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**PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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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, July 23, 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	Absent
Sabrina Christian-Bennett	Board Member	Present

Also attending Director Bill Steiner and County Administrator Gene Roberts.

Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2020

Motion: Commissioner Clyde

Seconded: Commissioner Christian-Bennett

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

Motion Carries

RESOLUTION NO. 20-105 - RE: BILLS APPROVED AND CERTIFIED TO THE PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PAYMENT.

It was moved by Kathleen Clyde, seconded by Sabrina Christian-Bennett that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the bills were approved and certified to the County Auditor for payment, contingent upon the review of the Portage County Board of Commissioners, Department of Budget and Financial Management, Department of Internal Services or other designee on July 23, 2020 in the total payment amount of **\$9,796.41 for Funds 8300-8399** as set forth in the Accounts Payable Warrant Report on file in the office of the Portage County Auditor; 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, Absent; Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Yea;

RESOLUTION NO. 20-106

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20-107

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

1. Authorize the Portage County Solid Waste Management District to enter into an agreement for services to provide drop off collection service to Palmyra Township for a 1-year period./20-108
 - Director Steiner indicated this resolution is for the calendar year 2020 because the Trustees prefer an agreement in place before paying the invoice.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-108 - RE: AUTHORIZE THE PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES TO PROVIDE DROP OFF COLLECTION SERVICE TO PALMYRA TOWNSHIP FOR A 1-YEAR PERIOD

It was moved by Kathleen Clyde, seconded by Sabrina Christian-Bennett that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of District Commissioners for the Portage County Solid Waste Management District submitted a proposal for drop off recycling collection services to Palmyra Township, which has been accepted by the Palmyra Township Council, now therefore be

RESOLVED, that the Board of District Commissioners for the Portage County Solid Waste Management District authorizes the Portage County Solid Waste Management District to enter into an agreement to provide drop off recycling collection services for \$600.00 per container per year, with annual review of rates, to Palmyra Township for service to begin January 1, 2020 and to continue until December 31, 2020, and

RESOLVED, that the Board of District 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 meetings open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Discussion

1. Brimfield Township Recycling

Director Steiner has not heard back about the contract for Brimfield Township's recycling, but has reached out to the Township's attorney asking for an update.

2. Freedom Township Drop Off

Director Steiner presented pictures of Freedom Township's drop off site. There are ongoing problems with illegal dumping and he has spoken with Trustee Ziska about it several times. Freedom Township has decided to discontinue providing drop off service due to the extensive contamination and the containers have already been picked up.

Director Steiner did inquire whether the Trustees would consider bringing the drop off program back based upon public input and the Trustees voted 3-0 to remove the drop off site.

Commissioner Christian-Bennett received a call from Trustee Derthick, who received several calls, but the only way another constituent would take back the service is if it could be done via subscription service. Director Steiner will reach out to Trustee Derthick for additional information.

3. Windham Drop Off

This week, Windham Village passed legislation to remove their drop off service. Director Steiner asked the Village to reach out to the Township since it's a joint drop off site, to ensure they concur with the decision. Windham experiences a lot of issues because of the drop off location. Director Steiner asked the Law Director to provide documentation from both Windham Village and the Township before he will remove the containers.

One of the main concerns is access and when the plan was written, access was at 98%, and now with Freedom Township leaving, it drops to 96.43% and Windham drops access down to 95%. Director Steiner has discussed the issue with the Ohio EPA and if the District would re-write the plan today, the access goal would drop to 80%.

When the current plan was written, Rootstown Township, Ravenna Township, and Suffield Township were on drop off service, so the entire population could not be counted, but now they would be counted, so the access rate would move towards 99.7%. The Ohio EPA indicated if the District has to go below the 90%, they understand but want to be kept informed.

Commissioner Christian-Bennett noted this situation does impact the current plan, but Director Steiner explained it doesn't because the access goal is something the District has to demonstrate, but a lot has changed since the plan was written and the District would not receive notice from the Ohio EPA for going below 90%. Commissioner Christian-Bennett also pointed out on Facebook, people have been writing that they can take their recycling from Freedom to Windham or Nelson and that isn't favorable to the District due to the amount of contamination. Director Steiner indicated Nelson has purchased cameras and have installed a light over the drop off and the District has provided cameras to as many drop off sites as possible and the District will try to do the best it can and proceed accordingly.

Commissioner Christian-Bennett's heard that some of the Townships may start asking the District to remove their drop off sites because overseeing recycling has fallen back on each Township to

handle and patrol as opposed to the District. There's also a need to install cameras and Director Steiner advised they've placed 11 cameras, but State grant funding has been withdrawn, but when it returns, Director Steiner will start applying specifically for cameras.

Commissioner Clyde thanked Director Steiner for what the staff is trying to manage during a pandemic and the recycling costs and Director Steiner replied he is very proud of the team.

Adjourn the Official Meeting of at 9:22 AM.

Motion: Commissioner Clyde

Second: Commissioner Christian-Bennett

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

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.

ABSENT

Kathleen Clyde, President

Vicki A. Kline, Vice President

Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Board Member

Amy Hutchinson, Clerk