Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday September 09, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
Morrow Community Service Building, 619 W. Marion Rd, Mt. Gilead Entrance B

Board Chairman Andy Appelfeller called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. Board members present were Jeff Benton, Gary Merrell, Drenda Keesee, Barry Lester, Bill Pursel, Mark Davis, Kevin Davidson, Tim Abraham, Tim Siegfried, and Andy Appelfeller presiding. Also in attendance was Jenna Hicks, Director. Visitors in attendance included Van Creasap and Blake Austin.

Approval of March 11, 2025, Minutes

Commissioner Davidson moved, seconded by Commissioner Siegfried to approve the March 11, 2025, Minutes.

Commissioner Pursel pointed out that the Agenda stated minutes of April 22, 2025, to be approved and that Barry Lester was listed twice as attending. Commissioner Davidson moved seconded by Commissioner Siegfried to approve the minutes with correction.
Motions Carried.

Financial Report

Ms. Hicks presented the Finance Report as prepared by Ms. Corbin and pointed out the activity for the OEPA grant fund, stating that the Price Farms 2-year grant was closed out, and Revenue and Expenditures also occurred for the Ag Tire collection.

Commissioner Abraham moved, seconded by Commissioner Pursel to approve the Financial Report as presented.
Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS
Ag Tire Collection
Ms. Hicks gave a brief update on the Ag Tire Collection. Ms. Hicks stated that the collection was very well received and provided stats on attendance stating very well attended by all four counties. Ms. Hicks stated that residents requested that the event be held again next year, including the planning committee involved during a recap meeting. The DKMM office spent a lot of time in the registration process, which took time away from other programs, so it is Ms. Hicks recommendation that it be held again in a couple of years. A survey was conducted during the event, and a lot of the farmers stated they had additional tires they could have brought. If another event is held in a couple of years to help bring in the rest of the tires, and then holding them every 5 years seemed more manageable. This would all entail EPA funding for any future collections.

Ms. Hicks stated that during the registration period, we knew that funding for this grant had been met with one week to go before the registration deadline was over. Ms. Hicks reached out to the Executive Committee at that time, presenting the options of ending the registration period a week early, or continue on and exceed the original grant budget. Ms. Hicks stated that the Executive Committee responded via email that the recommendation was to continue with the registrations, and to then bring it to the full board in September for formal approval. Ms. Hicks continued on stating that the invoices have all been paid, with the exception of the full invoice from Willig Tires. The total invoice for Willig was $58,159.00. Ms. Corbin prepared payment in the amount of $39,906, leaving a balance of $9,692.76 for Board Approval. Ms. Hicks stated that there are a couple of issues that the District will not have overspent the budget by that entire amount. The major issue is that $3,000 was the budgeted revenue amount to be collected at the event. A deposit in the amount of $8,422.00 was made after the collection which reduces that obligation down to approximately $4,200. An exact amount will be known at closing of the grant once Ohio EPA approves the final award to match amounts. Ms. Hicks stated that the event ended up using 2 additional trailers than was originally budgeted. Ms. Keesee asked if Ms. Hicks needed a board motion to approve the final payment to Willig. Ms. Hicks agreed that was needed.

Commissioner Merrell moved, seconded by Commissioner Abraham to approve the final payment to Willig Tires in the amount of $9,392.76.

Motion Carried.

Ohio EPA Grant Application 2026 Approval
Ms. Hicks has been having discussions with Kristin Ruth, the Morrow County Educator, and Earl Linder from Mid-Ohio Sanitation and Recycling regarding the need for new Drop-off recycling bins for Morrow County. Although there has been investment in the past with improving the condition of the containers, they are reaching the end of their expected usage, and it is hopeful that DKMM can receive an Ohio EPA grant for the purchase of new containers. Ms. Hicks stated that the EPA grant application deadline will be before the next board meeting. Mr. Linder did receive quotes several months back on the cost of the new containers. Ms. Hicks stated that she is asking the Board to approve a grant application as well as the grant match. The maximum amount of the grant would be $200,000 with a 25% grant match. Ms. Hicks does not expect that the number of the bins needed based on the previous quote would require the full grant allowance. Ms. Hicks stated that a new quote would be required as the price has probably gone up, but she believes it would be closer to $160,000 to $170,000 to replace all of the bins. Ms. Hicks stated that if the grant award does not happen, then the draft budget that she is creating at this point would allow replacement of a few bins with the budgeted $50,000 grant match funds.

Commissioner Keesee moved, seconded by Commissioner Pursel to approve the grant application for the 2026 Ohio EPA funds for the purchase of new Morrow County recycling containers.
Motion Carried.

HHW Fee Change and Delaware Location for 2026 Collections
Ms. Hicks gave an update on the Collections for 2025. Ms. Hicks stated that there is concern that residents are not bringing their waste due to the $1/pound fee. In 2026, DKMM plans to hold a Saturday event and at that event DKMM would like to collect a $20 fee per car as in the past. There is a thought that residents may wait until the 1-day Saturday event to bring their materials as it would be cheaper for some than the current $1/pound. Ms. Hicks is recommending making the fees be a flat $20 per car for all hhw events in order to encourage participation at all of the locations. As Board Members discussed the various possibilities for fee structures between the semi-permanent collections and the 1-day Saturday collections, Ms. Hicks advised them that this decision did not have to be made right away as the collection events won't start back up until April of 2026. Ms. Hicks recommended that the decision for fee structure for 2026 be put on hold for now until more information can be presented to the board.

Ms. Hicks went on to discuss the Delaware Hazardous Waste location. As Rumpke's recycling and trash tonnages have increased to levels unexpected, they have started using the old transfer station to dump recycling. DKMM only uses that location a couple of times a month, but the piles of recycling are unsightly, as well as unpleasant smelling and has drawn unwanted visitors (a raccoon and undoubtably rodents). In addition to this, Rumpke expressed that they would be having trucks coming during the collection, which became a huge safety and liability concern for both staff and residents at the collection. This location is no longer working, and a new location is necessary to continue with Delaware County collections next year. Ms. Hicks has had discussions with Delaware County Engineer Erik McPeek on other options. Commissioner Benton and Merrell both agreed that Erik was the person to work with on a new location.

Gambier Drop-Off Site Improvement Approval
Ms. Hicks reminded the Board that the District does help fund site improvements at our recycling when necessary. The Gambier drop-off site needs a new cement pad and fencing. In 2026 there will be additional funds budgeted for site improvements. Gambier is the 2025 project, and they are hoping to improve that site this fall. Since the quote is just under $12,000, Ms. Hicks stated that she would need Board approval to provide funding to the Village. The Village will pay the invoice as they have additional work that the company will be providing.

Commissioner Siegfried moved, seconded by Commissioner Merrell to approve the Knox and Morrow County Compost Operation Contracts as presented.
Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Municipal Tire Program
Ms. Hicks advised the Board that the Municipal Tire program is going very well for the year, with one last

event still to be held. Ms. Hicks provided statistics on the weights to date on the 8 events that have been held. As we continue this project, more and more tires are collected each year.

Fee Increase Letter
Ms. Hicks advised the Board that we are required to give a 90 day notice of the fee increase that was approved in the new solid waste management plan. the Fee Increase Letter will be going in the mail September 15th This fee, per the District Plan beginning in 2026, will be increasing from $6.00 per ton to $7.50 per ton.

DIRECTOR UPDATES
Ms. Hicks stated that there are new ADA updates as well new Cyber Security Policy updates. Lastly there are changes to the Unclaimed Funds, but the District does not have any funds. The District will be working to finalize all Policy updates to bring to a future board meeting. Commissioner Merrell gave an update on how much the County could have invested in the ADA updates. Van Creasap from Marion County Health Department advised the Board on a software that they use to help with certain aspects of ADA compliance.

OTHER BUSINESS
No Other Business was discussed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Ms. Hicks advised the Board of the upcoming Budget Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, and the Board meeting to be held on the December 9, 2025, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Merrell made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Davidson seconded.
Motion carries and meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Corbin/DKMM

Andy Appelteller, Chairman

12-9-2025
Date