

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 23, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

County Building, 222 W. Center Street, Marion, Ohio

Executive Committee Vice Chairman Tom Whiston called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Committee members also present included Teresa Bemiller and Kerr Murray as an alternate for Andy Appelfeller. Also, in attendance were Jenna Hicks, District Director, and Cheryl Corbin, Fiscal Administrator. Visitor in attendance was Taylor Greeley

Commissioner Bemiller moved, seconded by Commissioner Whiston to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes from February 13, 2018.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Review and Award Recommendations

Ms. Hicks stated that the \$100,000 Recycling Assistance line item budgeted in 2019 will not be expended as expected due to the revisions to the program which did not allow time for applications in 2019. Ms. Hicks requested a recommendation by the Executive Committee to the full board that the \$100,000 be allowed to roll over into 2020 to align with the District Plan's projections, and possible funding for both municipal grant applications in 2020.

Ms. Hicks reviewed the Marion City application requesting \$50,000 from DKMM to match their \$118,457 for a total project cost of \$168,457 for the purchase of a new recycling truck. The Committee members did not have any additional questions/stipulations prior to presenting recommendation to the full board.

Ms. Hicks reviewed the Delaware City application requesting \$48,771 to be matched with the applicant funds of \$25,000 and the OEPA request of \$200,000 for a total project cost of \$261,697. This request is for the purchase of a new recycling vehicle, as well as educational materials to "recycle right" education for their residents. The Committee would like additional information regarding the mention of the 90-gallon totes, and why they have a need for these totes. Also, the Committee would like information by the City on what the plan is for purchasing the truck if not funded by OEPA.

Ms. Hicks reviewed the Mid-Ohio Sanitation application requesting \$50,000 to match the applicant funds of \$50,000 for a total project cost of \$100,000. This request is for the purchase of material handling equipment (skid steer). The application did not include any financial statements as required. The Committee will allow time for Mid-Ohio to submit their financials prior to the December board meeting.

Commissioner Bemiller moved, seconded by Commissioner Whiston to move forward for all three applications if the stipulations listed for Delaware City and Mid-Ohio Sanitation are met, as well as recommend the \$100,000 roll-over from the 2019 Recycling Assistance line item into the 2020 Recycling Assistance line item.

Motion Carried.

Discussion of future DKMM MRF's

Ms. Hicks had a conversation with Sims Brother's prior to the scheduled tour of their facility. They requested the tour be cancelled as they have notified the City of Delaware in writing that as of December 31, 2019, they will no longer be accepting recyclable material from them. Ms. Hicks stated that the City will be accepting bids for transportation and processing of recyclables for the next couple of years and hope to utilize the new Delaware Transfer Station once it is in operation.

Ms. Hicks stated that Mr. Linder stopped in at the office to submit his grant application and expressed concerns of where the District wanted to go as far as the local MRF's. Mr. Linder stated that he believes that he hears that the Board does not want to subsidize the local MRF's but are asking MRF's to think outside the box as to how to assist in covering some of the costs of the recycling. Mr. Linder provided several options of how he might help keep recycling going through Mid-Ohio such as beginning to charge the schools for recycling programs, as well as build the total cost of recycling into the service charge –

which would require a contract revision. Mr. Linder asked Ms. Hicks if she would present his concerns at the Executive Committee meeting in order to better plan how he will continue with recycling. The Committee stated that the Board cannot assist with developing a plan when financials are not shared and asked Mr. Linder to prepare a plan on how he will move forward, and then present it to the full board when ready.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Hicks gave an update on the Delaware County Transfer Station, stating that it is moving forward. They accepted two bids, (Rumpke and Republic), and stated that they asked Ms. Hicks if DKMM would consider moving offices there if space allowed. The Committee agreed that it is still too early to discuss this with the Board, and not a topic of discussion at the December board meeting. Commissioner Whiston stated that it would either go to Morrow County next, which he continues to advise a lack of space for the District, or then Delaware County as the next option.

Ms. Hicks stated that she received a letter from Innovative Organics advising DKMM of their plan to open operations in Morrow County. Ms. Hicks stated that if they wish to pursue that plan it will have to go be presented as outlined in our siting strategy and be approved by DKMM.

Ms. Hicks gave an update on the Knox and Delaware County Special Collection events. Ms. Hicks advised the committee that the Delaware Tire and Electronics event had a vendor who only showed up at the last hour of the event. While Liberty Tire did call to apologize, they also stated that DKMM is a rare district for them as they do not usually staff the tire loading, and that in future this may be a revision to the contract. Ms. Hicks stated that she met with the Recycling and Litter Prevention Managers about the Tire Collection. After having suspected businesses bring in trailer loads of tires at our events, the Board allowed an increase in the tire collection fee from \$2 to \$4. The plan worked as expected, but now the tire collection is so low that the fees collected do not come close to the fees charged. Ms. Hicks stated that she and Ms. Corbin researched the cost per tire on the past four years, and at one recent event it cost an average of \$11 per tire to hold the event. Ms. Hicks stated that there is an opportunity in every county to dispose of tires, so at this point she is recommending discontinuing the tire events.

Lastly, Ms. Hicks discussed budgeting salary increases. She stated that in past, as well as currently and in the District Plan, she has just put in a 3% increase for both she and Ms. Corbin. Ms. Hicks verified with the Committee that this is still acceptable, and the Committee agreed that she was to continue to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Whiston moved, seconded by Commissioner Bemiller to Adjourn.

Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Corbin/DKMM

Tom Whiston, Vice-Chairperson

Date