

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 9, 2022**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr, Dan Lima, Joe Luckino, Mitch Morelli, Domenick Mucci, Rob Sproul

ABSENT: John Davies, Chuck Dawson, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, James Mavromatis,

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 JBGT building, 228 Technology Way, Steubenville, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, May 9, 2022.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the April 11, 2022 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, and seconded by Mr. Mr. Echemann. **Vote: 7 said Aye, with Mr. Irvin, Mr. Luckino and Mr. Morelli abstaining. Motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays reported revenues for \$351,276.47 with expenditures of \$265,839.46 and net income of \$85,437.01. He explained there were a lot of expenditures because of Trashy Art, Paper Payouts, Grants and increased cost in fuel, with the largest being \$17,939 to Oklok-Criss for Comprehensive Insurance.

Apex Fee Report form shows 11,815.74 total in-district tonnage, 21,540.66 out-of-district tonnage, 115,254.80 out-of-state tonnage for a total 148,611.20 tons generating \$227,779.26.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for April 2022 was made by Mr. Echemann and seconded by Mr. Irvin. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mr. Hays added that the approved trucks and equipment for the Litter Enforcement came in at a significant higher amount than anticipated. Because of which he would like to request the Board approve a transfer of \$100,000 from the Contract Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund to cover those increases. Ms. Petrella said it was anticipated at about \$38,000 each and they came in at \$47,000-48,000, and since we did not buy them immediately, they have now already been sold. They were 2022's and to order 2023's we will have to wait until June to do so and are expected to be \$53,000-\$55,000 range. She added Clay who does purchasing for Engineers is trying to find us some, but everything is so high right now and hard to find, adding that price was with State Purchasing. Mr. Hays explained he is asking for that amount to allow for other equipment costs, they currently have \$200,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund for the vehicles and equipment.

Mr. Luckino made a motion to transfer \$100,000 from the Contract Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund to cover the increase in costs and other equipment costs as requested for the Environmental Enforcement Officer vehicles. Mr. Bianconi seconded. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mr. Hays then asked for an increase in Appropriations for the \$100,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund.

Mr. Luckino made a motion to increase Appropriations by \$100,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund, Mr. Mucci seconded. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

EEO Radio's and Trucks

Director Anita Petrella informed the Board that under the Litter Enforcement Contract it says that we purchase radios and other equipment needed, and although they are not doing it at this point the Jefferson County Sheriff's office is getting all new radios this summer. She has received a quote from John Parker for \$3,882.53 for the Environmental Enforcement Officer's and advised them to expect this expense with a possible increase later.

Spending Limit

Ms. Petrella asked for a set spending limit to be able to make needed purchases without having to wait for Board approval at meetings. She gave one example for her reason, as making some improvements at the some of the Drop-off Recycling sites, currently the need of putting in some fencing and a cement pad at a possible new Community Drop-off site in Wintersville to enable our heaving trucks to service the bins. The price of everything is high and so unpredictable right now. The current site at the City Building is only temporary (until August), and the possible new area being looked at has very soft ground and will not work without the improvements, as the trucks are 39,000 lbs. each. The need to wait for each approval at a Board meeting to be able to move forward hinders and delays the needed purchases. The Board discussed setting the individual purchase amount at either \$5,000 or \$10,000 for purchases outside of the normal day to day. Mr. Irvin stated years ago in Mingo they set it at \$5,000 but then they met weekly instead of monthly. Mr. Henry stated his position is set at \$5,000 and it does hamstring him at times, so he likes \$10,000 for this. Mr. Hays stated the Authority is not subject to competitive bidding. Mr. Mucci suggested allowing for the set amount with the stipulation that a documented notification be sent to the Finance Committee for each purchase. Mr. Bianconi suggested creating a policy for it as well.

Mr. Luckino made a motion to give the Executive Director a purchase limit without prior Board approval for up to \$10,000 per transaction for things outside of normal day to day, with the stipulation that documented notifications be sent to the Finance Committee for each transaction. Mr. Mucci seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 9 voting Yes, Mr. Irvin voting No. Motion passed.**

Mr. Hays was asked to create a policy on the purchase limit discussed and approved.

Environmental Enforcement Camera's

Ms. Petrella stated two cameras were just ordered to be placed at two (2) Community Drop-off sites in Jefferson County. There will be a \$15 per month data cost for each, and if they work well she plans to add two to Belmont County.

Environmental Law Enforcement Workshop

Ms. Petrella stated that any staff or Board Members wishing to attend the workshop set for May 24th at the Towers building will need to register with her by the end of the week. She asked the Board if the cost of \$35 per person could be covered by the Board for the staff,

Board members, Jefferson County Sheriff Abdalla and both Environmental Enforcement Officers, adding that Belmont County Sheriff Lucas was invited but cannot attend.

Mr. Echemann made a motion to cover cost of the ELE Workshop for JBGT staff and Board, Sheriff Abdalla and Deputy Polaski as requested. Mr. Henry seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.

Health Department Contract

Mr. Henry reported that he again brought back the Contract to the Health Department Board last month and asked that they go ahead with the Contract as is for the \$80,000. They said they would agree to that if the JBRSWA would agree to add the option to renegotiate the terms of the Contract if the Health Department exceeds the \$80,000. They also do have their C&DD revenue to cover their losses for the Solid waste fund, so they may not need to come back to the JBRSWA Board if it is not over a significant amount, adding they did not exceed the \$80,000 last year. Mr. Fabian stated he spoke to Attorney Bauer regarding this and was told that they could pay their Sanitarians for the Landfill inspections and enforcement out of the C&DD.

Mr. Luckino made a motion to accept the Contract with the language added that if the Health Department exceeds the \$80,000 they could renegotiate the terms. Mr. Mucci asked if adding this would violate the Solid Waste Plan, Mr. Hays responded it should not. Mr. Mucci seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 9 voting Yes, Mr. Henry abstained. Motion passed.**

LANDFILL REPORT: Andrew Henry

Mr. Henry stated for the month of April Apex had 149,000 tons for MSW, and 55,000 tons for C&D. So far for 2022 there have been no violation. They did see an uptake in odor complaints, which he attributes to Interstate Waste being on the news for their rail, anytime they make the News odor complains uptick. Still not much odor intensity for 2022, but the landfill did have some issues with the ground gas monitoring, which has been contributing to some of the complaints.

Mr. Henry left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: George Irvin

None.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

None.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bianconi stated Pease & Colerain Townships worked with a property owner to get rid of a bunch of garbage and debris at the Special Collections, and he wanted to let the Board know that at the Bergholz location he saw Deputy Polaski pitch in working really hard with the team handling the tires.

Mr. Bianconi stated that regarding the recent 2022 Grants announced, Colerain Township Trustee told him that we used to provide them with a roll off to do a cleanup and with denying them that funding this year, then asked what avenue they had left to support disposal. Mr. Bianconi stated they should have a way to encourage cleanups. Ms. Petrella explained that the JBGT staff in Jefferson County often picks up litter bags and other items collected along roadways by volunteers, and has provided dumpsters for flood cleanups, included three already this year. But providing a dumpster would be the same as another Community Collection which are already provided as an option to Townships. Jefferson County staff is able to pick up along the roadways, whereas Belmont does not have a large enough roll off to do more than some garbage bags. They were offered the option to bring their cleanup items to the Cell in Jefferson, but they chose to take it directly to Apex Landfill and pay for it.

Mr. Bianconi mentioned the issue of the delays of getting vehicles after ordering and with regards to our large front-loading trucks, asked if they should look at ordering a year or two ahead. Ms. Petrella stated they are okay for now, they do have the old rear loader that is in very bad shape, but they've have it's replacement order in for a year and a half now and it keeps getting pushed back, will most likely be more than quoted at \$160,000 in 2020 when it does come in. Mr. Hays stated he has a Purchase Order created and carried over based on the quote they gave. It is unsure if that price can change from the quote due to the long delay.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Luckino asked if the Board has heard or know anything regarding Crossridge Landfill. Mr. Fabian stated all we know is what was on the News, they have not approached the Authority. Mr. Luckino if a company is spending 7 million dollars there for a cleanup. Mr. Fabian stated he has no idea what they are doing there, they had said they were doing a (9) nine-month evaluation there. Mr. Fabian state we have the same information that was seen on the news. Mr. Luckino stated regarding the Kimble facility in Belmont, have we been contacted for approval. Mr. Fabian stated the Authority Engineering is in place, and Kimble has not reached out to us. Mr. Hays stated they do not have any equipment on site and have not yet started on the project.

Next meeting set for Monday, June 13th, 2022 at JBGT building in St. Clairsville at 5:30.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

ATTEST:

Scott Fabian, Chair