

Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste District

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 10/4/23

The meeting of the OSS JSWMD Board of Directors was called to order by the Commissioner Coppeler at 11:30 A.M., held in person at the OSS Main Office, 1875, E. State St., Fremont. Present were Ottawa County Commissioners Mark Coppeler, Don Douglas, and Mark Stahl, Sandusky County Commissioners Scott Miller, Charles Schwochow and Russ Zimmerman, and Seneca County Commissioners Bill Frankart, Anthony Paradiso, and Tyler Shuff.

Also present were the following OSS SWD staff: Director Gary Baty and Communications Specialist Tim Hassinger.

Others at the meeting:

Albin Bauer representing OSS legal counsel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 8/2/23:

The draft of the minutes from the 8/2/23 Board of Directors Meeting was presented. Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the 8/2/23 Board of Directors Meeting was made by Commissioner Schwochow, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion for the meeting minutes to be approved was made by all commissioners present. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Director Gary Baty presented the financial report for July and August. The beginning balance in July was \$3,918,021.73 with a total revenue of \$210,919.33 and the total expense for the month being \$264,338.90. This makes the end of month balance for July \$3,864,602.16. This includes funds in the balance totaling \$3,002.96 from an EPA Grant the District had received which will need board approval to have those funds transferred and supplemental appropriations for the Ohio EPA grants are now closed out. Motion for the funds transfer will be made later in the meeting. August's financial report has a total revenue of \$181,212.13 and a total expense of \$172,649.01. This leaves the ending balance for August 2023 at \$3,873,165.28. Director Baty noted that July had our last budgeted capital expenditure of the year, replacing an old service truck for \$67,911.00. The YTD Treasurer's Report has a total expense as of August 2023 for the year at \$1,517,145.81. YTD Revenue for the same time is \$1,524,849.14; this leaves the OSS SWD in the positive at this point in 2023 by \$7,703.33. To compare, at the same time last year (2022) there was a total revenue for the year of \$1,447,858.21 and an expense of \$1,047,841.07. Commissioner Shuff motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Commissioner Miller. All commissioners present approved of the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

OSS COMPETITIVE FUNDING GRANT: The total amount of funds provided by The District's CFG for 2023 totaled \$96,751.45. That is more than a \$5,000 increase from what The District provided last year in grant funding. Total grant contributions to the OSS Community over the last two years totals \$187,789.43. The program gained national news in WASTE ADVANTAGE magazine in an august newsletter published online. The newsletter headline read *OSS Grant Committee Awards Funds \$48K for Recycling Projects in Three Ohio Counties*. The article highlighted the Funding from the June round of the 2023 CFG program. Commissioner

Coppeler noted that this program was suspended for a few years back when they had concerts with funding and that he is happy to have this program back up and continuing to grow.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS: OSS educators worked this summer in a number of community events. They were with 415 5th graders at Conservation Day, an event put on by the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Educators also spent time with numerous youth groups over the summer; such as Campfire Summer Camp Misty Meadows, Fremont, and Family Fest at the Promedica Hospital. The Container Loan Program was utilized at the Heritage Festival in Tiffin inside the “Living Village”. Commissioner Shuff asked if there is a problem with contamination with the container loan program. Tim Hassinger responded in saying, with the shape of the container lids and the easy to understand labeling on the container, the contamination gets mitigated, though the way the program works, he isn’t always 100% sure as the group borrowing the containers will recycle the materials after use so he doesn’t see the collected items - only what he hears back from the group. OSS was also at Heidelberg University for their Water Career Fest where Tim spoke to students about career opportunities in recycling. The District also helped the Sandusky River Watershed Coalition in donating trash bags for their Sandusky River cleanup.

BOOK COLLECTION PROJECTS: The OSS Processing Center worked with multiple local libraries to help recycle their old unwanted books. Heidelberg University’s Beeghly Library book cleanout project recycled 77,000 lbs of books. Fostoria Middle School books totaled 11,000 lbs recycled. The weights of these books recycled totals more than the weight of 19 standard cars.

FUND TRANSFER AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR OHIO EPA

GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED: Board approval is needed for moving and clearing out Ohio EPA grants that are closing out and appropriating funds coming in as OSS did not budget for them because the Ohio EPA grant came after the budget was turned in for the year coming. Motion was asked to approve the fund transfer from account #520,10000 to account #610.20000 for the amount of \$3,002.95 and for the supplemental appropriation of \$13,937.04 to account #70010.051.610.20000. Motion was made by Commissioner Frankart, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

OSS PLAN APPROVED: The OSS Solid Waste District’s Policy Plan was approved by the Ohio EPA, though the Ohio EPA did exclude the siting criteria the Policy Committee had included in the plan. Having the siting criteria excluded in the plans handcuffs any rules in place in the OSS Plan. The OSS Board of Directors asked to make a motion to enter into executive session. Commissioner Miller made the motion stating, “The Board of the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Solid Waste District enters into executive session in conference with their attorney to discuss pending or imminent action as authorized in ORC section G3 and asks that Attorney Albin Bauer be present.” Motion was seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Votes are as follows: Commissioner Coppeler - Yes, Commissioner Douglas - Yes, Commissioner Stahl - Yes, Commissioner Miller - Yes, Commissioner Schwochow - Yes, Commissioner Zimmerman - Yes, Commissioner Frankart - Yes, Commissioner Paradiso - Yes, Commissioner Shuff - Yes. Motion approved and Executive session was entered at 12:13 PM.

At 1:06 PM The Board asked for a motion to exit from executive session. Motion was made by Commissioner Schwochow and seconded by Commissioner Shuff. Votes are as follows: Commissioner Coppeler - Yes, Commissioner Douglas - Yes, Commissioner Stahl - Yes,

Commissioner Miller - Yes, Commissioner Schwochow - Yes, Commissioner Zimmerman - Yes, Commissioner Frankart - Yes, Commissioner Paradiso - Yes, Commissioner Shuff - Yes. Motion approved.

OSS Attorney, Albin Bauer, was then asked to lay out a couple of options that The Board can do to try and get a version of their siting criteria reinstated. One option as noted by Albin would be to appeal the decision of the Ohio EPA. Another option would be to adopt a rule under the authority of the plan made by the Policy Committee. Albin shared a proposed resolution to The Board which removes some contents believed to be objected to by the Ohio EPA.

The Board of Directors of the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Solid Waste District made a motion to adopt resolution number 10.4.23 Re. Adopting District Rule 2023-01 Requiring Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Construction, Enlargement or Modification of Solid Waste Facilities. Motion was made by Commissioner Douglas, seconded by Commissioner Shuff. Votes are as follows:

Commissioner Coppeler - Yes, Commissioner Douglas - Yes, Commissioner Stahl - Yes, Commissioner Miller - Yes, Commissioner Schwochow - Yes, Commissioner Zimmerman - Yes, Commissioner Frankart - Yes, Commissioner Paradiso - Yes, Commissioner Shuff - Yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Paradiso wants to have the Budget Committee meet before their next Board of Directors Meeting.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Frankart moved to adjourn at 1:18 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Stahl. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

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