

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH MACOMB DISPOSAL AUTHORITY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Taylor at 4:00 p.m.

Board Member Present

Board Members Roll Call: Robert Taylor, John Caron, Monique Owens & Robert Binson.

Also Present:

Kip Walby, Marie Tighe, Pete Trombley, Kyle Seidel, Mike Way, Tim Tomlinson.

MOTION by Caron, supported by Binson to excuse Ghanam from the meeting.

AYES: All

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Binson, supported by Caron to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

MOTION CARRIED

Review and Approval of Proposed Minutes

Minutes of the South Macomb Disposal Authority Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, were reviewed.

MOTION by Caron, supported by Binson to approve the Minutes of the South Macomb Disposal Authority Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 as presented and with addition to correct the change in the wording.

AYES: All

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Payroll and Bills

Payroll: (2/1/23)

John Baumgart	\$ 3,418.99
Darren Coleman	\$ 2,369.00
DeMall Goosby	\$ 2,638.86
Robert Shipley	\$ 1,830.05
Rayfield Williams	\$ 2,762.85

Bills:

General Fund	\$ 200.00
Site 11	\$135,815.39

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Freedom Hill/Fostoria Landfills	\$	0
15 & Hayes	\$	0
Transfer Station		\$122,815.39
Site 9/9a Buy Back Fund		<u>\$ 10,359.62</u>
	TOTAL	\$269,190.40

MOTION by Binson, supported by Owens to approve the Payroll, General Fund, Site 11, Transfer Station, Freedom Hill/Fostoria, and Site 9/9a Buy Back Fund bills as presented.

AYES: All

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Report

MOTION by Binson, supported by Owens to receive and file the Financial Report.

AYES: All

MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Director of Operations

Operations and Administrator update was provided by Kip Walby and Pete Trombley.

a. Titan Wealth Update

Kevin VandenHaute and Mark Mueller from Titan Wealth Advisor presented the SMDA 4th Quarter 2022 update. Target for the Site 9/9a account originally a 60/40 mix. Distributions year to date (YTD) of \$612,000. Currently 13% invested in money market and treasuries. Maintained 4 CD's totaling \$648,000. The remaining 87% is in laddered CD's. Site 9/9a account is fully invested.

The SMDA General account target of 15% in money market and invested the rest 85% in laddered CD's. At the last meeting the board authorized the use of treasuries for liquidity and invested \$18,858.74 in money market. Invested in U.S. Treasuries is \$580,000 with various maturities of 90-150 days with an estimated yield at 4.25%. There are 18 CD's totaling \$4.482 million. Estimated annual yield at 2.13%. Estimated annual interest at \$95,616. Mr. VandenHaute reported the CD's maturing in May/June 2023, will have \$1.15 million to invest at 4.50%. Mr. VandenHaute will keep a close eye in the next 6 months. Mr. VandenHaute is recommending a motion from the board to invest in 6 months up to 2 years and leave \$250,000 liquid.

MOTION by Binson, supported by Caron to approve Titan Wealth Advisors to invest in 6 months up to 2 years maturities.

AYES: All

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION by Caron, supported by Owens to receive and file the SMDA 4th Quarter Update from Titan Wealth Advisors.

AYES: All

MOTION CARRIED

b. EGLE Notice Regarding Transfer Station

Mr. Walby noted the letter from Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for the 4th quarter inspection of the transfer station. The letter comments on repair of concrete. Mr. Walby explained we will be doing permanent concrete and repair and asphalt patching. Mr. Walby reported the compactor and storm water pump are complete and not sure why are listed. Reliable Compactor is currently working on the other side of the compactor and by next week both compactors will be working. The SEMSD staff continues to clean once a week.

MOTION by Caron, supported by Binson to receive and file the 4th quarter inspection letter from EGLE.

AYES: All

MOTION CARRIED

c. Waste Management Meeting

Mr. Walby reported a meeting was held with Waste Management regarding the landfills. Mr. Walby, Mr. Trombley, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Seidel and representatives from Waste Management include Jim Hammond, Rachel Gregory, Adrian Balliett were present at the meeting. Site 9/9a has approximately 2.4 million cubic yards of trash at 155 acres. Waste Management indicated to dig up the trash, line it, then put the trash back in and then some remediation would cost approximately \$58 million. To remove the trash and transport it to another landfill, the cost would be approximately \$85 million.

Mr. Hammond stated “no” to reopening Site 11. It does not seem realistic because of the ability to dump trash at Site 11 would be 3 to 5 years. It would fill up to fast. Height issues are a problem. To remediate the Site and then only have 3 to 5 years to dump would not be feasible.

Mr. Walby reported he did contact the company regarding solar panels at the Freedom Hill/Fostoria Landfill. After discussion it was determined the trees and vents are going to be a problem. The solar panels need open space, and they would want us to remove some trees and vents. We are still waiting for their response regarding this.

A discussion was had by the board to have SMDA customers dump directly at Pine Tree Acres. Mr. Walby reported Waste Management is willing to accept the SMDA customers. They are allowing the City of Warrens transfer station customers to go their directly when their transfer station closes for repairs and providing them with a lower rate to help them out.

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Between the distance and the higher rate, it's not feasible to the SMDA customers to go directly to Pine Tree Acres. The hauling customers can work out their own rate with Waste Management if they decide to go the landfill.

At the last SMDA meeting, Mayor Owens inquired about the type of trees required at Freedom Hill/Fostoria Landfills and are they are being effective. Mr. Seidel explained a hole is drilled through the cap of the landfill and the tree is planted through the hole. In the hole is a tube that leads to the leachate. The only way the trees get water is by the SMDA staff watering, or if it rains or the tree drinks the leachate. It takes time to get these trees established. No toxins are released from the trees.

The FY24 SMDA Budget will be presented at the March 22, 2023 board meeting.

Attorney Update

None

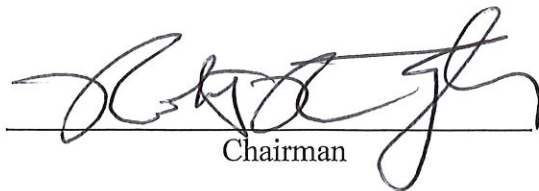
Public Participation

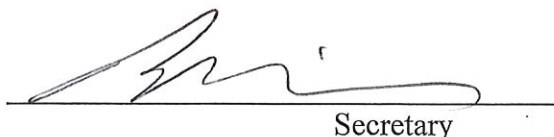
There being no public participation, Chairman Taylor called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION by Caron, supported by Owens to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

AYES: All

MOTION CARRIED.


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Secretary

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FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund - cash on hand 2/8/23 (Includes Site 11 Leachate, Closure expenses, Transfer Station and misc.)	\$ 37,414.48
Titan Wealth Advisors-2/8/23	
Unrestricted Fund	\$4,856,867.35
Site 9/9a	\$ 695,996.90
AIG Freedom Hill/Fostoria (as of 6/30/22)	\$2,169,907.00
General Fund - accounts payable	(\$269,190.40)
TOTAL	\$7,490,995.33

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