

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2023**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Robert Baird, Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, George Irvin Jr, Robert Krajnyak, Dan Lima, Joe Luckino, Rob Sproul

ABSENT: John Davies, Jerry Echemann, Tony Kolanski, James Mavromatis, Mitch Morelli,

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Scott Renforth, Natalie Lysle

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, 67895 Pickering Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio at 5:31PM on, Monday, October 2, 2023.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the September 11, 2023 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Krajnyak, and seconded by Mr. Sproul. **Vote: All said Aye. Motion approved.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Scott Fabian

Mr. Fabian read a Thank you card received from Bellaire Elementary School for their 2023 Grant funding inviting members to come and see their project.

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Renforth reported September revenues of \$334,330.52, with expenditures of \$255,928.62 and net income of \$78,401.90. Both the Non-Payroll and Payroll Expenditures were provided to Board members for review. Ms. Petrella stated one large expense shown was for the Rear Loading Truck that was ordered two years ago and has finally been delivered, for cost of \$177,363.00. Mr. Renforth added that other large expenses were for some equipment for both County Sheriffs Vehicles. Mr. Fabian noted the advertising expense, adding that he's been hearing the Ads on the radio a lot. Ms. Petrella stated they have also been airing them on TV, the Ads show and encourage the proper way to recycle.

Mr. Luckino asked if the Authority should consider moving more Operating Funds into the Star Account since it is currently paying a high interest rate. The option was briefly discussed, Mr. Renforth will check with Mr. Hays on it when he returns from leave and get back to the Board.

Mr. Renforth reviewed the Apex Landfill Report for the month of August showing In-District Tonnage at 7,946.82 tons, Out-of-District tonnage of 24,994.19, Out-of-State tonnage of 131,497.21 for total tonnage of 164,438.22 yielding \$255,181.02.

Mr. Henry entered the meeting.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for September 2023 was made by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Luckino. **VOTE: 8 votes Yes, Mr. Henry abstained. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

Belmont Garage Heating system

Ms. Petrella reported that the new Belmont building garage heaters have been installed above by Pacifico, the gas line was just run from across the street today by the gas company, and the gas company will be back next week hook everything up and light the pilot light. Mr. Lima suggested running the heat for a while to be sure it works properly. Ms. Petrella stated she will get in touch with Jeff Vaughn letting him know we are ready for his report on what we need to repair the outside erosion issue.

Belmont Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Belmont Household Hazardous Waste Collection was held last Saturday and was busy with 242 cars dropping off materials. The Jefferson Collection was on last months Expense Report for an amount of \$49,000.

New Rear Loader Truck

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that the new Jefferson County Rear Loading Truck ordered two and a half years ago has finally arrived, the cost was \$177,363.00 after trade in of the old truck at \$35,000. Mr. Kolanski asked about the warrantee on the truck. Ms. Petrella stated always try to get the extended warranty, she will find out for sure. Mr. Fabian explained that with government purchasing through Sourcewell such as this the warrantees are very short. Mr. Fabian then questioned with such a delay in receiving new trucks if they should look at ordering more trucks now. Ms. Petrella stated maybe another rear loader, but we have already ordered two front loaders and are still waiting on them. She informed the Board that several employees have been off on sick leave for surgeries in recent weeks so we are covering a lot of routes with the new extra driver in one of the Belmont trucks.

Environmental Enforcement Officer Reports

Ms. Petrella explained with this meeting being a week early she wasn't able to provide the Jefferson and Belmont EEO Quarterly Reports sooner for review. She will email all Board members copies.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

None.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joe Luckino

Mr. Luckino informed the Board that the parcel previously discussed to purchase for use as a Community Drop-off Recycling site on Route 40 in Bridgeport is now for sale. He spoke with owner today who is asking \$10,000 for the 3½ acre lot. Mr. Bianconi reported the site is in his Township and had three old houses near it that he was able to get the landbank to tear down. He reported there are no neighbors behind it, just a hillside of trees. He believes we can make it work for a recycling site. If the Board acquires the property, he would then get a better estimate for tree removal this fall once the leaves all fall off the trees there. Then we would need to get permission from ODOT to get curb cuts to enter and exit the location. He added that he believes the Board should aggressively look at properties throughout the two Counties to purchase for permanent Public Recycling Sites because it is very hard to find property owners that will allow us use of their property.

Mr. Bianconi made a motion to authorize Mr. Luckino to move forward to purchase the property with parcel numbers 56-0021.000 & 56-00408.000 located on Route 40, Bridgeport for the asking price of \$10,000. Mr. Dawson seconded. Discussion; Mr. Irvin expressed concerns about voting yes on purchasing the property since it's been so long since he has seen the parcels and doesn't remember what the property looks like or how much work it will need before we can use it for a site. Mr. Luckino suggested making an offer with two weeks due diligence time, allowing enough time for him to reexamine the site before closing. Members agreed to proceed that way. Mr. Luckino stated will have an attorney draw up an offer and check that it is a clean title without leans. Mr. Baird stated he would have to abstain since he is not familiar with the property as a new board member. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 said Yes, with Mr. Baird abstaining. Motion approved.**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: George Irvin

Mr. Irvin stated that the Committee met several times and would like to go into Executive Session to update the Board on a personnel matter.

Mr. Irvin made the motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) Personnel Exception to discuss and consider the appointment, employment, compensation of the position of the upcoming vacancy of the Belmont County Coordinator. Mr. Bianconi seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All said Yes. Motion approved.**

Mr. Bianconi made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Mr. Dawson seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All said Yes. Motion approved.**

Mr. Irvin made a motion on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to hire Bobbi J. McMillen of Barnesville as the replacement Belmont County Coordinator pending that she passes the background check. Her pay rate and benefits will be the exact same as the current employee Tammy Shepherd. Seconded by Mr. Baird. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL: All said Yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

LANDFILL REPORT: Andrew Henry

Mr. Henry stated as he mentioned last month the Health Department issued IWS a notice of violation in the month of September. C&D tonnage was 70,649, MSW tonnage was 156,697.13. The Health Department Techs have identified 9 odors so far in 2023, mainly around the entrance

of the building so not too far off site. There were less odor complaints in September compared to July/August, so they are trending in the right direction. Summertime was a challenge for the landfill.

In another matter, an open dumpsite located on County Road 20 in Jefferson County is being investigated, as well as a Tire Service which has a large amount of old tires piled up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Fabian reported that they have ordered the grates to install on the floor of the Belmont Building Garage.

Mr. Fabian reported that he had contacted Attorney Bauer regarding last month's discussion of creating an environmental court as requested. Mr. Bauer will dig into that and come up with some scenarios for the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Next meeting set for Monday, November 13, 2023 at JBGT building in Steubenville at 5:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26PM with a motion from Mr. Sproul, seconded by Mr. Dawson. **VOTE: All said Aye.**

ATTEST:



Scott Fabian, Chair



Mike Bianconi, Secretary