

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 22, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Don Hill County Administration Bldg
20 S. Second St., Newark

Dane Shryock, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Rick Black, Tim Bubb, Ben Carpenter, Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, Duane Flowers, Curtis Lee, Dave Levacy, Jim O'Brien, Scott Owen, and Dane Shryock.

Not attending: Gary Fischer.

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS

Dave Levacy introduced Jeff Fix from Fairfield County. Ben Carpenter introduced Scott Owen from Perry County.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dane Shryock advised Board members that following the historical rotation, it would be Perry County's turn to chair the committee and Licking County's turn to serve as vice-chair. Dave Levacy made a motion to nominate Ben Carpenter as the chairman. Tim Bubb seconded the motion. Ben Carpenter was elected by acclamation.

Tim Bubb made a motion to nominate Rick Black as vice-chair. Dave Levacy made a motion to nominate Tim Bubb as vice-chair. Duane Flowers seconded the motion. The motion nominating Rick Black died for lack of a second. Tim Bubb was elected by acclamation.

Dane turned the meeting over to Ben at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2018 Board meeting, as submitted, was made by Tim Bubb and seconded by Dave Levacy. The motion carried without opposition.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report – Carol advised the Board that the cash balance in the solid waste account at the end of January 2019 was 6,209,163.31. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by Duane Flowers, seconded by Steve Davis. The motion carried without opposition.

OLD BUSINESS

LEGAL UPDATE

Joe Durham advised the Board that Tunnel Hill has reported to OEPA that they have found

discrepancies in their reporting system that resulted in under reporting tonnages accepted at their landfills, thus resulting in an underpayment of fees. OEPA held a meeting with all parties involved. Carol Philipps, Ben Carpenter, and Joe Durham attended from this District. Tunnel Hill has come up with a proposal for a cash settlement. Joe indicated that the parties had intended to be further along in the negotiations. However, the Ohio EPA and Tunnel Hill are dealing with 245 odor complaints in November and December from residents in Seneca County and that the Seneca County Health Department, which Joe and Eastman & Smith also represent, has not issued a 2019 license to operate the Sunny Farms landfill, resulting in a delay regarding resolution of the fee issue. Joe asked if the Board was comfortable with him advocating on behalf of Perry County and if the Board wanted him to work with Carol to come up with a figure as to the amount that is owed to our district (fees, interest, penalties). Ben Carpenter stated that he believes that any penalties assessed in the settlement should be directed to Perry County. Steve Davis stated that he wanted to make sure there is no internal conflict. Joe asked for guidance from the Board. Consensus of the Board was that Joe should advocate on the behalf of Perry County, the health department, and townships. He should work with Carol Philipps to come up with an amount owed to this district that would include fees, interest and penalties. Steve Davis also stated that he did not want to slow down any negotiations so a special meeting of the Board of Directors could be held if necessary. (**Note:** Duane Flowers left at 9:30)

NEW BUSINESS

FEASIBILITY STUDY

Carol advised the Board that the District received two RFPs for the feasibility study. Both proposals had been sent to Board members previously for their review. The RFPs were from GT Environmental out of Columbus and RRS out of Michigan. The proposal from GT was in the amount of \$27,100.00. The proposal from RRS was \$71,000.00. Representatives from GT were present at the meeting. Motion by Steve Dave to hire GT Environmental. Second by Jeff Fix. The motion carried with one abstention.

VACATION PAYOUT

An employee of the Licking County Recycling Office resigned. A request was submitted for her vacation payout in the amount of \$309.14. Steve Davis made a motion to approve the request. Dane Shryock seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

TRANSFER OF COMPOST EQUIPMENT

Carol provided background information on the compost equipment for discussion. Perry County Compost Facility closed. The equipment was transferred to Hope Timber, with the intention of that they would open a compost facility in Perry County and use that equipment. The compost facility did not come to fruition and the equipment has been sitting idle at their facility in Newark for two years. The City of Lancaster has expressed an interest in the Morbark tub grinder, the John Deere loader, and the Salsco chipper. They have received an estimate of \$50,000 to repair the equipment. Carol advised the Board that if they choose to transfer the equipment to the City of Lancaster they have two options. Option #1 would be to transfer the equipment and retain an interest in the equipment. Option #2 would be to give the equipment to the City of Lancaster relinquishing all ties to the equipment. Tim Bubb made a motion to give the equipment and relinquish ties to the equipment. Curtis Lee seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding

the fact that the City of Lancaster would have to pay for transporting the equipment in addition to repair costs and that giving them the equipment seemed like the appropriate thing to do. The motion carried without opposition.

The fourth piece of compost equipment is a Case backhoe. The backhoe is not operational and repairing it is not cost effective. Tim Harvey, from Hope Timber, was at the meeting. He asked the Board for permission to scrap the equipment. He further proposed that any proceeds received be retained by Hope Timber in return for the costs incurred in transporting the four pieces of equipment from Perry County and repairs that were made to all of the equipment. Tim Bubb made a motion to transfer ownership of the backhoe to Hope Timber. Steve Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2019 at **9:00 a.m. at the Don Hill County Administration Bldg, 20 S. Second Street** in Newark.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Bubb. Steve Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Secretary, Kim Masters

Date Approved