

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
February 14, 2012

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on February 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Bill Waldrop, John Watkins, Ted Sitzlar and Robert Harrison. Other attendees included Attorney Bud Gilbert; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson and Levi Higdon; Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter, and one other unidentified resident.

Mr. Field called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Mr. Field asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012. There were several corrections to the minutes including the addition of Mr. Akins who attended the January 10, 2012 meeting. Mr. Akins also made the motion to adjourn the meeting; not Mr. Harrison.

MOTION: Mr. Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. Mr. Waldrop seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

There were no items of public concern.

Ms. Dunson presented the Cash Activity Report and Santek's Operational Report. Mr. Watkins inquired about the addition of Warren County on the Quarterly Waste Origin Report for the last quarter of 2011. Ms. Dunson said she, too, was puzzled by the inclusion of Warren County and suspected it could have been mixed up from an origin report from another Santek-managed facility. She said she would check on it when she returned to the office the following day. Ms. Dunson reported to the Commission that a portion of Tate & Lyle's waste stream continued to be disposed of at an out-of-county landfill. She also said Santek engineering personnel met with regulators with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") on February 3, 2012 to discuss the major permit modification application currently on file with TDEC for Matlock Bend Landfill.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Gilbert said he received an invoice from Blue Ridge Realty, Inc., for realtor Jay Cobble's 50-percent commission from the sale of the Atchley property in the amount of \$3,993.00. He also said he received a surveying bill from Benchmark Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$4,525.00, which was billed on the percentage of completion basis for three of the Commission's recent property transactions. Mr. Gilbert said he had also completed a review of three additional annual sets of minutes for the Commission's meetings in 2003, 2004 and 2005, which he was presenting to the chairman tonight for a few signatures. Finally, he said he met with Mr. Field on January 20, 2012 to discuss the status of various pending legal assignments with his firm for the Commission, a number of which should be finalized within the next 30 days. Mr. Gilbert said his top priority is the completion of a management analysis on the Commission's recent 2011 audit for presentation to the Commission for consideration and possible approval.

Mr. Field said he attended a recent meeting of the Loudon County Commission meeting and presented an update of activities. He said he plans to check with the county commission chairman on an ongoing basis to inquire about matters of interest.

Mr. Field asked the Commission how it would like to move forward regarding a master site plan for the Commission's recent property acquisitions. He suggested a committee comprised of representatives from the governmental stakeholders, an independent third-party engineering

consultants, Santek representatives, and members of the public. Mr. Harrison suggested the addition of Loudon County's Gordon Harless and John Goddard with the University of Tennessee's Agricultural Extension Office. Mr. Waldrop said Brown and Caldwell have completed many land use plans as has Dr. George Hyfantis with Quantum Environmental and Engineering. Mr. Field said he could work with Loudon County Purchasing Director Leo Bradshaw on developing a Request For Qualifications. Mr. Field said he would work with Mr. Gilbert on a frame work and report back at the Commission's March meeting.

Mr. Field asked the Commission about their thoughts on the recent audit and revenue shortfall. Mr. Waldrop said he thought the slope failure contributed to the shortfall and he did not know if the Commission had enough information to evaluate if a trend was developing. Mr. Harrison attributed the shortfall to the slope failure and not receiving enough income on airspace being consumed. He said it could be a short-term issue due to market conditions. Mr. Waldrop suggested waiting until the end of the next fiscal year to take action. Mr. Gilbert said the Commission only had three calendar years of actual information. He noted that if you divide the total fees received on waste amount reported in last month's operational information from Santek by the total tons, the average tipping fee was \$16.00 per ton. He said when the Commission was evaluating the new operations contract, they estimated on the accrual for closure/post-closure fees and used a \$20-per-ton average tipping fee so this might explain in part some of the loss. Mr. Field said he would talk to some statisticians to see if a report can be generated.

Mr. Field reminded the Commission of the upcoming solid waste conference in Gatlinburg which will be held April 25th – 27th, 2012.

MOTION: Mr. Waldrop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 and Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is February 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission