

**Minutes**  
**Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission**  
**October 8, 2013**

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on October 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Brian Jenkins, Bill Waldrop, Robert Harrison and Larry Jameson. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Lisa Humphres and Levi Higdon; Gordon Harless, and residents Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter, media representative Jeremy Nash and several other unidentified citizens.

Mr. Field called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Kurt Sichelstiel of Brown and Caldwell provided the Commission with a handout suggesting a format for structuring a Waste Alternatives Workshop Committee. The Commission discussed ideas for the selection of committee participants based on the criteria provided. Mr. Field asked Commissioners for volunteers to participate in this workshop and asked each member about their availability.

**MOTION:** Mr. Waldrop made a motion to approve the September 10, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

Resident Aileen Longmire asked Mr. Field about the current permitted height of the Matlock Bend Landfill. Mr. Field was unsure of the exact permitted height. He said he will verify the permit information and provide the height at next month's meeting.

Ms. Humphres presented the Cash Activity Report and the Landfill Operation Report for the month of September, 2013.

Mr. Field told the Commission that Loudon County Commissioner Harold Duff attended the tour of the Matlock Bend Landfill last Friday and was impressed by the activity at the Landfill. Mr. Jameson also recently toured the Landfill and commended Mr. Higdon and his employees on the overall condition of the Landfill, in particular the condition of the working face. He said Santek personnel have done a very good job. Mr. Field also commented on the extensive work that has been done on the sediment pond and improvements made by Mr. Higdon on the downstream erosion control.

Attorney Kevin Stevens addressed the Commission regarding the preliminary proposal received from Santek to address the anticipated shortfall in funds to cover Closure/Post-closure expenses. He said after substantial legal research, he couldn't recommend acceptance of Santek's proposal as it would be violative of applicable procurement laws. Mr. Stevens advised the Commission to expand the scope of discussions with Santek. These potential discussions include Santek performing Closure/Post-closure during the current contract term as well as exploring adjustments in the method of compensation to the Commission. Mr. Harrison told Mr. Stevens, additional fill was required as a bolster/filler after the landfill slide and, therefore, created a loss of usable airspace. Mr. Harrison did commend Santek for their immediate, effective and appropriate action taken in response to the landfill slide. He then asked Mr. Stevens if any compensation from Santek was due to LCSWDC for this loss since it occurred under Santek's operation. Mr. Stevens said this could be a point for discussion. Mr. Waldrop agreed with Mr. Stevens and said the Commission needs to expand their options to negotiate with Santek. Currently, there is a limited scope and Mr. Waldrop would like more latitude for open discussion of a broader range of topics. Mr. Field suggested enlisting the assistance of Dr. Bachus of Geosyntec in creating a framework for these discussions that works for both parties. This framework would include legal team review of any proposed changes and or additions to the existing contract. Any proposed contract modifications will be presented to the Commission for approval.

**MOTION:** Mr. Waldrop made a motion to expand the scope of contract negotiations with Santek with support from Dr. Bachus. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Field reminded the Commission of the upcoming Stakeholders Meeting during the Chairman's Report. The Stakeholders Meeting is to be held in the Loudon County Courthouse Annex on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Harless reminded the Commission of the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Day being held this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Justice Center. He encouraged everyone's participation.

Mr. Harless also shared with the Commission information regarding his research of Proton Power, Inc. Proton Power offers unique custom energy solutions for power generation by processing switch grass and other green waste into a usable fuel gas. Wampler Farms located in Loudon County is currently using a system provided by Proton Power to power Wampler's generators located on farm land. Mr. Harless said he is meeting once a month with Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Municipal Technical Advisory Service and County Technical Assistance Service to collaboratively gather data in conjunction with this project. He will continue to provide updates to the Commission as it becomes available.

**MOTION:** Mr. Jenkins made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and Mr. Waldrop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman  
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission