

Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste District
Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 12/11/23

The meeting of the OSS JSWMD Board of Directors was called to order by the Commissioner Coppeler at 12:00 P.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 Peters Kalail & Markakis LPA

Sheri Trusty representing Seneca County Commissioners

Jack Van Kley representing Seneca County Attorney (via phone)

Linda Kuhn

Lori Wolph

Logan Wolph

Ashley Stahl

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from previous Board of Directors meetings were presented. Motion to approve the 10-4-23 Board minutes was made by Commissioner Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Motion to approve the 11-17-23 Budget Committee minutes was made by Commissioner Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Stahl. Motion to approve the 12-4-23 Board minutes was made by Commissioner Schwochow and seconded by Commissioner Paradiso. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded for all three motions. Motion(s) approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Baty shared the Treasurer's Monthly Report for September, October, and November. September's beginning balance was \$3,873,165.28. Revenue for the month was \$196,130.65 with expenses totaling \$135,622.72. Ending balance for September was \$3,933,673.21. Revenue for the month of October was \$281,753.41 with expenses totaling \$182,913.32. Ending balance for October was \$4,032,513.30. Revenue for the month of December was \$182,095.96 with expenses totaling \$173,191.24. Ending balance for November was \$4,041,418.02. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Schwochow. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

2024 OSS BUDGET: Director Baty shared the proposed 2024 OSS budget with The Board. He noted the budget was made with the help of the budget committee consisting of Commissioner Paradiso, Commissioner Stahl, and Commissioner Zimmerman; Gary thanked them for their work with creating the budget. Director Baty highlighted a couple of points in the proposed budget- Competitive Grant Funding was budgeted for \$100k, Commissioner's Discretionary Fund for \$200k, Health Board support of \$120k, and a Seneca County Landfill Inspector for \$100k. Baty commented that the budget was prepared with concerns for revenue/conservative

growth in mind. Suggested that some capital expenditures should be pushed back one year. Last, he noted that the budget as provided does not include salary increases for OSS Staff.

Commissioner Paradiso commented that he thought Director Baty did a great job working on the budget and commended him for his work. Commissioner Paradiso also added that he had concerns that the other members would have amnesia about previous discussions that were made about providing additional funding to the Seneca Board of Health for more oversight of the landfill. With that, Commissioner Paradiso made a motion to introduce an amendment to the budget. Amendment read as follows: "I would like to make a motion to approve the 2024 budget presented without raises and include in the resolution the following

'The OSS board has discussed funding requests from the Seneca County Board of Health to be used for oversight. This includes an upfront ask of \$500k and an annual request of \$250k. OSS agrees to continue these discussions at the next board meeting in 2024.'"

The motion made by Commissioner Paradiso was seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, but for formality's sake, the Board asked to make a new motion to remove the amendment and enter into executive session. Commissioner Paradiso made the motion to remove the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Stahl. Motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Frankart made the motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Commissioner Stahl. Motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered into executive session at 1:00 PM.

At 1:32 PM with a motion made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Shuff and approved unanimously by all present; the board voted to exit the executive session.

Commissioner Stahl motioned to approve the 2024 budget, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. During discussion of this motion, Commissioner Paradiso motioned to motion as amended the motion made by Commissioner Stahl to approve the budget with the addition of the aforementioned amendment. Paradiso's motion to amend the motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote to amend the motion was approved by all members. Vote on Commissioner Stahl's motion to approve the 2024 budget, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman and as amended by Commissioner Paradiso's motion was voted on. All members of the board voted to approve the motion. Motion approved. Commissioner Schwochow motioned to approve a 4.5% wage increase for all OSS Staff members to be effective the first pay period of 2024. Commissioner Douglas seconded the motion made by Commissioner Schwochow. All members of the board voted to approve the motion(s). Motion(s) approved.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Schwochow moved to adjourn at 2:02 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Shuff. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2024