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**PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

District Recycling Center  
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Solid Waste Management District Commissioners  
Kathleen Clyde, Vicki A. Kline, Sabrina Christian-Bennett

William G. Steiner II, Director

*The Solid Waste District Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes are summarized. The entire proceeding has been audio recorded and is available at the Commissioners' Office at cost.*

The Solid Waste Management District Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 9:08 AM with the following members present via Zoom video conference:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kathleen Clyde	President	Present
Vicki A. Kline	Vice President	Present
Sabrina Christian-Bennett	Board Member	Present

**Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2020**

**Motion: Commissioner Kline**

**Seconded: Commissioner Christian-Bennett**

All in Favor: Commissioner Kline, Yea; Commissioner Christian-Bennett, Yea; Commissioner Clyde, Yea;

**Motion Carries**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-087**

This resolution was omitted. No Bills submitted. This is for numbering purposes only.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-088 - RE: APPROVAL OF JOURNAL VOUCHERS/ENTRIES.**

It was moved by Vicki A. Kline, seconded by Sabrina Christian-Bennett that the following Resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS,** the Ohio Revised Code requires that warrants be approved by the District Board of Commissioners for the Portage County Solid Waste Management District prior to their issuance, and

**WHEREAS,** there are other similar financial transactions defined as journal vouchers/entries that are dissimilar in that they are used to pay for charges for services from one county department and/or fund to another department and/or fund and thus are processed in lieu of issuing a warrant, and

**WHEREAS,** the Journal Vouchers/Entries are recommended by the County Auditor's Office for review and approval by the Board of Commissioners; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the District Board of Commissioners approves the following Journal Vouchers/Entries, as presented by the County Auditor's Office:

06/18/20	535	\$20.48
06/18/20	536	471.99
06/18/20	537	453.30
Total		\$945.77

;and be it further

**RESOLVED,**

that the District Board of Commissioners finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meeting open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll call vote as follows:

Kathleen Clyde, Yea; Vicki A. Kline, Yea; Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Yea;

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-089**

This resolution was omitted. No Then & Now Certificate submitted. This is for numbering purposes only.

**Discussion:**

**1. Brimfield Township**

Last Thursday, Director Steiner sent a letter to Brimfield Township Trustees with the proposal of \$3.00/month for every other week service from July 1-December 31, 2020 and the rate would increase to \$3.75/month from January 1, 2021-June 30, 2021. The Trustees voted the proposal down and sent a counter proposal to remain at \$2.25/month for every other week service for the same time period.

Commissioner Christian-Bennett asked how much Brimfield Township is paying currently and Director Steiner responded \$2.21/month through December 31, 2019. Commissioner Christian-Bennett noted the \$2.25 matches Rootstown Township’s recycling costs for weekly service and Brimfield’s counter offer does not include a requirement for a survey for subscription and they are agreeing to reduce services to every other week service as opposed to weekly service. Director Steiner explained Brimfield has been on every other week service since February or March and he’s had discussions with Rootstown Township Trustees earlier in the year and he will be circling back to them shortly.

Commissioner Christian-Bennett believes it’s a fair counter proposal and Director Steiner does not recommend the Board accept the \$2.25 because rates have been raised in Mantua, Shalersville, Atwater and Suffield and that could cause a lot of problems. Rates will also increase next year to cover operational costs.

Commissioner Kline asked when Rootstown’s contract expires and Director Steiner reported December 31, 2021. There is a mechanism in place to negotiate rates and the Prosecutor’s Office would serve as the mediator and he was told the Trustees are not interested in exploring.

Commissioner Kline asked if the difference between Brimfield and Rootstown’s contract is because Brimfield’s contract expired and Rootstown still has another year and Director Steiner agreed, but stated Franklin Township agreed to convert to every other week service in a contract term and they pay \$3.00/mo.

Commissioner Christian-Bennett asked if the parties don’t come to an agreement, it will be turned back over to the County and it will receive nothing until the County can have the public hearings and Director Steiner indicated it we can’t come to an agreement, the County simply discontinues services.

Commissioner Clyde stated it's not the County who's decided not to stop service, it's Brimfield Trustees and she doesn't think the Board should enter into a contract that does not make the County whole and pay for the services, especially as the County is entering into a difficult budget situation. Commissioner Clyde would like to move forward with the letter that was drafted in response to rejecting the counter offer. Commissioner Christian-Bennett pointed out that the burden of recycling is not on the individual subdivision, it's on the County and it's going to come back to the Board.

Commissioner Christian-Bennett asked if Director Steiner is countering back at \$3.00/month and Director Steiner prefers to send the letter as the District has been very clear on where they need to be and have shown good faith over the last 6 months of providing service at no cost and it cannot continue. Commissioner Christian-Bennett pointed out it's at no cost because of COVID-19 not because the Board wasn't prepared to start charging.

Commissioner Clyde noted this is the offer the Board agreed to last week and the Board is agreeing not to counter offer, pointing out that the County's offer still stands and their offer cannot be accepted because it doesn't meet the service costs. Commissioner Christian-Bennett stated there are many drop offs that do not cover the costs and Commissioner Clyde responded that the Board needs to fix the problem not further it by agreeing to something that doesn't meet the costs and the Board hopes to do that. Commissioner Christian-Bennett noted when the Board is talking about an extension of a contract, which originally was the purpose and it's not an extension, the Board will end up not providing a service and not being able to recover any losses.

Commissioner Christian-Bennett asked if everyone whose contract expired at the end of 2019 has renewed and Director Steiner reported drop offs renewals are from Charlestown, Deerfield, Edinburg and Palmyra.

**JOURNAL ENTRY:** Authorize Director Steiner to forward the correspondence rejecting the counter offer from Brimfield Township, but leaving the County's offer open as indicating in the correspondence.

**Motion:** Commissioner Clyde

**Second:** Commissioner Kline

All in Favor: Commissioner Clyde, Yea; Commissioner Kline, Yea; Commissioner Christian Bennett, Yea;

**Motion Carries**

Adjourn the Official Meeting of June 18, 2020 at 9:27 AM.

**Motion:** Commissioner Kline

**Second:** Commissioner Christian-Bennett

All in Favor: Commissioner Kline, Yea; Commissioner Christian Bennett, Yea; Commissioner Clyde, Yea;

**Motion Carries**

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Portage County Board of Solid Waste Management District Commissioners' meeting.

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Kathleen Clyde, President

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Vicki A. Kline, Vice President

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Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Board Member

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Amy Hutchinson, Clerk