

Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste District

Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2-7-24

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)

Jim Skora representing GT Environmental

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from previous Board of Directors meetings were presented. Motion to approve the 12-11-23 Board minutes was made by Commissioner Schwochow as amended with corrections. Commissioner Schwochow's motion as amended was seconded by Commissioner Shuff. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded for the motion. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Baty shared the Treasurer's Monthly Report for December. Beginning balance for the month was \$4,041,418.02. Revenue for the month was \$206,291.45 with expenses totaling \$148,927.98. Ending balance for December was \$4,098,781.49. Beginning cash balance for 2023 opened with \$3,865,461.95. Ending cash balance for 2023 was \$4,098,781.49; an overall increase in cash for The District of \$233,319.54 over the year. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

GOALS FOR OSS BY OEPA: Director Baty, with assistance from Jim Skora of GT Environmental, shared with The Board the ten goals of Solid Waste Districts in Ohio as outlined by the Ohio EPA. As explained, all ten SWMD goals in this state plan are crucial to furthering solid waste reduction and recycling in Ohio. However, by virtue of the challenges posed by Goals 1 and 2, SWMDs typically have to devote more resources to achieving those two goals than to the remaining goals. Thus, Goals 1 and 2 are the primary goals of the state plan.

Each SWMD is encouraged to devote resources to achieving both goals. However, each of the 52 SWMDs varies in its ability to achieve both goals. Thus, a SWMD is not required to demonstrate that it will achieve both goals. Instead, SWMDs have the option of choosing either Goal 1 or Goal 2 for their solid waste management plans. This affords SWMDs with two methods of demonstrating compliance with the State's solid waste reduction and recycling goals. Many of

the programs and services that a SWMD uses to achieve Goal 1 help the SWMD make progress toward achieving Goal 2 and vice versa.

A SWMD's solid waste management plan will provide programs to meet up to eight of the goals. Goal 9 (market development) is an optional goal. Goal 10 requires submitting annual reports to Ohio EPA, and no demonstration of achieving that goal is needed for the solid waste management plan.

The ten goals of Solid Waste Management Districts outlined by the Ohio EPA is as follows:

1. The SWMD shall ensure that there is adequate infrastructure to give residents and commercial businesses opportunities to recycle solid waste.
2. The SWMD shall reduce and recycle at least 25 percent of the solid waste generated by the residential/commercial sector and at least 66 percent of the solid waste generated by the industrial sector.
3. The SWMD shall provide the following required programs: a Web site; a comprehensive resource guide; an inventory of available infrastructure; and a speaker or presenter.
4. The SWMD shall provide education, outreach, marketing and technical assistance regarding reduction, recycling, composting, reuse, and other alternative waste management methods to identified target audiences using best practices.
5. The SWMD shall incorporate a strategic initiative for the industrial sector into its solid waste management plan.
6. The SWMD shall provide strategies for managing scrap tires, yard waste, lead-acid batteries, household hazardous waste and obsolete/end-of-life electronic devices.
7. The SWMD shall explore how to incorporate economic incentives into source reduction and recycling programs.
8. The SWMD will use U.S. EPA's Waste Reduction Model (WARM) (or an equivalent model) to evaluate the impact of recycling programs on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
9. The SWMD has the option of providing programs to develop markets for recyclable materials and the use of recycled-content materials.
10. The SWMD shall report annually to Ohio EPA regarding implementation of the SWMD's solid waste management plan

Commissioner Frankart had asked if there were plans to bring recycling bins back to the Green Creek township site. Director Baty mentioned that the recycling bins were pulled at the request of the township trustees of Green Creek while they were constructing a salt shed at the site. The trustees have not reached back out about getting the recycling program back, but that OSS is waiting for their invitation. Similarly, The District is waiting to hear back from the Fostoria City Council/ the Fostoria Mayor about getting their recycling program going as well.

Commissioner Frankart shared information he had gathered regarding tonnage brought in from the two operating landfills inside The District in 2023. The waste accumulated in Ottawa County totaled 90,792.72 tons of waste in 2023. Waste accumulated in Seneca County totaled 2,311,232.61 tons of waste throughout the year. 96.22% of the total waste collected in landfills within The District was accumulated in Seneca County as Commissioner Frankart pointed out.

RECYCLING STATS COMPARISON: Director Baty shared the total stats of recycling efforts done by The District through 2023 and compared to the same collections done in 2022.

2022 weights are as follows:

Appliance Collections - 18,480 lbs.
Household Hazardous Waste Collections - 50,541 lbs.
Television & Electronics Collections - 35,684 lbs.
Tire Collections - 126,640 lbs.
OSS Recycling & Processing Center - 386,607 lbs.
Township Recycling Drop-off Program – 7,561,807 lbs.

2023 weights are as follows:

Appliance Collections - 25,000lbs.
Household Hazardous Waste Collections - 52,158 lbs.
Television & Electronics Collections - 51,611 lbs.
Tire Collections 208,260 lbs.
OSS Recycling & Processing Center - 437,281 lbs.
Township Recycling Drop-off Program – 7,193,960 lbs.

Director Baty pointed out that there was an increase in recyclables collected in 5 of the 6 key programs provided by OSS. He explained that they believe the decrease in weights with the Township Recycling Drop-off Program was more of a decrease in contamination weights, as a result of a grant The District received in partnership with The Recycling Partnership and the Ohio EPA.

NEW TWP RECYCLING BIN SIGNS: One key part of the grant that OSS had received through The Recycling Partnership included new vinyl faces for the recycling bins of the Township Recycling Program (formerly branded as the Aim To Be Green Recycling Program). The new vinyl signs are in the process of being installed on all the active bins in The District. Other informational text that OSS is distributing includes the 2024 Special Collection Flyer, and the 2024 Farm & Township/City/Village tire collection flyer. The flyers, created by OSS staff member, Tim Hassinger, have been distributed to local health departments, and other local government officials for help in distribution of The District's information.

LEGAL UPDATE - ALBIN BAUER: Commissioner Shuff made a motion to enter into executive session for allowance to discuss pending litigation, and asked that the OSS Director, Gary Baty, and hired legal advisor Albin Bauer join in executive session with the Board. Commissioner Shuff's motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved. Executive session began at 10:45. At 11:30, Commissioner Shuff made a motion to exit the executive session, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Schwochow. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved. Executive session ended at 11:30.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Frankart moved to adjourn at 11:32 A.M., seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

April 2024, TBD.