

Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste District

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 6/1/22

The meeting of the OSS JSWMD Board of Directors was called to order by the Commissioners at 11:34 a.m., held in person at Rosie's Bar & Grill, 117 Madison St., Port Clinton. Present were Ottawa County Commissioners Mark Coppeler, Don Douglas, and Mark Stahl, Sandusky County Commissioners Scott Miller, and Russ Zimmerman, as well as Seneca County Commissioner Tyler Shuff, available through Zoom.

Present were the following OSS SWD staff: Community Outreach Specialist Tim Hassinger, and Director Gary Baty.

Present representing Sunny Farms Landfill was Ben Nutter.

Present as a resident of the District included Nate Heiser, and Susan Platt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The draft of the minutes from the 4/6/2022 Board of Directors Meeting was presented. Motion to approve the meeting minutes for 4/6/2022 was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Gary Baty presented the financial report for March and April. March's beginning balance was \$3,445,928.30 with a total revenue of \$175,487.55 and the total expense for the month being \$130,617.69. This makes the end of month balance for March \$3,490,798.16. For the month of April there was a total revenue of \$132,019.35 and an expense of \$129,335.88 leaving an ending balance for the month of April at \$3,493,481.63. YTD Revenues at this point totals \$705,139.28 with expenses YTD being \$535,580.63 Commissioner Zimmerman motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. All commissioners present unanimously chose to approve of the financial report. Motion approved.

COLLECTION EVENTS: The District's special collection dates were shared with the Board. Unlike previous years, there will only be one collection date for each of the four special collections the District holds. Tuesday, June 14th will be for Township/City/Village Tires, followed by the Farm Tire collection on Wednesday, June 15th. Saturday, September 17th will be the Residential Tire collection. On October 15, the District will be having both the Household Hazardous Waste collection, and the Appliances collection. These two events will be happening at the same date, time, and location; registration for each event will need to be done separately.

NEW PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP: The District has partnered with The Clothes Bin for textile recycling. There is currently a drop off bin located at the District's main office where clothes, fabrics and other textiles can be dropped off to be recycled. OSS will receive \$0.07 per pound of recycled material. This will be a new recycling opportunity for the community.

EDUCATION STATS/EVENTS: Earth Day Bingo, which is offered to 1st and 2nd grade teachers, is a bingo board full of earth day related challenges. The classes have the month of April to complete a full bingo line on the board to win a prize for the entire class. This is the second year of doing Earth Day Bingo. Participation of the Bingo Challenge was well taken with 843 students participating in the challenge, each earning a color changing reusable cup. In Adult Education, there have been 6 public presentations given in all three counties of the District.

CFG UPDATE: The first completed project from the Round 1 of the Competitive Funding Grant has been paid by OSS. Krout Elementary School has ordered their items, and OSS paid the vendor. The District is still waiting on movement from the other four vendors.

SUNNY FARMS LANDFILL: Sunny Farms Landfill, and Waste Innovations provided some statistics on the amount of money they donate to support local services. \$2,729,552 to the Seneca County Health Department, \$439,682 to the OhioEPA, \$1,405,471 to OSS, \$23,141 to Loudon Township, and \$7,374 to other Solid Waste Districts. The organization also shared that they donate to more than 20 community groups, schools, and charities. Lastly, Ben Nutter explained the \$35 million investment in air pollution control systems that will reduce hydrogen sulfide gas emissions from the landfill by 98%. Nutter shared that Sunny Farms is in compliance with the Ohio EPA regulations. The Permit to Install application submitted to the Ohio EPA by Sunny Farms would increase the landfill's allowable daily intake from 7,500 tons to 12,000 tons. There is a public meeting June 8th at 6 PM at Camden Falls Reception and Conference Center, 2460 S. SR. 231, Tiffin.

OHIO EPA TIRE GRANT 2022: With great work from OSS Recycling Specialist, Jim Darr, the District has received a 2022 Ohio EPA's Recycling and Litter Prevention, Recycle Ohio Grant. The grant will help the District in recycling of tires. Thanks to Jim Darr, and thanks to Ohio EPA.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME: Nate Heiser made comments on his concerns about the Sunny Farms Permit to Install application to expand. Heiser cited Chris Lund, Senior Vice President of Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, an international solid waste management consulting firm. Heiser shared what Lund had said in that the landfill is currently working to get into compliance, and although there have been improvements, requirements of the Clean Air Act still have not been met. That sulfur dioxide emissions are still 20 times what would have ever been allowed had things been done right to begin with. In 2020, Sunny Farms Landfill was the sixth largest source of sulfur dioxide emissions in the state, which is comparable to the last few uncontrolled coal fire plants in Ohio. Heiser expressed concerns of the expansion, and the negative effects it can have on the community.

Ben Nutter spoke on behalf of the workers of Sunny Farms. The landfill employs almost 60 full time employees, and their work also directly impacts the jobs of countless others. Nutter expressed how most of these workers also live in the same community they work in, and how much of an economic impact that Sunny Farms has on the community it surrounds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session to discuss OSS Staff wages at 12:32 and closed executive session at 12:58. Commissioner Miller motioned to enter executive session, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Commissioner Miller motioned to exit the executive session, seconded by Commissioner Douglas.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business to discuss at this time.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Douglas moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2022. Time and location TBD.