

**BERKS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
March 15, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority (the “Authority”) was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on March 15, 2022, in the Commissioners’ meeting room, 13th Floor, County Services Center, 633 Court Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The following members were present:

Ms. Michelle Kircher
Mr. Brian Clements
Mr. Tony Sacco
Michael Gombar, Jr. Esquire

The following members attended the meeting virtually.

Mr. Charles Mowbray
Mr. Tony Rymar
Charles Jones, PE

Absent were Mr. Don Moll and John Pagerly, CPA.

Also present:

Ms. Jane Meeks, Executive Director of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority
Soc Georgeadis, Esquire, Georgeadis Setley Attorneys and Advisors

The Vice Chair declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public chose to speak.

MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Clements, seconded by Mr. Gombar, the minutes of the regular meetings of January 25, 2022, were unanimously approved, as amended.

FINANCE

Treasurer’s Report:

Ms. Meeks distributed the Treasurer’s Report and invoices for payment and reviewed them with the Board. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Sacco, the Board approved the payment of all

invoices, ratified the payment of invoices previously paid and accepted the Treasurer's Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Georgeadis indicated that since the last meeting he has been working with their Executive Director on a few minor administrative issues, including the 2021 Annual Report. Mr. Georgeadis had nothing formal to report at today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BCSWA 2021 Annual Report

A copy of the draft 2021 Annual Report was previously sent to all Board members in electronic format, along with the Board package for today's meeting. Ms. Meeks reported that she had previously reviewed this document with the Chairman and welcomes and feedback from the Board. Ms. Meeks recommended having the Board review the document and submitting any comments to her prior Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at which point she will post the report on our website and distribute to the County Commissioners. Upon a motion by Mr. Clements, seconded by Mr. Sacco the Board unanimously approved this document, subject to non-substantial changes being received by the Board prior to the March 23rd deadline.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on upcoming collection events

Ms. Meeks indicated that she has submitted all of the necessary registrations for our spring hazardous waste collection to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Governor Mifflin Intermediate School. She indicated that the advertisements will begin running in the Reading Eagle the week March 13th and will continue through April 15th in both digital and print format for both our hazardous waste collection and paper shredding event. Ms. Meeks reported that Craig Potter who supervised our fall hazardous waste collection events for MXI will be in charge of our events again this spring. Ms. Meeks indicated that Berks is one of their largest events in Pa and is confident they will provide the adequate staffing to ensure a successful collection. Our spring collections will once again require mandatory pre-registration and indicated that we currently have 452 registrants. She indicated that we can add additional time slots if needed, as we get closer to our event.

Ms. Meeks indicated that the Department of Agriculture has set a \$20,000 limit on the amount of pesticide disposal they will pay for, from our household hazardous waste collections in 2022. She indicated that any pesticides over the \$20,000 limit, will be reimbursed at the 50% rate by DEP, through our Act 190 grant.

Ms. Meeks indicated that she will limit the number of volunteers for our spring collection similar to our fall event, since surveying will not be required. All necessary information is being collected as part their registration process.

Ms. Meeks indicated that Vital Records Control (VRC) will once again be providing the shredding services for our spring shredding event, which will require pre-registration. The spring shredding event will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at the Governor Mifflin Intermediate School. Ms. Meeks indicated that Conrad Weiser Football Team will once again be assisting with our event, as well as the Cumru Township Fire Police. Ms. Meeks indicated that there are currently 594 residents registered for our shredding event.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Meeks reported that the annual recycling reports are due by April 1st, from all municipalities in the County. This information needs to be entered into the State database in order for the County and our municipalities to be in compliance with Act 101. She indicated that at this time, only a few municipalities have not yet filed their reports.

Ms. Meeks indicated that RKL will begin our 2021 Audit on April 11th and should have a final Audit report for our May Board meeting.

Ms. Meeks indicated that approximately 2,600 residents used our electronic recycling center during the first quarter of 2022 recycling 134,000 pounds of electronics. Over 14 million pounds of electronics have been recycled, through our site, since opening in July of 2010.

Ms. Meeks reported that she is currently working with our municipalities in closing out the round 58 recycling grants, most of which terminate later this week and working on the round 59 recycling grants that were awarded in 2020. The round 60 grants, that were submitted in 2021 are believed to be awarded this spring.

Ms. Meeks indicated that most of the other items outlined in her report have been discussed throughout today's meeting and offered to answer any questions that members may have, regarding her report which is attached.

Next Meeting Date

Ms. Kircher indicated that the next Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:35p.m., upon a motion by Mr. Sacco, seconded by Mr. Gombar the Board unanimously resolved to adjourn.