

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 17, 2019**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Barbara Godwin, Robert Krajnyak, Joe Luckino, Mark McVey, Domenick Mucci, Nicole Balakos

ABSENT: John Goosman, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, James Mavromatis, Rob Sproul

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Marc Maragos, Natalie Lysle, Gus Kayafas

A quorum being present, Chair Scott Fabian called to order the regular meeting of the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board at the Steubenville City Hall Pugliese Room, 115 S Third Street, Steubenville, /Bellaire Public Library in Bellaire, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, July 17, 2019.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the June 10, 2019 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. McVey and seconded by Ms. Godwin. **Vote: All said Aye, with Ms. Balakos abstaining. Motion passed.**

Mr. Krajnyak made a motion to enter into Executive Session per under ORC 121.2G subsection II, property exceptions. Mr. Luckino seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes. Motion passed.**

Motion was made by Mr. McVey to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Echemann. **Roll call Vote: All say Yes. Motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Gus Kayafas – Building update

Mr. Kayafas stated he was asked last month to provide information to Stiles Construction and a Board Member. They did that, reaching out by phone, voicemail and text. He has never heard back from them so he has no information to provide on the pole barn type building at this point. He recommends staying with the original recommended design. They are ready to advertise to rebid. This would be fall/winter project and may get a better price for that reason.

Mr. Fabian informed Mr. Kayafas that another building just came up for sale that the Board would like to consider first. Ms. Petrella asked Mr. Kayafas about the retention pond at the Park. Kayafas believed that the pond requirements were due to the new build, and that nearby buildings are grandfathered in and would not be required to install one unless there was a change of use for the building. That would need investigated to be sure. If the new possibility falls through they will be proceeding with the build.

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays reported revenues for June \$237,219.05, with expenditures of \$142,088.22 and net income of \$95,130.83. Non Payroll Expenditures were reviewed. Mr. Dawson asked about the paper revenue, if the Authority has ever seen an increase in the amount received per ton. The answer was no due to the contract that keeps the amount from fluctuating when the market changes, allowing the authority to keep the same percentage to the non-profits and schools as well.

Mr. Echemann stated he could check on the Martins Ferry Library to see if the Board could use that location to begin having their Belmont meetings.

The Apex Tonnage Report showed 13,712.06 In-District tonnage, 11,736 Out-of-District tons, 89,097 Out-of-State tons with a total of 114,545 tons for \$170,830 generated.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for June 2019 was made by Mr. Luckino and seconded by Ms. Godwin. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

2020 Tax Budget

Mr. Hays provided members with the 2020 tax budget. He explained that the rates & charges under the Contract are listed as \$130,000, but may have to change that amount. Tonnage is down this year, which may be weather related. Mr. Hays recommends not changing the rate with this source of revenue down, this is preliminary and can change. Mr. Mucci stated they should leave it at \$4.75 for at least another year with the unknowns, members agreed.

A motion to approve the 2020 Tax Budget with change of \$130,000 amount to reflect the amount of \$308,000 was made by Mr. Krajnyak, seconded by Mr. Echemann. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

Ms. Petrella reported that the Public meeting was held to pass the new Budget, no one from the general public attended. Board Members Mr. Mucci and Mr. Sproul along with herself and staff member Natalie Lysle.

Neffs Flooding

Ms. Petrella stated that roll off containers were provided to the Neffs area for the flooding as she had asked for Board by email recently. Nine members responded with the go ahead to help with the clean-up in the emergency. Ms. Godwin stated she knows the EMA was very grateful for the assistance since they could not tap into federal funds for personal property cleanup.

Mr. McVey made a motion to approve the flood assistance cost for up to \$10,000 for the Neffs Flood Cleanup retroactively. Mr. Mucci seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes, motion approved unanimously.**

Health Department Contract

Ms. Balakos stated she knew the Board had questions about a few of the categories in the original billing. The EPA is making changes of what they require since last year, now requesting they have a full time Sanitarian placed in the Solid Waste Program. So what was turned in 2018 now has additional costs. They have four (4) landfills in Jefferson County that need monitored, some are closed and are inspected Quarterly. They had to commit to extra sanitarian hours for more inspections, off hour inspections, and extra odor patrol. So even when the categories that did not apply were taken out, they still had expenditures that were not properly recorded to get to the higher number of \$95,000. So there will be additional expenditure related to their landfill operations which would be above the \$73,000 listed. Mr. Bianconi asked about details of work hours. She explained the general Sanitarian also inspect restaurants, etc. but the EPA now wants a full time Solid Waste Sanitarian, with vehicle, 40 hour week with benefits, they would do nothing but Solid Waste. Mr. Maragos explained it would encompass the entire Solid Waste program includes the Apex Landfill, the Hollow Rock landfill, the closed Steubenville City

Landfill on Fernwood, the Cardinal Plant Landfill, and open dumping. The Ash being dumped at the Hollow Rock is considered residual waste so it would fall under Solid Waste category. These are things that EPA requires for them to stay on the approved List. Ms. Balakos stated the full time Sanitarian will allow for follow up inspections when issues are found, and to check on complaints received during evening hours. If the Health Department got out of the Solid Waste then the EPA would do it, but then none of those local fees would come back locally. Mr. McVey asked if anyone has spoken to the Power plants to see if they will pay for inspections of their landfills? She stated they have not, but those are just Quarterly inspections. She was asked who gets that local funding because the Authority does not. Mr. Luckino asked about the C&D funding the Health Department receives. She stated percentages of the C&D go out to local agencies but she doesn't have the data right now, they are having a forensic audit done.

Mr. Mucci suggested adopting the amount allowed in the Plan, and then maybe revisiting the higher amount when the Health Department has the information, and after seeing if the Power Plants will pay as well. Mr. Bianconi asked that she bring the Board the numbers of how often they go to the landfill for complaints, inspections, etc. Mr. Bianconi stated a large portion of the fees go back out to the Townships (Springfield, German Townships), the Commissioners for their roads.

Mr. Mucci made a motion to approve the Contract with the Amount corrected to \$73,571 as stated in the current SW Plan. Ms. Godwin seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes, with Ms. Balakos abstaining. Motion passed.**

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that sites changes are being made, bins located at the Wintersville Riesbeck's were removed for new ownership, and EGCC has a new class requiring us to remove bins from their parking lot. New locations of Cross Creek Township Garage and behind JC Penney's at the Fort Steuben Mall are being placed this week, and there is the possibility of another location near the Wintersville Goodwill. Mr. Luckino will be double checking on that site to be sure it's a go. One of the Morristown sites in Belmont was closed and moved to the Richland Township/Animal Shelter location. Ms. Balakos suggested seeing if EGCC would be willing to put the change on their flashing sign to inform residents.

Mr. Hays announced the Authority was approved for the 2019 Community and Litter Grant in the amount of \$44,246 which covers 80% of the cost of 50 new bins to replace old rusted ones. Mr. Hays explained he set up an account as required for the funds and asked for a motion to approve appropriations to expend funds in the amount of \$55,308 which is the total cost for the bins. The source of the revenue will be the grant (\$44,246) and the 20% match of \$11,062 that will come from the unencumbered cash balance. Ms. Petrella stated that Ms. Shepherd did a great job on the Grant Application. The bins will be divided between the two counties for paper only.

Mr. Dawson made a motion to approve the Appropriation into the EPA Grant Expenditure Account for \$55,308 as requested. Mr. Mucci seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes, motion approved unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey

No report.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Barbara Godwin

No report.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report.

LANDFILL REPORT: Nicole Balakos

Ms. Balakos asked Mr. Maragos to provide the report. Mr. Maragos stated they received 48 odor complaints in June. They received a report from Apex showing details of tonnages that they will forward to the Authority, she created a comparison from 2017 to present to see the changes and trends of MSW and C&D. She will be adding to the data each month. They have seen a 40% decrease in complaints because of the increased visits to the landfill. The Health Department will be borrowing a methane detector from the EPA for 30 days, adding that she believes the odors may be impacted by the weather. Many of the complaints seem to be gas related not trash related.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Luckino made a motion to do a letter of intent and come up with earnest money up to \$25,000 to lock down the building discussed in Executive Session, get with a local attorney for their blessing on the letter, then the owner for signature, and follow up with a purchase contract. The earnest money will go into the attorney's escrow account, which will be refunded if there are issues on the property. Not refundable for undo reason. Contingent on due diligence. Mr. Echemann seconded. **Roll Call Vote: All said Yes, motion passed.**

Mr. Fabian reviewed Resolution #2019-03 with board members to adopt amended fee schedule to the solid waste management plan. Wording of the Resolution was discussed.

A motion to approve the Resolution 2019-03, with wording changed to "construction or purchase of" and "may be spent in 2019-2020" throughout the document, contingent on attorney response of okay, if not a special meeting will be called to rescind and create another resolution, was made by Mr. McVey. Mr. Dawson seconded. **Vote: All said Aye, motion passed.****

Next meeting set for Monday, August 12, 2019, with location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

ATTEST:

Scott Fabian, Chair

Mike Bianconi, Secretary

**Authority Attorney Albin Baur approved Resolution as is, and stated the wording should reflect "or Acquire" on documents to be sent to the public officials.