

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 9, 2023

A meeting of the Board of the Ross, Pickaway, Highland, and Fayette Solid Waste District was held on November 9, 2023, at 11:00 am at the Highland County Commissioners Office, 119 Governor Foraker Place, STE 211, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.

The following Board members were in attendance:

Daniel Dean	Fayette
Tony Anderson	Fayette
Terry Britton	Highland
Dave Daniels	Highland
Brad Roades	Highland
Gary Scherer	Pickaway
Harold Henson	Pickaway
James Lowe	Ross

Also, in attendance:

Erica Tucker	Director
Lauren Grooms	Secretary of the Board
Nick Rupert (11:22 am)	Rumpke Salesman

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dave Daniels called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the May 4th, 2023, meeting were previously e-mailed. There being no corrections offered, Mr. James Lowe made the motion to approve, Mr. Dave Daniels seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATUS: Ms. Lauren Grooms gave an update on revenue and expenditure thus far. The Solid Waste District began the year with \$1,135,471.10 We received \$706,917.34 and spent \$716,364.65. The total fund balance as of today is \$1,126,293.79. Mr. Dave Daniels made a motion to approve the financial reports and Mr. Gary Scherer seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter: Ms. Grooms provided copies of the end of year newsletter and summarized the outreach events. The district co-hosted their annual Experience Earth Camp in partnership with Pickaway County Park District and Soil & Water Conservation District. She stated they several park community events, county fairs and Fayette County Discovery Camp. In celebration of America Recycles Day, the District is accepting poster contest submissions from high school students. Ms. Grooms highlighted that District Staff toured the Rumpke glass plant in Dayton with Nick Rupert. She explained that the Highland County Revolving Fund was used for grant monies that were awarded to the Village of Greenfield and Leesburg for community clean-up efforts. She provided collection event totals for the year which included 4,376 tires, 55 propane tanks, 2,307 pounds of pesticide, 12,804 pounds of paint, and 1,431 pounds of batteries. Data for electronics had yet to be calculated. Finally, she announced that the District had applied for a Recycle Ohio Grant (EPA) to help cover costs of litter clean-up supplies but has yet to hear any further updates.

Fayette County Recycling Center: Mrs. Erica Tucker announced that repairs are finally completed to the facility. The gate has been replaced and is fully operational.

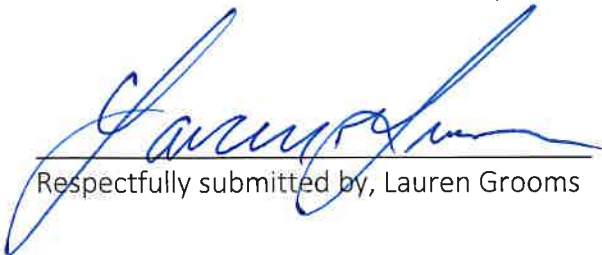
NEW BUSINESS

2024 Budget: Mrs. Tucker provided a copy of the proposed 2024 budget and explained that she decreased salary line items by \$5,000 due to a decrease in insurance. Advertising was increased by \$1,500 due to the rising cost of newspaper advertising and printing costs. The Highland County Outreach position is currently being covered by the District Office staff and separate funds are no longer needed for 2024. Recycling Drop off expenses were increased by \$6,000 to cover the expected increase in disposal fees. Community Improvement was increased by \$5,000 to allow funds for new grant opportunities. The grant opportunities included a Community Clean-Up grant for \$4,500 and a scholarship program for Highschool Seniors for \$500.

Plan Update: Mrs. Tucker announced that the plan was submitted in June to the OEPA for their 45-day comment period and we received the Ohio EPA’s non-binding advisory opinions back. The Policy Committee met on October 31, 2023; to review the advisory opinion and plan to meet again for further discussion in March of 2024.

With no further discussion for new business, Mr. Gary Scherer motioned to approve the 2024 budget and the plan update, and Mr. Dave Daniels seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: With nothing else to come before the Board, Mr. Dave Daniels made the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Daniel Dean seconded at 12:16 p.m. All were in favor and the motion carried.


Respectfully submitted by, Lauren Grooms


Harold Henson, Chairman

Date of approval

