



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

February 28, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Licking County Transit Bldg  
745 E. Main St., Newark

Tim Bubb, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Attending: Chase Bennett, Bob Bigrigg, Rick Black, Tim Bubb, Steve Davis, Gary Fischer, Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Dane Shryock.

Not attending: Ben Carpenter, Duane Flowers, and Scott Owen.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Dane Shryock introduced Coshocton County Commissioner Bob Bigrigg, and Tim Bubb introduced Perry County Commissioner Chase Bennett.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Following the historical rotation, this year is Fairfield County's turn to chair the Board of Directors. Jeff Fix nominated Steve Davis. Tim Bubb seconded the motion. Motion to elect Steve Davis as Chair carried without opposition.

Following that same rotation, this year is Coshocton County's turn to serve as vice-chair. Bob Bigrigg made a motion to nominate Dane Shryock as the Vice-Chair. Chase Bennett seconded the motion. Motion to elect Dane Shryock as Vice-Chair carried without opposition.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2024 Board meeting as presented was made by Dave Levacy and seconded by Jeff Fix. The motion carried without opposition.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report – Kim advised the Board that the cash balance in the solid waste account at the end of January was \$4,113, 555.31. Kim also stated that the district is still ahead in projected revenue due to interest. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by Dane Shryock and seconded by Rick Black. Motion carried without opposition.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **LEGAL UPDATE**

Joe Durham, legal counsel gave a few brief updates. The first update was on HB135, which concerns CD&D fees. Currently, the health departments receive a portion of fees for CD&D and are limited on what they can use the funds for. Joe stated that the new bill would allow health departments to have a broad use of those funds. The next update was on HB257. Joe stated that on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 certain bodies are able to hold meetings virtually, but he said that as of right now this does not pertain to solid waste districts. He stated that he will keep the board updated if anything changes. Joe also gave a brief update on HB96, which would propose changes to CD&D fees. Lastly, Joe gave an update on the abandoned playground equipment located in Rushville. Joe stated that he received a call from Fairfield Union School District, and they informed him that they sold the property and no longer have ties to it. He received no response from Fallsbury Township on their playground which is in a state of disrepair.

### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO EQUIPMENT POLICY**

Kim presented the board with the proposed language for the equipment policy. She stated that she would like to add that after equipment has no fair market value it will be released from district ties, no longer inventoried, and a request for disposal will not be required. Steve Davis added that he would like the district to require a disposal request for record keeping purposes. After much discussion it was decided that after 10 years any equipment items \$10,000 or less will no longer be included in equipment inventory. Dane Shryock made a motion to accept this policy change. Jeff Fix seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Chase Bennett, Bob Bigrigg, Rick Black, Tim Bubb, Gary Fischer, Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Dane Shryock. Those voting no were: none. The motion carried without opposition.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUNDING DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION**

Licking County Health Department and Fairfield County Health Department presented the board with a request for extra funding. Licking County Health department is requesting an extra \$4,300 for a total of \$12,300 and Fairfield County Health Department is requesting an extra \$3,500 for a total of \$16,300. Kim stated that these amounts do not include nuisance investigations. Motion to accept the funding increase was made by Jeff Fix. Rick Black seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition. Chad Brown stated that he would like to see the district cover the funding of nuisance investigations. After much discussion the board stated that beginning in 2026 they would like to pay health departments \$50.00 per solved case with a cap of \$6,000. Motion to accept this change was made by Jeff fix. Dane Shryock seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Licking County Health Commissioner Chad Brown thanked the board for their funding approval. Rachel Moresea from Fairfield County Health Department thanked the board as well.

## EASTMAN AND SMITH CONTRACT

Joe Durham, legal counsel presented a contract to the Board for 2025 not to exceed \$20,000.00. Tim Bubb made a motion to accept the agreement. Dave Levacy seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jeff Fix made a motion to enter into Executive Session as permitted under ORC-121.22(G)(3) to confer with our attorney to consider imminent court action, inviting legal counsel and district staff to participate. Chase Bennett second the motion. A roll vote was taken. Those voting yes were: Chase Bennett, Bob Bigrigg, Rick Black, Tim Bubb, Gary Fischer, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Those voting no were: none. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:20 am.

Having taken no action, general session reconvened at 10:26 am.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2025 at **9:00 a.m. at the Licking County Administration Bldg**, 20 S. Second St., in Newark.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Black. Jeff Fix seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.



Secretary, Kate Campbell



Date Approved