Roll call: All said yes. Motion approved.**

Ms. Petrella asked if Belmont can then go ahead and order the vehicle? Mr. Fabian stated it was approved in a motion last year so they can proceed after the Agreement is complete and signed. Mr. Luckino requested that Attorney Bauer and Mr. Blake begin negotiating Jefferson's contract.

Mr. Fabian informed the Board that as his email sent showed, the OEPA had final approval of Kimble's Transfer Station in St. Clairsville. Mr. Bauer has sent a Resolution and a legal notice to be sent out with a list of pre-qualifications for a professional engineering firm to make sure what Kimble is doing

coincides with the Authority's siting strategy. Mr. Fabian stated the appropriate Committee will have to meet and review the qualifications when we start getting them in. The Engineering firm will look at traffic flow, lighting, and odors the facility will generate. Mr. Mucci asked if it was necessary as it will cost a significant amount of money. A discussion followed. Mr. Bianconi read a paragraph of the legal notice to the Board. Mr. Fabian provided a copy of the Resolution for the Board to review. Mr. Bauer can probably provide a list of engineering firms to contact as well.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-1 to do the legal notice and hire an engineering firm as recommended by Mr. Bauer was made by Mr. Bianconi. Mr. Echemann seconded. **Vote by Roll call: all said Yes. Motion passed.**

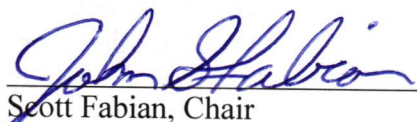
**NEW BUSINESS:**


Mr. Henry requested to be put on the agenda for next month meeting for the renewal of the Health Department Contract.

Next meeting set for Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Belmont JB Green Team building in St. Clairsville.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Scott Fabian, Chair

  
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Mike Bianconi, Secretary