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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS October 6th, 2022

A meeting of the Board of the Ross, Pickaway, Highland, and Fayette Solid Waste District was held on October 6th, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Ave. Chillicothe, OH 45601.

## The following Board members were in attendance:

Jim Garland

Fayette

Terry Britton
Dave Daniels

Highland Highland

Gary Scherer

Pickaway

Harold Henson

Pickaway

Doug Corcoran
James Lowe

Ross Ross

Also, in attendance:

Erica Tucker

Director

Lauren Grooms Nick Rupert

Secretary of the Board

Guest - Rumpke

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Dave Daniels, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting was previously e-mailed. There being no corrections offered, Mr. Dave Daniels made the motion to approve, Mr. Terry Britton seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATUS:** Ms. Lauren Grooms gave an update on revenue and expenditures thus far. The Solid Waste District began the year with \$1,056,585.36. We have received \$652,387.96 and spent \$590,872.94. The total fund balance as of today is \$1,118,100.38. Mr. Doug Corcoran made a motion to approve the financial reports, Mr. James Lowe seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Solid Waste Management Plan Update:** Mrs. Tucker provided an update with the progress of the plan update required every 5 years by the Ohio EPA. The Policy Committee met with GT Environmental on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to review appendix A-G and will reconvene on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mrs. Tucker notified the board that the Draft plan is due to the Ohio EPA in May 2023.



Recycling Drop-Off/Recycling Center: Mrs. Erica Tucker explained the illegal dumping issues in each county such as drop-off sites located at Snap Fitness (Circleville), Adena Road (Chillicothe) and referenced the success at the Fayette County Recycling Center curbing the litter issues. She expressed interest in building more Recycling Centers in the Districts remaining counties. The minimum land space for building a facility like the Fayette County Recycling Center is 100 ft by 100 ft. The board said they would take into consideration county owned property as potential spaces for a new Recycling Center.

**Newsletter:** Mrs. Lauren Grooms reviewed the 2022 Newsletter handed out at the beginning of the meeting. She highlighted some of the Education Outreach events in each county and provided a mock-drawing of the district's new mascot costume that is currently in production. The mascot will be a new tool for community events and school programs.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rumpke Contract: In the previous meeting held in May, Mrs. Tucker notified the board that the Solid Waste District's recycling contract with Rumpke is nearing expiration without the option of a renewal extension. She explained that we will have to come to a new agreement with Rumpke and to expect a price increase. Mr. Rupert spoke on the increasing fuel costs and employee shortages that will contribute to an increased rate for a new contract. Mr. Tony Anderson proposed to Mr. Rupert that he speak with Rumpke about a rural drop-off rate vs. a "mega-site" rate. Mr. Rupert agreed that the idea could benefit the Solid Waste District and would discuss the topic with the company.

Mrs. Tucker provided the board with the proposed contract and Mr. Rupert explained price modifications per request of Mr. Anderson. Mrs. Tucker mentioned that the district did not receive any bids from other waste companies. Mr. Dave Daniels motioned to approve, and Mr. Gary Scherer seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**2023 Budget:** Mrs. Tucker provided a copy of the proposed 2023 budget that is required by the Pickaway County Auditor. Mrs. Tucker highlighted and explained the increases requested. The budget increases included 3% in salary for District employees and \$85,000 increase in Recycling Drop-Off Expenses to accommodate price changes in the new contract. Mr. Doug Corcoran motioned to approve, and Mr. Terry Britton seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With nothing else to come before the Board, Mr. Terry Britton made the motion to adjourn, and Mr. James Lowe seconded at 11:51 a.m. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by, Lauren Grooms

Harold Henson, Chairman

Date of approval

