

Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste District

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 8/3/22

The meeting of the OSS JSWMD Board of Directors was called to order by the Commissioner Coppeler at 11:34 a.m., held in person at Twin Oast Brewing Company, 3630 NE Catawba Rd. 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 Commissioners Anthony Paradiso and Tyler Shuff.

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

Present representing Rumpke Waste & Recycling was Blake Austin.

Also present were Albin Bauer and Sen. Bill Reineke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The draft of the minutes from the 6/1/2022 Board of Directors Meeting was presented. Motion to approve the meeting minutes for 6/1/2022 was made by Commissioner Paradiso and was seconded by Commissioner Stahl. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Gary Baty presented the financial report for May and June. May's beginning balance was \$3,485,117.51 with a total revenue of \$158,748.76 and the total expense for the month being \$108,894.82. This makes the end of month balance for May \$3,543,335.57. For the month of June there was a total revenue of \$173,015.63 and an expense of \$120,565.19 leaving an ending balance for the month of April at \$3,588,908.85. YTD Revenues at this point totals \$1,036,903.67 with expenses YTD being \$771,917.80 Commissioner Shuff motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Commissioner Miller. All commissioners present unanimously chose to approve of the financial report. Motion approved.

SEN. BILL REINENKE: Senator Reineke came to the OSS meeting to discuss some questions he had. His main emphasis was on the lack of effective commercial recycling opportunities for small businesses, and how this makes it difficult to advocate for Ohio EPA to apply greater scrutiny of landfill expansion if there isn't convenient and affordable recycling opportunities for businesses and residents and, as a consequence, everything has to be disposed in a landfill instead. He was frustrated about the lack of cardboard recycling for small businesses. His comments then directed towards his experience in touring a plastic recycling operation in Clyde, Ohio, that has recently expanded and is looking for additional sources of recyclable plastics. His goals are to continue bringing more recycling options to local businesses and keep unnecessary waste out of landfills.

EDUCATION STATS/EVENTS: The District ran its first 4th of July litter challenge to encourage residents to clean up any litter that may have increased from 4th of July Festivities. The challenge ran the week following July 4th. Other summer education/outreach events included Grove-fest, Campfire events, Terra Kids College, daycares, libraries, and scout groups. The District also sponsored all three county fairs, participated in an Upcycle Farmers market in Fremont, and sponsored the Sandusky River Clean Sweep with the SRWC.

CFG UPDATES/VOTE ON NEW GRANTS: At the moment, Gibsonburg is the only group from the January round of CFG that has fully completed their project and has been funded. Other groups are waiting on supplies and invoices to fully come in to be completed. Groups that applied for the June 2022 round of competitive grants include; The Attica Fair Board requested \$10,000 for 12 recycled plastic picnic tables. Meadowbrook Park requested \$3,020 for 2 picnic tables and 2 park benches made of recycled materials. The Village of Oak Harbor requested \$8,704 for equipment made of recycled materials to be installed in a community dog park. Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County requested \$6,867.84 for 4 benches, 1 picnic table, and 4 trash/recycling containers. The Franciscan Earth Literacy Center requested \$5,388 for 3 benches, 4 trash/recycling containers, and 1 table. The Seneca County Center for the Homeless requested \$3,278 for 2 benches, 1 table, and 2 trash/recycling containers. St. Francis Senior Ministries requested \$6,619 for 2 tables and 20 chairs. Seneca County Juvenile Court requested \$10,000 to help fund a program where youth collect litter on township and county roads. The Village of Lindsey requested \$2,250 to help fund their yard waste removal program. The sum of all grant applications for June and those granted in January totaled \$91,037.98. Being below the yearly total CFG budgeted total of \$100,000, it was recommended to approve all grant applications for the June round of the CFG. Motion to approve the Competitive Funding Grant applications was made by Commissioner Paradiso and was seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: Supplemental appropriations needed to be approved for funds that go into the tire grant line to pay for the tire collection event coming up. Appropriations would go into the general fund to pay back the amount fronted for the tire grant in the Spring. The grant was received from the Ohio EPA. Motion to approve the supplemental appropriations was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded by Commissioner Shuff. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

OSS AIM TO BE GREEN CONTRACTS: With the current Aim To Be Green contract coming to a close in October, A new vendor contract is needed to service the Aim To Be Green recycling program. After reaching out to multiple organizations letting them know of the bid for a contract being out, there was only one organization that submitted a contract. Rumpke Waste and Recycling. With the possibility of another organization submitting a contract by the end of the week, the board agreed to hold a special meeting in September to vote on a new contract. This gives other companies one last chance to submit their bid for a contract.

OHIO EPA FUTURE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY: OSS was contacted by the Ohio EPA to see if we were interested in applying in the future on a possible grant to help with education on recycling. This project would partner SWMD's with recycling service providers in the state to provide accurate recycling information at recycling drop off sites. This is in the beginning stages with further information to come. The District stated they would be interested in applying for the grant when it opens.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments at this time.

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

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

NEXT BOARD MEETING

September 7, 2022. Time and location TBD.