

**JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bob Baird, Mike Bianconi, Chuck Dawson, Jerry Echemann, Scott Fabian, Andrew Henry, Robert Krajnyak, Dan Lima, Rob Sproul

ABSENT: John Davies, George Irvin Jr, Tony Kolanski, Joe Luckino, James Mavromatis, Mitch Morelli,

OTHERS: Anita Petrella, Scott Renforth, Natalie Lysle, Loretta Hannahs

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 5:30PM on, Monday, September 9, 2024.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the August 12, 2024 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Mr. Krajnyak, and seconded by Mr. Dawson. **Vote: 8 said Aye, with Mr. Henry abstaining. Motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Renforth reported August revenues of \$371,076.38, with expenditures of \$481,474.14 for a net loss of \$207,371.32. The large purchased in August was a truck for \$351,731.96. August Revenues were reported late and not included in last month's report are now included on this month as \$57,910.59. Both Payroll and Non-Payroll Expenditures are included for review by the Board.

The Apex Tonnage Report for July reflects In-District Tonnage of 7,855.85, Out-of-District Tonnage of 27,937.44, Out-of-State Tonnage of 143,592.33, yielding \$279,119.23.

A motion to accept the fiscal officer's report and approve Expenditures for August 2024 was made by Mr. Sproul and seconded by Mr. Echemann. **VOTE: Unanimous, Yea, by roll call. Motion passed.**

Director's Report:

Glenn Scurry

Ms. Petrella showed the Board the program from employee Glenn Scurry's funeral service. She explained that a blanket and fruit basket was sent on behalf of the JB Green Team/Solid Waste Authority Staff and Board. She and Jefferson staff members went as a group and drove a few of the big trucks.

Legal Suit

Ms. Petrella spoke about a letter received regarding a possible legal suit that she sent to Board members. She explained that there were heavy metals dropped at one of the Community Drop-off Recycling sites in Belmont County. Staff had been watching on the cameras placed there and saw photos of a gentleman pull up, the metals then appearing there, and then photos of him leaving, there were no photos showing him place the heavy metals there, but it was surmised that he put the scrap metals there. Staff put the photos on Facebook to try to find out who he was as is done on many occasions. The man had his attorney send the letter threatening to file suit against us for defamation of character. She forwarded the letter to Attorney Albin Bauer who responded to them with a letter informing them we are a municipality, and such a suit would not hold up in

court. Ms. Petrella explained that the Bellaire Police Department was involved in the matter since the Authority did not have an Environmental Enforcement Officer at the time. The matter was briefly discussed by the Board.

Hiring CDL Drivers

Ms. Petrella informed the Board that there will be several CDL Drivers retiring in late December/early January. She would like to begin advertising to replace them with someone who could train with them for awhile before they retire due to the large front-loading trucks being much more difficult than the rear-loading garbage trucks.

Mr. Krajnyak made a motion to begin advertising for the two CDL Driver positions as Ms. Petrella requested. Mr. Baird seconded. **VOTE: All said Aye. Motion passed unanimously.**

Buying Belmont Property

Ms. Petrella updated the Board about the piece of property next to the Belmont County Building that was discussed and approved to purchase at last month's meeting. She explained that it's a small piece of property that has a trailer on blocks on it. The owner accepted the \$50,000 offer. The Authority gave a Deposit of \$1,000 to their attorney. Mr. Luckino wrote up the Purchase Contract that was signed by Mr. Luckino, the property owner, and Ms. Petrella. The gentleman that lives in the trailer located on the property has expressed interest to Belmont Staff to rent and remain living there for now. Ms. Petrella explained that the Jefferson Office rents several semi-truck/trailer parking spaces that were already established when the building was purchased. We do not have any plans to use the Belmont property at this time, and do not need the revenue from leasing it, it was purchased so we would not be land locked and have the space if ever needed for repairs such as the recent erosion issue. Board members agreed to let him rent if Jeff Vaughn does not need to use the property for the project fixing the erosion issue. Mr. Dawson stated that he will see Mr. Vaughn on Thursday at a meeting and can ask him to find out.

Contracts

Ms. Petrella reminded the Board that last year in Belmont County the Sheriffs Department asked the Authority to send the Contract to them sooner than in December to allow more time to review and possibly negotiate/request any changes they want made. She would like to do this for the Belmont County Sheriff's Office, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and the Jefferson County Health Department Contracts. She is not aware of any changes that would be requested. Board members discussed briefly and agreed to start with those Contracts now.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Fabian

None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Rob Sproul

None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

GRANTS/SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Bianconi

None.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

LANDFILL REPORT: Andrew Henry

Mr. Henry reported that so far this year the Health Department Techs have detected odors 13 times on their weekly odor patrols. In the month of August they received 22 complaints which was lower than the last two years, and the complaints in July were lower as well. The landfill is doing well and has no Notice of Violations issued. The tonnage is up substantially at 189,800 tons in August for MSW, and 103,645 tons for CD&D. The Health Department had a Sanitarian employee put in their resignation today to take a position closer to home in the Columbiana Health Department. They plan to fill the position as soon as possible.

Mr. Dawson asked if the Landfill knows where the trains come from to dump. Mr. Henry stated that they come from New Jersey, and the Landfill knows where every train car comes from and where it's located through a good system that tracks them from where they depart until they arrive at Apex.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting set for Monday, October 7, 2024 at the Belmont JB Green Team building at 5:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.


ATTEST:



Scott Fabian, Chair



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