

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak, Joe Luckino, James Mavromatis, Mitch Morelli, Domenick Mucci, Rob Sproul

ABSENT: John Davies, Dan Lima

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Louise Holliday, Mark Bigler, Paul Romano, Jim Still

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 5:33PM on, Monday, November 14, 2022.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the October 3, 2022 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Krajnyak, and seconded by Mr. Mucci. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays reported revenues for \$286,417.17, with expenditures of \$233,650.75 and net income of \$52,766.42 for the month of October. The next four (4) pages are the Non-payroll Expenditures for October, they take up four pages because of the paper payouts to schools and non-profits. Mr. Bianconi asked if we were all caught up on the payments to the Jefferson County Health Department. Mr. Henry stated they were pretty close, there were only a few left.

Apex Landfill September Report shows 5,814.94 In-District Tons, 18,941.58 Out-of-District tons, 118,024.59 Out-of-State tons. Brought in total Fees of \$220,734.99. Funds for September were received in October.

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

Director's Report:

Belmont EEO Report

Ms. Petrella passed around a copy of the Belmont County Environmental Officers 3rd Quarter Report showing 30 total reports, 7 illegal dumping reports, 23 JBGT Container/Site reports with details on charges filed.

EEO Trucks

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that they were able to find two 1500 Chevy Silverado trucks for the Litter Enforcement for \$49,990.00 each. The Board has previously approved her up to \$53,000 because state purchasing prices keep increasing, she plans to have them brought to Jefferson County for the police package to be put on them plus the safety gate for Jefferson's. She didn't want to purchase yesterday until she double checked with the Board this evening, if the Board has no objections, she will go ahead with purchasing them tomorrow. There were no objections.

Carport

Ms. Petrella asked for Board for approval to purchase a car port to place over at the Yard to cover an area of cement blocks on a cement floor. This will be used by staff to paint bins, trailers, etc. Painting here at this building is not ideal. She already checked with Mike Eroshevich at the Jefferson County Water Department who had no problem with it. Expected cost is \$5,705 plus a few extra parts, so \$6,000 should cover it.

Mr. Echemann made a motion to approve the purchase the carport for \$6,000, Mr. Kolanski seconded. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Apex Letter

Ms. Petrella read an email she received from Dave Cieply, EVP of Apex Landfill Operations about plans for the construction of a Gondola Building on the south end of their rail unloading area. This building was already approved as part of the landfill permit and will be constructed using many “state of the art” features that meet or exceed industrial standards. They expect to initiate engineering and excavation activities in the coming weeks, and work through to a completion date of January 2024. Mr. Hays stated that the Authority does have a siting strategy for not only new facilities but also for upgrades to existing facilities, so they may need to work with us on this project.

Grant Recipient Issue

Belco Works is a 2022 recipient of \$1,430 in Grant Funds as part of a purchase for shredding equipment and have informed our office that they will not be able to have the equipment delivered until next year when they are in their new building. They have made the purchase, but delivery has been delayed. The Board discussed then approved the delay if they can provide an Invoice of their purchase.

Wintersville Site

Ms. Petrella explained the Board that the temporary site for Wintersville will have to be moved to a spot next to it on Cedar One property before winter because our trucks sink. The spot next to it will work through winter but will need gravel to allow the trucks to turn around. She has an estimate for the 4,620 sq. ft. needing gravel for \$11,008. She asked the Board if they are okay with that investment, or would they prefer to remove it until a new site is located or until the location on Walnut Street is approved/completed, reminding them of the difficulty she has had finding a location in Wintersville. Mr. Luckino stated the spot can be available for 1 year, and up to 2-3-4 years depending on when it sells, but they are happy to offer it as an option until it does. A Board discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Bianconi to approve the purchase of gravel for the new Wintersville Drop-off Recycling spot on Cedar One property. Mr. Echemann seconded. **Roll Call Vote: 11 said Yes, with Mr. Luckino abstaining and Mr. Morelli voting No. Motion approved.**

Disposal Rates & Hauling

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that Ohio Valley Waste has doubled the cost for our materials and required a contract by November 1st. She has been trying to find another location to take the materials since she was notified. OV Waste pulled most of our roll-offs after the deadline but left the 66 attached to compactor. She explained the material process at the Yard to the Board. Four (4) tons of garbage is picked out of the recycling pile each week and hauled to Apex by

Moore in 40 yd. top load roll-offs. She was able to reach an agreement reduce the tipping fee cost to Apex for our loads Moore takes there. Moore was able to bring a 30 yd. top load roll-off for the glass to haul to PA. The 66 yd back load roll-off attached to the compactor had been getting hauled by OV Waste to Mt. Pleasant PA. Kimble has a transfer station in Carrollton, but Don Moore is can only transport 40 yd. roll-offs not the 66 yd. The 66 yards are owned by OV Waste and go to TC Recycling (which is their sister company), and if OVW are not going to haul for us the cost at TC will increase from \$40 a ton to \$75 a ton. Kimble in Carrollton will charge \$35-45 per ton, but we would have to have the 40 yd. rear-load compacting roll offs. The top load carries 2.5 tons, the compacted one will be between 6 ½ - 7 tons, so we would make three (3) trips per week at \$675 in hauling, rather than \$1,400 in hauling to go to TC. We sent Kimble one 40 yd load of recyclables to inspect and approve our materials, they said they would accept our recyclables. Attorney Bauer told her that we would need a Contract with them first. Kimble stated they could not give more than a 30 day contract because commodities change so quickly, and provided a copy of a one paragraph Contract as an example used with another company, Ms. Petrella read the sample contract to the Board. Ms. Petrella recommended this option but warned the Board the costs could go up, adding the hauling costs won't, Mr. Moore has agreed to stick with his hauling price of \$225. The issue would be we do not have access to the needed 40 yd. rear loading compactor roll-offs. We would need to special order them, to have 2 made in the month of December will cost \$21,600. She asked the Board if they wished to stay with OVW hauling the materials at \$700 per haul which we do twice a week, taking 20 tons in the 66 yd. roll-offs, or purchase the two 40 yd. roll-offs for \$21,600 and pay half the price. She believes they would pay for themselves in the long run. The Board discussed.

A Motion to buy two (2) 40 yard rear loading roll-offs was made by Mr. Irvin, seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

A Motion to give approval for the Executive Director to sign monthly agreements/contracts with Kimble was made by Mr. Mucci and seconded by Mr. Dawson. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mark Bigler, CDL driver

Mr. Bigler along with Paul Romano and Jim Still provided follow up information after last months meeting to Board members for review offering to answer any questions they might have. After reading the information Mr. Luckino asked Mr. Bigler to explain how the overtime currently works. Bigler explained that if the 4th of July falls on a Monday it is not counted as a workday, if when work on Sunday of that Holiday weekend. If they take a Personal Day, Vacation or Sick day that cancels the time & half OT as well. Mr. Hays stated the fair labors act does say you have to be "on the job" for 40 hours before OT kicks in, which means if there is a Holiday, they are only on the job 32 hours and they get 8 hours additional pay, but it is straight time. The entity can override that, through a union contract or an agreement waving that making it count as hours worked for Holidays, so they would get paid at time & half instead of straight time. Mr. Bianconi asked what their work week was? Mr. Bigler answered it is Saturday through Friday. They often have to work on Sundays during those long Holiday weekends to help with overloaded bins at the Community Sites but are only getting straight time, adding that there are only a few Holidays in the year when it is connected to a weekend. Board Members discussed. Mr. Hays was asked if there was a reason it was set up the way it is, he explained that when the Policy Manual was set up back in 2003 it was set strictly by the fair labors act, which said you had to be on the job working for 40 hours a week before overtime kicked in but it didn't address the Holidays. Mr. Bianconi asked Mr. Fabian how they do their overtime at the County Engineers. He answered it was negotiated in their contract, that they get it with Personal days, Vacation days and Holidays, but for Sick leave a Dr. slip is required, or you are not getting paid. Mr. Mavromatis asked if the Holiday is on

a Wednesday do they work? Mr. Bigler answered no, only if it is attached to a long weekend (Friday or Monday Holiday) to keep the Sites from overloading. They don't come out on Holidays normally, they come out on Sunday or Saturday of the long Holiday weekend. Mr. Mavromatis asked about Item #2 the Cell phones, if they are required to have phones. Mr. Bigler answered yes, they are paid \$20 a month for use of their personal phone. Mr. Mavromatis asked if that was sufficient. Mr. Bigler explained that a pay-as-you-go cell phone from Walmart would cost \$48+tax a month. Mr. Mavromatis asked about Item number #3, their current pay is \$21.47 per hour and are asking for \$3 per hour raise? Mr. Bigler stated yes, that is because of the cost of living with everything going up with current inflation. Mr. Irvin thanked him for explaining the overtime because he misunderstood how that worked. Mr. Bigler explained that this was just a follow up for a better understanding after their presentation last meeting and thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

A Motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider compensation of a public employee was made by Mr. Sproul and seconded by Mr. Irvin. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

A Motion to exit Executive Session was made by Mr. Sproul and seconded by Mr. Krajnyak. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Mr. Fabian stated after the Executive Session no action will be taken this evening.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: George Irvin

None.

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 Apex material for October 2022 was 152,000 tons of MSW, 76,000 tons of CD&D. There were 13 odor complaints which are trending down from July, so far in November they've had six (6), which was the weekend of the train derailment, 3 of those were verified and were from Apex not from the Toronto derailment. Still no notice of violations so far in 2022, however between the 6 complaints that came in a few weeks ago with the number of complaints in August in September they came close. There have been a couple of Odor Intensity Reports at about 50% on a scale of 1-5 detected, when that happens Apex must follow up and generally it is a work phase issue. He added they always follow up with health dept.

Mr. Fabian stated that after the October minutes were approved Mr. Luckino notice that he was listed at present instead of absent, hearing no objections from the Board he will be moved to absent on the official approved minutes. With no objections the change will be made on the October minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Fabian stated at last month's meeting during the discussion with the employees he brought up the subject of the Feasibility Study, he has since talked to Attorney Bauer who gave him a name of Erin Altman who did the study. He contacted her and she provided a couple of proposals which he received just this morning. He will send it to the Board for review. The proposals include Task 1 an Authority Analysis: The Authority will provide data above in a excel spreadsheet, memos information requested on the Authority. Task 2 will be Drop-Off Recycling Programs comparable: Each program will compare with the following information overall costs, tipping fees, fuel charges, salaries, expenses, number of drivers, equipment operators, sites, etc. They will compare four (4) Districts which operate Drop-off recycling programs and gave options of ones to choose from such as Adams-Clairmont, Auglaize, Carroll-Columbiana-Harrison, Stark-Tusc-Wayne, Van Wert, Geauga-Trumbull. There are also Districts that do private hauling, and we can pick some to compare as well. Task 1 if approved get her the information by December/January, she'll have Tasks 1 done by January, and Task 2 done by February. The cost of Task 1 will be \$1,097, cost of Task 2 will be \$4,788, for total of \$5,885. He will send out this proposal for the Board to review and make its recommendation at the next Board Meeting. He added with the mention at the last meeting of expected difficulty in finding replacement drivers when the current ones retire over the next few years, this study will show what direction the Authority could go in the future if we are unable to find drivers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting set for Monday, December 12, 2022 at 5:30PM at the Belmont JB Green Team building, with a full Board Executive Session at 4:30-5:30PM to discuss employee salaries.

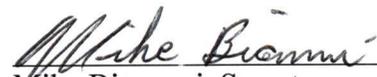
Mr. Mucci asked that the full Board receive copies of the current Fiscal Officer, Executive Director, Health Department and both Litter Enforcement Officer Contracts prior to next months meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

ATTEST:



Scott Fabian, Chair



Mike Bianconi, Secretary