

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 13, 2020**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mike Bianconi, Scott Fabian, George Irvin Jr, Joe Luckino, Mark McVey, Domenick Mucci, Rob Sproul, James Mavromatis

ABSENT: Nicole Balakos, John Davies, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann. Tony Kolanski, Robert Krajnyak

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Dave Hays, Natalie Lysle, Tammy Shepherd, Louise Holliday, Alisha Teramana, Craig Petrella

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, Wintersville, Ohio at 5:30PM on, Monday, July 13, 2020.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the June 8, 2020 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Mucci, seconded by Mr. Sproul. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Scott Fabian

Mr. Fabian read a certified letter he had received from Kimble Company stating they were interested in putting in a transfer & recycling facility at 68110 Ebbert N Rd., St. Clairsville. The information has been turned over to Attorney Bauer and the Policy Group in Columbus. As with all, the Board will take no action until a after they apply for a permit through the State and a proposal is received. He was informed last night that Kimble just purchased another property in Belmont County, but he doesn't know where. The location of this property is next to Mehlman's Cafeteria, and may not be a good location for a facility like that, but again the Board will not take action until they apply for a license and the process takes place. Mr. Hays stated this property is located in Richland township, and that the Township was having a meeting this evening where Kimble was pitching the facility.

Mr. Fabian read a letter received from John Goosman resigning from the Board due to him being unable to give the time and energy needed to remain on the Board.

Mr. Mucci moved to accept his resignation and that a thank you for his service be sent. Mr. Luckino seconded. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion carried.**

Mr. Fabian stated that Mr. Goosman's position on the Board was as the Representative of Citizens for Jefferson, so the Statutory Jefferson members will need to meet to appoint a new person before next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Hays stated he was excluding the Intrafund transfer \$400,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund. He reported June revenues of \$198,136.30, with expenditures of \$313,981.95 for a cash loss of \$181,909.69. The reason for the loss was they spent \$280,000 on equipment in June. Ms. Petrella pointed to the new truck sitting in the garage that did not yet have signage. Non-Payroll expenditures were reviewed. No questions.

Tonnage Report showed In-District Tonnage of 13,850.45; Out-of-District Tonnage of 6,706.90; Out-of-State Tonnage of 65,792.21; which yielded \$125,952.57.

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

2021 Tax Budget

Mr. Hays explained the Tax Budget – ORC 5705.30 is something the Board has to pass every year for the next year, it is very flexible for changes when they get into next year and this is just a template. A couple of assumptions - he kept his estimate for the landfill revenue conservative, and the Rates & Charges shown are based on a \$2 per parcel amount, which is currently at \$4.52. He explained they had a Finance Committee meeting and members were good with that lower amount, even with lowering it they still have estimated appropriated revenues of half a million. The Jefferson County Health Dept amount shown is what is in the current Plan, just as starting point.

Mr. McVey asked about the Designation fees. Mr. Hays explained how he averaged to come to the amount shown.

Mr. Hays stated the Board would need to discuss the Rates & Charges amount before they can approve the Tax Budget. The Rates & charges were then discussed, including the impact of lowering the yearly rate, previous Board promises of lowering it if possible, the tonnage previously lost at the landfill causing the need for the Rates & Charges, the public hearings that will be needed, and possibility of future financial issues that could cause the Authority to need the rate to be raised again. Members agreed to lowering the rate to \$2.00 per year per parcel as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Mucci made a motion to reduce the Rates & Charges to \$2.00 per year per parcel. Mr. Sproul seconded. **VOTE by Roll call. All said yes. Motion passed.**

Mr. Hays explained the Rates & charges procedure was after the Public Hearings the Board will pass a Final Resolution at the next meeting. Mr. Mucci suggested setting up, in addition to the Public hearings, a social distancing contact for anyone wanting to submit their comments without attending the hearings. Ms. Petrella stated the website does already have a Contact Us for residents to use.

A Motion to adopt the 2021 Tax Budget was made by Mr. Mucci, seconded by Mr. Irvin. **VOTE by Roll Call, All said Yes. Motion passed.**

Mr. Hays recommended to the Board that the Authority obtain a Credit Card for staff to be able to purchase supplies needed rather than having to use their personal cards.

A Motion to create a Credit Card Policy and obtain a credit card for staff use was made by Mr. Luckino, seconded by Mr. Mavromatis. **Vote by Roll call, All said Yes. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

Ms. Petrella reported letters with request forms were sent to the Township Trustees about Community Cleanups in the fall, without JBGT providing workers and the Townships supplying their own labor, as discussed at the last meeting. Wayne Township was the only Township

interested from Belmont. Wells, Saline, Wayne, Ross, and Salem Townships from Jefferson are interested. The money is already in the Budget and if the Board approves, she will schedule them for August, September and October. Members discussed and agreed to move forward approving those requested cleanups, and not accepting any being submitted later now that the deadline is passed. Mr. Fabian stated no motion was needed since the funds were already appropriated in the Budget.

Ms. Petrella updated the Board as asked at the last meeting about the cost for Jamie Zawila to do the Annual District Report. She reported it was \$2,439.00 which is very minimal for doing the ADR. The cost of the grass at this building for 4.7 acres is \$150 every two weeks. If the Authority staff were to do the work the cost would be \$180 plus two zero turns, one weed eater, one blower and three men, drivers are paid \$19.80 per hour. The Authority has contracted with R&L Construction to do it every two weeks.

Fiber Bins Grant

Ms. Petrella reported on the Ohio EPA Fiber Bins Grant the Authority received last year for the 48 front loading bins. Twenty four (24) are in Belmont, and twenty four (24) in Jefferson, the new signage says paper only, with no mascot images. They did have some delay getting them out in both Counties due to Covid, similar to the other grant recipients.

Ms. Petrella stated the Board approved her looking for a 5500 dump truck for up to \$100,000. She was able to locate one \$56,373, getting a \$5,500 for trade in on old one. The 2021 truck has four doors to accommodate EOCC workers and will be coming.

Mr. Bianconi spoke about the St. Clairsville building needing repairs and how they have been unable to locate anyone in Belmont to do small jobs like that. He recommends looking for someone from Jefferson County so the repairs can be done. Members all agreed.

Mr. Bianconi then talked about the small piece of property located in front of the Belmont building that the Board discussed buying years ago but never did. It is between the building and Route 40. He provided maps for members to look at and said he would like to look into purchasing that and the small strip of property along the side of the building as well. Mr. Luckino and staff will into it to see if the owners will sell them.

Mr. McVey asked why the cost of grass cutting is high again on this month's report, that employee salaries should not be included in the cost for comparison and asked how busy the drivers schedules were. Ms. Petrella stated they have full schedules plus the Cell, and have been back to full schedule since the glass route is being run now that bars and restaurants are open. The new truck for Belmont and driver schedules were discussed. Belmont wants to add additional routes in Belmont with the new truck and still have Jefferson Drivers assisting pickup of their sites. Ms. Petrella stated the grass cutting amount on statement includes the lot that was just sold, that amount will reduce next month. Mr. Luckino stated there would be additional equipment maintenance time and repair costs to consider if the Authority were to start maintaining its own grass.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

Was already discussed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mark McVey

None.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Mavromatis

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

None.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino

None.

LANDFILL REPORT:

Craig Petrella from Apex reported 34 complaints were received, 2 were valid, with one person being 30% of the calls.

Mr. Bianconi asked about the status of the Jefferson Co Health dept agreement. Mr. Fabian reported he spoke to Mrs. Balakos after the last meeting and informed her that the 79 page report she submitted had items (pg 6) that cannot be paid with Authority funds according to the ORC. She was given a copy of that ORC. Multiple things listed are not included in allowable costs, including C&D, compost facilities, garbage nuisances, infectious waste, septic haulers, solid waste haulers, residential waste. All those hours that were included come to 380 hours, divided by \$115 per hour comes to be \$43,968 on items not allowable by the 3734.57B ORC. Mr. Fabian explained the contract states the money must be spent accordingly, and a lot of the money that the Health Dept received in the last three (3) years has been mismanaged. It is illegal to spend that money on anything else, the Authority isn't even allowed to spend its money on anything else. Until that is cleared up, the Authority cannot give a new contract with the old one still in violation. In 2017 Apex C&D moneys the Health Dept received was \$122,000 plus the authority gave them \$88,000 for total of \$210,000 to run the program. In 2018 they received \$182,000 in C&D plus \$73,000 for total of \$256,000. Last year they received \$193,000 in C&D funds plus the \$125,000 from the Authority for total of \$318,000. So in the last three years they received \$785,000 to run that program. He reminded the Board about a previous meeting (around May) where they were showing a zero (0) balance in the C&D funds at the end of the year, where Attorney Bauer questioned how that was possible. The violation of the contract is something that needs resolved before moving on.

Mr. Mucci asked if there are any meetings scheduled to resolve the issue. Mr. Fabian stated she hasn't gotten back with the Authority since the last meeting. Mr. McVey stated the ball is in the Health Department court, because the Authority has asked for clarification of their expenditures for a long time. After they have spent all of their C&D money on those 10 allowable expenditures then they can come to the Authority for funding. He would like to know what the \$197,000 of C&D money was spent on last year, plus this years expenditures. They Authority is supposed to receive Quarterly Reports for verification of the spending. Mr. Mucci asked the impact with EPA since there is no signed agreement. Mr. Fabian stated the Health Department is on the EPA approved list and should be doing the inspections anyway, adding if you look at the

Apex materials Report, they receive 212,000 tons, multiplied by .40 cents which goes to the Health Dept; they have received \$84,865 this year alone. From that information the C&D money is more than enough to run the program. \$1.60 per ton goes directly to the health department, then the Health Dept breaks it down to where it needs to go, such as \$1 to the EPA. Mr. Craig Petrella explained that any fees, any MSW or mixed MSW C&D (crushed C&D) goes to the Solid Waste Authority, any whole C&D goes toward the Health Department. Apex pays \$1.60 per ton to the OEPA, the OEPA then allocates .40 cents per ton back to the Health Department. Mr. Mucci suggested the Authority should notify the OEPA of these discoveries.

Mr. Craig Petrella asked if the Authority was getting the Apex C&D Reports, Mr. Hays said they were not. Mr. Petrella stated he would make sure the Authority gets 100% of the reports which includes the C&D. Mr. Fabian stated that out of that \$1.60; six (.06) cents goes to the County Commissioners, and eight (.08) cents goes to the host entity which is Springfield Township also.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Mucci asked about the grant approved for the site in Bellaire that was to be moved, if they still need the directional sign they were going to purchase with the funds. Mrs. Shepherd said the site was moved already. Ms. Petrella will check on it and find out.

Mr. Mucci asked about the \$6,000 a month spent on the Columbus Consultants, if there was any report. Mr. Fabian explained that HB592 is what created the Solid Waste Authorities, in 592 there are code sections, the Consultants are going to put Riders on all the code sections. So, if a facility tries to push to do away with 592 again, trying to make Solid Waste Authorities educational only, the Consultants will become aware of any discussion and could take action. In 2011 waste haulers were in the process of getting the 592 changed, until County Commissioners Association stepped up and stopped it. There is a new chair for Commissioners Association, who is still very unfamiliar with that. He asked if any Board members would like him to forward all emails he receives from the Consultants. Mr. Bianconi said he would like to get them.

NEW BUSINESS:

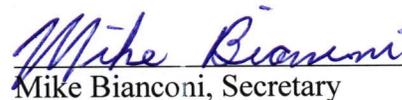
Next meeting set for Monday, August 10, 2020 at the St. Clairsville building garage at 5:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

ATTEST:



Scott Fabian, Chair



Mike Bianconi, Secretary