

Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste District

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2/1/23

The meeting of the OSS JSWMD Board of Directors was called to order by the Commissioner Coppeler at 11:31 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 Charles Schwochow, Scott Miller, and Russ Zimmerman, as well as Seneca County Commissioner Bill Frankart.

Also present were the following OSS SWD staff: Community Outreach Specialist Tim Hassinger, and Director Gary Baty. Jim Skora and Duke Fultz were also there in person.

Remote viewers included Blake Austin, and Ashley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The draft of the minutes from the 12/19/2022 Board of Directors Meeting was presented. Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Zimmerman 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 December. The beginning balance was \$3,817,308.89 with a total revenue of \$180,213.80 and the total expense for the month being \$132,060.74. This makes the end of month balance for December \$3,865,461.95. This includes funds in the balance totaling \$9,039.40 from an EPA Grant the District had received. Director Baty compared the 2021 Expenses/Revenues to that of 2022. In 2021 there was \$1,650,504.74 in expenses with \$1,830,873.26 in revenue. For 2022, the District had \$1,655,724.35 in expenses and \$2,197,263.32 in revenue. Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Commissioner Schwochow. All commissioners present unanimously chose to approve of the financial report. Motion approved.

2023 COLLECTION EVENTS: The District will hold the first special collection of the year on May 6 for Televisions & Electronics. The second collection date will be June 3 for residential tires. There will be two collections on the same date in the fall for appliances and for Household Hazardous Waste. Special collection information will be advertised throughout the year through the local newspapers, radio stations, health departments, and through the Districts social media accounts. The date/time/locations of collections, and all accepted materials information will be provided when residents register for the collection either by phone or online at RecycleOSS.org.

2022 COLLECTION RECAP: Total stats of the District's collections from 2022 are as follows:
Appliance Collections – 18,480 lbs. (75 Refrigerators or 106 Stoves)
Household Hazardous Waste Collections – 50,541 lbs. (5,054 gallons of paint)
Television & Electronics Collections – 35,684 lbs. (714 TVs- 65 inch)
Tire Collections – 126,640 lbs. (enough to shoe 2,111 cars)
OSS Recycling & Processing Center – 386,607 lbs. Of recyclables
Aim to Be Green Recycling Drop-off Program – 7,561,807 lbs.* *Through November

Commissioner Miller asked about what residents can do with their newspapers locally now since the Boy Scouts in Fremont/Sandusky County have stopped their newspaper collection program. - Fremont city residents have the option for curbside recycling pickup through Republic Services and can recycle newspapers in that program. The District's Township Recycling Program serviced by Rumpke can also accept newspapers for recycling.

Commissioner Frankart asked what happened with the tires that are collected at the District's collection. Tim responded that in previous years, OSS has done business through All Resource Recycling in Fostoria where they would recycle the tires.

2023 CFG & INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS: For the January round of CFG applications, the District received 16 grants. Last year's January round of funding saw 4 total applicants. Grants will be graded by an OSS Grant committee and scores will be given at the April BoD meeting for Board approval.

The Infrastructure grant is designed for township sites that participate in the District's Township Recycling Program to be able to secure funding for site improvements at township recycling sites. There were 13 grant applications by participating townships - other townships opted to compete in the CFG in hopes of possibly receiving more funding through the CFG than what they would be getting through the Infrastructure Grant. One township had asked for an extension on turning in the Infrastructure Grant as they were waiting on some final pricing quotes. That extension was allowed.

APPROPRIATION REDUCTION: The amount was rounded up when the budget was completed. The carryover cash amount is \$9,039.40 and the anticipated amount to be received in 2023 is \$16,940 so we can only appropriate \$25,979.40 and the amount on the budget is \$25,980. Motion to approve the appropriation reduction request for additional funds to be reduced in a budgetary account at the amount of 60 ¢ was made by Commissioner Frankart and seconded by Commissioner Miller. All commissioners present unanimously approved.

THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE: Then and Now certificate was needed to be approved by the Board as a 2022 PO was not created to reimburse in time for use in the 2022 year. By the time the order was placed (12/16/22) the Sandusky County Auditor's office had closed the ability to create a PO for the purchase. There were two Then and Now Certificates that needed approval. Motion to approve the first Then and Now Certificate was made by Commissioner Schwochow, seconded by Commissioner Stahl. The motion to approve the second Then and Now Certificate was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Frankart. All commissioners present unanimously approved on both Then and Now Certificates.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING: The Policy Committee is set to meet Tuesday, February 7 at 3:00 P.M. at the OSS main office. This meeting would be directly after the Public Comments forum where the residents of the District could share their input on the Policy Plan. Public comments would be discussed by the Policy Committee and any amendments to the plan could be made then before voting to adopt the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ashley asked remote to clarify what company it was in Fostoria that took tires for recycling. Tim clarified that it was All Resource Recycling. Commissioner Miller asked about some signage he saw at one of the township recycling sites saying no business allowed and asked how much of a problem it is. Director Baty explained that the material that is

often dropped off by businesses is oftentimes more clean than that from residents. The problem that arises is that one business can come and instantly fill multiple bins with one visit and that takes valuable space from the township residents and costs OSS more to have the bins serviced more frequently. Commissioner Frankart asked to be refreshed on the recycling situation in Fostoria. Baty said that there used to be a local club that had a contract set up with a local hauler to recycle cardboard for the city residents for a number of years. The local hauler was not able to continue the service in 2019. When Gary joined the District at the end of 2020, the mayor of Fostoria reached out to Gary to see if there was anything that OSS could help with. They set an agreement that OSS would help continue the cardboard recycling temporarily until the city was able to set up a curbside recycling contract with a company to establish a more efficient recycling program for the city. Gary was even helping show other local city curbside contracts with the Mayor to get an understanding of what the contract may look like. After a year and a half, the temporary agreement was pulled as there were no signs of adding such a contract for the city.

NEW BUSINESS: The OSS staff toured Gateway Recycling on Jan. 26 for education and further connections with the company. Commissioners Miller and Frankart both expressed interest in touring facilities in the future if other similar tours are set up.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 12:13 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Frankart. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

April 12th at 11:30 A.M. Location TBD.