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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 14, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of the Ross, Pickaway, Highland, and Fayette Solid Waste District was held on November 14, 2024, at 11:00 am at Rost Coffee Meeting Room – 107 E Second Street, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

The following Board members were in attendance:

Daniel Dean	Fayette
Tony Anderson	Fayette
Dave Daniels	Highland
Gary Scherer	Pickaway
Jay Wippel	Pickaway
James Lowe	Ross
Jack Everson	Ross

Also, in attendance:

Erica Tucker	Director
Lauren Shreve	Secretary of the Board
Nick Rupert	Rumpke

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dave Daniels called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the May 16th, 2024 meeting were previously e-mailed. There being no corrections offered, Mr. Jay Wippel made the motion to approve, Mr. Tony Anderson seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATUS: Ms. Lauren Shreve gave an update on revenues and expenditures thus far. The Solid Waste District began the year with \$1,145,185.37. This District received \$597,654.87.00 and spent \$597,259.40. The total fund balance as of today is \$1,145,580.84. Mr. Jay Wippel made a motion to approve the financial reports and Mr. Jack Everson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.



OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter: Ms. Shreve provided copies of the newsletter and reminded the board that newsletters are posted on the Districts website. She highlighted that Rumpke is now accepting clear plastic to-go containers, berry containers and egg cartons. She mentioned that District staff toured the new Rumpke Materials Recovery Facility. Mrs. Shreve briefly discussed outreach programs the District hosted this year such as summer camps, county fairs and park programs.

Mrs. Tucker discussed an Ohio EPA Workgroup meeting the District Staff attended and explained an upcoming grant the Ohio EPA is planning to apply for from the U.S. Department of Energy. This grant would help solid waste districts in Ohio to have a program for supplies necessary for proper battery disposal. On behalf of the District, Mrs. Tucker submitted a letter of support for the Ohio EPA to use for their application process.

2024 Plan Update: Mrs. Erica Tucker announced that the Policy Committee held their final meeting on September 12, 2024 to complete the final step of the plan update. The Committee passed a resolution certifying the plan was properly ratified and submitted to the Ohio EPA for approval. The Ohio EPA has 90 days to evaluate the plan submitted by the District.

2024 Full Audit: Mrs. Tucker notified the board that the District is due for a full audit and has been in contact with Kimberly Mercer, Audit Manager for the State Auditor's office to proceed with the audit. Mrs. Tucker explained that the Board has been instructed by the Auditor that a resolution is required to officially designate Pickaway County for Policies & Procedures, including fraud policies. Mrs. Tucker provided a copy of the resolution. A roll call vote was taken for approval of the resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

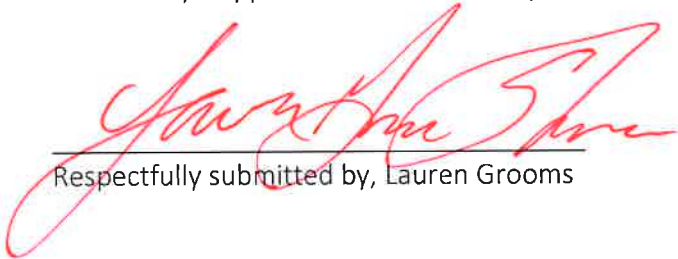
Ross County Recycling Center: Mrs. Tucker announced that the District & Rumpke have shared interest in partnering to open a "recycling center" in Ross County at the Eastern Avenue Rumpke transfer station. This project would mirror the facility already completed in Fayette County for residents of Ross County to utilize. The proposed project would include an 80x100 gravel pad, enclosed with an 8 ft chain link fence and automated gate. The Board proposed seeking quotes for a concrete pad instead of gravel for aesthetic and efficiency purposes. Mrs. Tucker estimated this project should start in early spring 2025 pending the next board meeting in 2025 for approval of construction quotes and lease agreement with Rumpke.

City of Circleville Curbside Recycling: Mrs. Tucker briefly mentioned that the District is working with the City of Circleville and Rumpke Recycling to introduce curbside recycling to the residents of Circleville. The Districts is supporting this opportunity by marketing and offering educational assistance to establish this service within the city. Current Rumpke customers have the option to sign up and receive a 90-gallon rolling recycling cart for an additional \$6 per month, while new customers can enroll for \$8 per month. Residents may call Rumpke or sign up online.

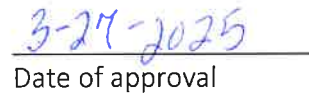


2025 Budget: Mrs. Tucker provided a copy of the proposed 2025 budget. The 2024 total budget appropriations were slated for \$837,568.69 and the proposed 2025 budget was requested for \$835,123.00. She noted the only increases for the 2025 budget are highlighted for Contract Services and Salary expenditure classifications while Ross Recycling Outreach was decreased. Mr. Daniel Dean motioned to approve the budget, and Mr. Jack Everson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: With nothing else to come before the Board, Mr. Tony Anderson made the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Jay Wippel seconded at 12:11 p.m. All were in favor and the motion carried.


Respectfully submitted by, Lauren Grooms


Harold Henson, Chairman


Date of approval

