

Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste District

Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 6/5/24

The meeting of the OSS JSWMD Board of Directors was called to order by OSS Board Chair Commissioner Schwochow at 10:00 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 Tony Paradiso, Bill Frankart, 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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from previous Board of Directors meetings were presented. Motion to approve the 4-3-24 Board minutes was made by Commissioner Zimmerman. Commissioner Zimmerman's motion 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 March and April. Beginning balance for March was \$4,138,452.31. Revenue for the month was \$186,517.31 with expenses totaling \$179,987.17. Ending balance for March was \$4,144,982.45. Beginning balance for April was \$4,144,982.45. Revenue for the month was \$233,245.10 with expenses totaling \$205,294.18. Ending balance for April was \$4,172,933.37. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Coppeler and seconded by Commissioner Miller. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

OSS STATE AUDIT: Director Baty shared with The Board that the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Joint Solid Waste District received a two star achievement in open and transparent government by the Ohio Auditor of State.

SPECIAL COLLECTION BILLBOARDS: As a recommendation of The Board, billboards have been installed in all three counties to promote special collections put on by OSS. Billboards were installed at the intersection of SR 163 & SR 19 in downtown Oak Harbor, South State Street and Rt. 198 in Fremont, and US HWY 224 & SR 53 in Tiffin.

RESOURCES REVIEW: A cumulative review of what resources in funding and services by OSS for each county was presented. The Township Recycling Program (formerly known as Aim To Be Green) has (12) sites in Ottawa County, (13) sites in Sandusky County, and (17) sites in Seneca County; making 40 percent of the sites in Seneca County.

Current book recycling locations by county: (5) for Ottawa, (4) for Sandusky, and (15) for Seneca County.

Groups serviced by the OSS Processing Center by county: (16) for Ottawa, (28) for Sandusky, and (40) for Seneca County. Making 47 percent of the processing center groups in Seneca

County.

Funding to each county by way of Commissioner's funds and Health Departments by county:

Ottawa County- \$90,000.00, Sandusky County - \$90,000.00, Seneca County - \$190,000.00

Statistics of participation from the last Electronics Collection by county: Ottawa - 122 households, Sandusky - 169 households, Seneca - 141 households.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF EDUCATION ENGAGEMENT PROJECT: As part of the new solid waste plan initiative, The District is currently participating in a recycling drop-off education engagement project. The project will run from April - October and will target 7 sites with historical contamination issues in all three counties. Along with engaging with and educating users of acceptable and non-acceptable recycling materials, the project will also collect data including various metrics on user participation preferences and general knowledge of recycling. Visual inspections of bins to collect data on contamination will also be conducted. There will be a final report in November on the project.

OSS SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES PROGRAM: OSS to date has shipped more than 13,000 eclipse glasses overseas to be reused for the next eclipse internationally, and recycled another 87,000 eclipse glasses. Director Baty thanked Communications Specialist Tim Hassinger for taking charge of this program and working with local businesses, non-profits, and agencies to become willing participants in the program by volunteering as drop off locations for residents to drop off their solar eclipse glasses.

LEGAL UPDATE - ALBIN BAUER: Commissioner Miller 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 Miller's motion was seconded by Commissioner Frankart. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved. Executive session began at 10:24. At 11:11, Commissioner Miller made a motion to exit the executive session, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved. Executive session ended at 11:11.

PROPOSAL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION: OSS Attorney Albin Bauer made a suggestion to the OSS Board of Directors to amending existing OSS District Rule 2023-01 taking out some provisions of the aforementioned rule. Albin Bauer prepared a proposed amended district rule 2023-01 for The Board's consideration and possible adoption. Commissioner Coppeler made a motion to adopt Resolution 6-5-2024 a resolution adopting amended District Rule 2023-01. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Paradiso. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Paradiso brought up that a group of individuals including the Seneca County Commissioners went to the State House to speak as a proponent of Senate Bill 119. That they want to work with the board but that they feel it is difficult. Commissioner Paradiso addressed concerns of payment for landfill inspections and the restrictions of what OSS would compensate for. Other board members then cleared up that in the previous 4-3-24 OSS Board meeting that they spoke with the Seneca County General Health District Board and Commissioner saying that OSS is fine with helping to pay for inspections on the landfill - whether it is by SCGHD staff or outside consultants, and included hours spent report writing of

landfill inspections. Director Baty also mentioned that the Seneca County Environmental Health Director that he used to speak with regarding the landfill hours is no longer working with the SCGHD and that there may be a loss in communication with that roll not yet filled. Baty also mentioned that there may be trepidation by other members of the BOD in regards to providing more funds to the SCGHD as it has been nearly a year since the OSS BOD asked the SCGHD to share their financial statements with them after requesting funds and that the OSS BOD has not yet been shown any financial statements showing a need for additional funding. Commissioner Paradiso understood that was a fair request by Director Baty.

It was also discussed that it would not be a bad idea to have OSS Attorney Albin Bauer meet with Seneca County attorney to discuss what things OSS can legally help in providing funding for the SCGHD.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Stahl moved to adjourn at 11:28 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

June 2024, TBD.