

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2022**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr, Robert Krajnyak, Dan Lima, Mitch Morelli, Domenick Mucci, Rob Sproul

ABSENT: John Davies, Tony Kolanski, Joe Luckino, James Mavromatis

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Jim Still, Andy Kuchinski, Paul Romano

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, October 3, 2022.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the September 12, 2022 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, and seconded by Mr. Echemann. **Vote: Ten (10) said Aye. Mr. Dawson Abstained. Motion approved.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays reported September revenues of \$309,209.71, with expenditures of \$131,090.59 and net income of \$178,119.12. He noted that the expenditures were at a minimal due the Special Cleanups and Economic Incentive Grants ending.

Non-Payroll expenditures were reviewed. Mr. Bianconi asked about the two \$3,000 separate amounts showing for the Government policy Group. Mr. Hays stated one was August and the other was for September. Mr. Bianconi stated the Jefferson County Health Board shows amounts for March and April, he asked if we were now all current on them. Mr. Fabian stated those amounts were for 2020. Mr. Hays stated we are not up to date for this year.

The Apex Tonnage Report shows Total In-District tonnage of 8,521.55, Total Out-of-District tonnage of 24,070.44, and Total Out-of-State tonnage of 125,552.62, for total tonnage of 158,144.61 yielding \$244,991.36 in fees.

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

Mr. Hays explained that he noticed an increase was needed in Appropriations for Contract Services in the Rates & Charges fund in the amount of \$30,000 to get through the end of the year. Adding that we have plenty of unanticipated revenue to cover that amount.

A motion to increase the Contract Services Line Item in the Rates & Charges Fund by \$30,000 was made by Mr. Irvin, seconded by Mr. Henry. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes, motion approved.**

Mr. Mucci asked if that would increase the amount to over \$200,000 for the year. Mr. Hays responded yes, with haulers, the fuel surcharge now, increase costs to process recyclables and their surcharge along with many other cost increases it is needed.

Director's Report:

Ms. Petrella stated that on Friday evening Mike Mennett from Keep Ohio Beautiful called her and informed her that for the first time in several years they are again having their Annual KOB Conference at the Mohican State Park Lodge on November 3rd & 4th. She provided a copy of the agenda and added that our staff hasn't gone for several years. She asked the Board if they would approve for the educators to attend and explained the benefits especially if the Board hires a Belmont Educator this evening. Cost would be \$300 each and include the rooms.

Wintersville Site

Ms. Petrella stated that the Wintersville temporary site had to be removed for their new asphalt work at the Village Building. Mr. Luckino just provided a temporary location on property that Cedar One has for Lease/Sale until such time it is sold or rented. However, the Village of Wintersville has a site that may work, if their Council agrees, but would need improvements. It is a sloped grass lot. The Village may be able to do the excavating to level it out for us then we would need to add fencing, cameras, lights, and either concrete or asphalt. She explained she would require a five (5) year agreement/contract drawn up by Attorney Bauer prior to investing in the site, but we would not have to purchase or rent the property. Photos were shown of the property located on Walnut Street while she explained the improvements that could be done, adding the Village has grindings they said they can put down after leveling it off for us. She stated it would cost more than the \$10,000 the Board allocated for her to spend on site improvements. She estimated 6-10 bins and 2 glass totes will be at the site depending on public participation. Mr. Hays visit the location and thought it was a good site off the main road. Members of the Board discussed some concerns which included possible water drainage issues, neighboring residents' complaints, possible traffic congestion, liability, etc. It was recommended that the Village have a public meeting giving residents a chance to speak. Ms. Petrella stated we can put in an electric gate that would shut by remote at a set time using a cell phone. Mr. Romano suggested using the slates in the fencing to restrict visibility into the site for appearances.

The matter was tabled until the next Board Meeting so further information on their concerns could be answered and to see if Wintersville Council agreed to allow the use of the property.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: George Irvin

Mr. Irvin stated the Committee interviewed a candidate and then met prior to the meeting, and that they wish to recommend the Board hire Sharon Malin for the Belmont Educator position. She has a vast background in education, experience with schools, experience with sales and just a very good candidate.

A motion was made to by Mr. Mucci to accept the Personnel Committees recommendation and hire Sharon Malin for the Belmont Education Coordinator position. Seconded by Mr. Bianconi. Ms. Petrella stated tentative beginning date is on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. **VOTE: All said Aye. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Lima asked if the Committee was much more satisfied with the candidates this time around. Mr. Irvin stated yes, much more so, using Indeed Online brought in over 60+ candidates to choose from. Ms. Petrella it was free using Indeed this time but the next Job Ad we post we will have to pay. She explained of those 60 candidates we narrowed it down to 12, and from there conducted first round interviews to narrow it down to 4. We had four set to be interviewed by the Committee today but the other candidates cancelled, unfortunately two took another job since in the couple of weeks between todays scheduled interviews, and one tested positive for Covid.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

None.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino

None.

LANDFILL REPORT: Andrew Henry

Mr. Henry reported August tonnage was 142,000 for MSW, and 76,000 for C&D. Tonnage continues to be up and trending in the right direction. Odor complaint trends have finally begun to go down, they were cut in half throughout the month of September. As he mentioned last month, they were very close to their first Notice of Violation since 2019, but they had a good month in September. He has asked his staff to update the Odor Intensity information, explaining this is when his team does odor control by rating it a .5 for odor that comes and goes very quickly, or between 1-5 for odor that is stagnant. There were a couple of .5 reports so far for 2022, he will have the specific numbers next month, adding they have not detected any long-lasting odors.

The Crossridge hearing does start again tomorrow, they will be attempting to go to the landfill, including the judge himself, to see the contamination at the site. He is hoping the case will be over by the end of the week, at which point he would expect Apex/Interstate Waste, who has been doing a feasibility study, to make a determination on plans they have been considering. He reached out to him last week, but he did not have any information to share.

Mr. Fabian informed the Board that a Conrail train flipped over right outside of Mingo this morning on coal spring road, about 10 cars flipped over the hill close to the creek. He is not sure if any got into the crick, but Conrail was down there today working on it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bianconi passed out information of work the Government Policy Group is doing for the Authority regarding types of waste fees for landfills, it looks like it is going the right way. Mr.

Hays stated yes, the language on the Daily Log Sheets were kept the same and is a good step, but Attorney Bauer informed him that there are still a couple issues. Other landfills are receiving waste that is pulverized and being reported as CD&D but the EPA is looking the other way and not enforcing it. He believes we still have issues but are headed in the right direction.

Mr. Dawson asked about what stage Kimble is in for the transfer station in St. Clairsville. Mr. Fabian stated we have heard nothing from them, but he saw they had moved some dirt. Some members stated they thought they moved it for a road or to stockpile it for later.

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff members Jim Still, Paul Romano and Andy Kuchinski were in attendance and asked to address the Board. Mr. Still, JBGT Driver explained they wanted to present an informational sheet to all members since it was almost time for the Board to consider raises. Mr. Fabian stated they could discuss what they present now since they will be discussed next month in Executive Session. Mr. Mucci stated it should follow past practice of it going through the Committee prior to the Board Meeting next month, who will then make the recommendation to the Board. Ms. Petrella asked for clarification on the wages shown as Belmont, Jefferson & JBGT. Mr. Still stated the Belmont & Jefferson amounts are for their County Highway Departments. Mr. Echemann asked what type of drivers they were referring to, Mr. Kuchinski responded the large truck drivers (CDL). Types of safety equipment (boots, glasses, reflective vests) requirements were discussed briefly, Mr. Fabian explained what is provided and what is bought by employees of the Jefferson Engineers department, that they provide vests but if employees want the reflective hoodies, they purchase them themselves. Mr. Mucci reciprocated that this should be given to the Personnel Committee and then the Finance Committee for consideration, he felt they should also have comparisons to other Solid Waste Authority's figures. Mr. Fabian said there was a study already completed he can provide. Mr. Fabian stated that we have the most drivers in the state of Ohio in comparison to other Solid Waste Authorities, with one of the smallest populations, and that most Districts contract out the services. Mr. Hays added most have 3 or 4 office employees and then they contract out the rest. Mr. Fabian stated one District has 6 Counties in it and only 4-5 employees with no drivers. The Board thanked the drivers for the information. The Committee will meet prior to the next Board meeting, Mr. Irvin suggested a joint Committee Meeting.

Next Board meeting was set for Monday, November 14, 2022, at JBGT building in Steubenville.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm with a motion from Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Sproul. **Vote: All said Aye, motion approved.**

ATTEST:


Scott Fabian, Chair


Mike Bianconi, Secretary