

Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Solid Waste District

Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 8-7-24

The meeting of the OSS JSWMD Board of Directors was called to order by OSS Board Chair Commissioner Schwochow at 10:02 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 and Charles Schwochow, 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
Dwight Clary representing Community of Patriots
Lisa Clary representing Community of Patriots
Barbara Brisley
Brenda Kuhn representing Community of Patriots
Don Kuhn representing Community of Patriots

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from previous Board of Directors meetings were presented. After discussion to make a slight correction on the 6-5-24 Meeting Minutes on who called the meeting to order a motion to approve the 6-5-24 Board minutes was made by Commissioner Frankart. Commissioner Frankart's motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded for the motion. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Baty shared the Treasurer's Monthly Report for May and June. Beginning balance for May was \$4,172,933.37. Revenue for the month was \$189,495.54 with expenses totaling \$218,968.58. Ending balance for May was \$4,143,460.33. Beginning balance for June was \$4,143,460.33. Revenue for the month was \$183,977.07 with expenses totaling \$262,615.15. Ending balance for June was \$4,064,822.25.

Director Baty shared the treasurer's report YTD with The Board. Total expenses so far this year totals \$1,245,258.46 and total revenue so far this year totals \$1,211,299.22. Last year at this time, total expenses were \$1,080,157.90 with total revenue being \$1,132,717.68. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Douglas. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident Barbara Brisley requested time to address the OSS Board and distributed paperwork to the members. She expressed concerns regarding the funding efforts of the OSS Board.

Resident Brenda Kuhn commented on health concerns affecting Seneca County residents.

Resident Dwight Clary raised concerns about potential groundwater contamination.

WOODVILLE 4TH OF JULY: OSS Container Loan Program was utilized at the Woodville 4th of July to collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles for recycling. Was told that pictures shown represent a fraction of the recyclables collected at the event.

ODNR BOAT WRAP PROJECT: In a news article published by the Ohio Division of Natural Resources, *Ohio Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program Continues to Thrive*, the article mentions how grants from OSS through the Competitive Funding Grant helps the program grow and improve. In January, Carroll Township applied for the CFG To create a boat shrink wrap recycling program with a partnership of Carroll Township and Ohio Clean Marinas Program. Shrink wrap would be collected and sent to CLI in Norwalk to be recycled into guard rail bumpers.

COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING: The Grant Committee reviewed all submissions of the second round of the Competitive Funding Grant program for 2024 and left their recommendations for the OSS Board to vote approval on. After review of the CFG applicants and the grades made by the Grant Committee, Commissioner Shuff made the motion to approve the funding of the CFG applicants as recommended by the Grant Committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Coppeler. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

Approved funding for the 2nd round of the CFG for 2024 is as follows:

Grant Recipient	Description	Funds Requested	Grant Score
Village of Attica	Four (4) new Welcome signs, one for each of the four main roads into the Village. Signs will be made from 100% recycled milk jugs.	\$3,180.00	73.6
Zion Church	New recycled furniture for classrooms made of 68% recycled plastic and 48% recycled steel.	\$7,268.00	73.6
Sandusky County Parks	Six (6) picnic tables for White Star Beach made of 71% recycled plastic.	\$5,000.00	71.3

Eden Township	Trex brand fencing around OSS Township recycling drop off site. Fencing is made of 95% recycled content and will help keep recycling from blowing into the baseball field (Melmore Ball Field).	\$4,342.94	70
Campfire Sandusky	Purchase recycling bins made of 25% recycled content. To create a formal opportunity to recycle at camp.	\$6,552.00	69.3
Woodville Township	Install camera system for OSS Township recycling drop off site. Camera system will be used to combat illegal dumping with the help of the Sheriff.	\$3,063.75	68.3
Tiffin Rotary	Replace Tiffin Rotary Centennial Park sign in advance of their Centennial Anniversary in 2026. Sign is made of 50% recycled plastic.	\$1,312.50	66.3
Benton Township	Six (6) new waste receptacles for Graytown Park to reduce litter. Four (4) new baseball dugout benches. All are made from 100% recycled content.	\$4,956.00	66
Venice Township	Three (3) recycled content benches for Venice Township Cemetery that are made of 71% recycled content. Benches will have inscriptions on them that read, "Pause and	\$2,227.00	66

Reflect”, “Pause and Remember” and “Pause and Honor”.

Jackson Township	Purchase of a new heater for the township house that is fueled by old motor oil which will burn to create heat. Township residents will be able to bring old oil for free to be reused.	\$10,000.00	64.6
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LEGAL UPDATE - ALBIN BAUER: Commissioner Coppeler 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 Coppeler’s motion was seconded by Commissioner Stahl. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved. Executive session began at 11:00 AM. At 11:12 AM, Commissioner Coppeler made a motion to exit the executive session, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Shuff. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved. Executive session ended at 11:12 AM.

PROPOSAL TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS: Director Baty proposed that the OSS Board of Directors vote on resolutions to clarify the permissible uses of OSS funding provided to the Seneca County General Health District (SCGHD).

Resolution No 8-7-24: Commissioner Coppeler made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 8-7-24. Pursuant to Section 3734.57(G)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, the OSS Board of Directors approves providing financial assistance to the Seneca County General Health District, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to pay the costs of inspecting the WIN Waste Innovations landfill in Seneca County during calendar year 2024, using either SCGHD employees or consultants, to determine the landfill's current or past compliance with Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules, orders, and permit terms and conditions promulgated or issued by Ohio EPA thereunder. This resolution shall apply to such inspections taking place between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Paradiso seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of those present was recorded, and the motion was approved.

Resolution No. 8-7-24-1: Commissioner Frankart made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 8-7-24-1.

Pursuant to Section 3734.57(G)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, the OSS Board of Directors approves entering into a contract with the Seneca County General Health District that provides for OSS to pay the costs incurred by SCGHD for collecting and analyzing samples from public or private water wells on properties adjacent to the WIN Waste Innovations landfill in Seneca County during calendar year 2024. The maximum amount that OSS will pay for said water sampling and analysis during calendar year 2024 shall not exceed the unexpended portion of the \$100,000 of financial assistance authorized by OSS to pay for SCGHD's cost to conduct compliance inspections of the landfill pursuant to ORC 3734.57(G)(3). It is the OSS Board's

intent that the combined total amount that OSS will pay SCGHD for compliance inspections and well water collection and analysis taking place during calendar year 2024 shall not exceed \$100,000. This resolution shall apply to the collection and analysis of well waste samples on adjacent properties taking place between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024. OSS's executive director may execute said contract on behalf of the OSS Board subject to final review and approval of OSS's legal counsel.

Commissioner Douglas seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of those present was recorded, and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Director Baty, Commissioners Schwochow and Paradiso, and OSS Attorney Albin Bauer met with Seneca County Health Commissioner Julie Richards to clarify any misunderstandings regarding the OSS Board's allocation of the \$100,000.00 budgeted for the Seneca County General Health District (SCGHD). During the meeting, Director Baty noted that Health Commissioner Richards inquired if any unused portion of the funds at the end of 2024 could be used to offset the costs of water testing for homes near the landfill, and that to date almost \$60,000.00 has been spent on testing. Commissioner Schwochow asked Health Commissioner Richards if any violations had been found in the well water tests conducted this year. Health Commissioner Richards confirmed that no violations had been detected to date. Continued testing remains important to ensure the community's health.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Stahl moved to adjourn at 11:40 A.M., seconded by Commissioner Shuff. Unanimous approval of those present was recorded. Motion approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

OCT 2024, TBD.