

**Minutes**  
**Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission**  
**March 11, 2014**

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (the "Commission") met on March 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, John Watkins, Larry Jameson, Brian Jenkins, Robert Harrison, Jim Akins and Tom Paul. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Gordon Harless; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson and Levi Higdon; and several citizens.

Mr. Field called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Paul made a motion to approve a corrected version of the February 11, 2014 minutes. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Ailene Longmire questioned the commission regarding the omission of information in the February 11, 2014 minutes related to payments totaling \$22,544.27 to four different law firms. Mr. Field said he was unable to address Ms. Longmire's questions as he had been asked by the county not to comment on a potential legal matter. Mr. Field directed Ms. Longmire to speak to either the county attorney or the county mayor. Ms. Longmire said her repeated calls to the mayor's office have not been answered.

Ms. Pat Hunter asked Mr. Field if he would be presenting an update on negotiations with Santek as well as the status of the major permit modification. She also asked Mr. Field about a records request and whether the Items of Public Concern was the proper venue to ask questions of the Commission. Mr. Field said he does his best to answer questions from the public, but potential legal issues have prevented him from answering certain questions such as the ones asked by Ms. Longmire earlier in the meeting. Ms. Hunter said she is concerned about the county mayor and county attorney approving legal payments out of the Commission's funds because the Commission is supposed to be a separate entity. Mr. Jameson asked Ms. Longmire if she had met personally with the county mayor. Ms. Longmire said she had sought an Open Record Request from the county mayor's office. Mr. Jameson suggested Ms. Longmire schedule an appointment with the mayor.

Ms. Dunson presented the February 2014 Cash Activity Report which didn't reflect payments of \$11,875.46 in Host fees and \$18,181.51 in Closure/Post-Closure Security Fees.

During the Landfill Operations Report, Mr. Watkins asked Ms. Dunson about PSC Metals' volumes. She said PSC Metals is currently stockpiling waste because the company is in the process of installing a new processing system which will eventually extract more metal. Ms. Dunson said Santek was considering purchasing a vacuum truck to keep mud off the roads. Mr. Jameson said a vacuum truck is not a viable solution as Santek should stop debris from leaving the landfill site entirely. Mr. Field said that Santek could potentially be in violation of the landfill's storm water plan if mud is tracked from the landfill onto the highway.

Ms. Dunson said Santek engineering intended to submit its response to the Notice Of Deficiency for the major landfill permit modification sometime during the week.

Mr. Akins gave an update about the upcoming Site Utilization and Waste Alternatives Workshop. He said he contacted representatives from Tate & Lyle several times, but has received no response. He said he's received confirmation of attendance from Tennessee Trash and several other stakeholders.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens said a draft of the annual audit was emailed to all commissioners last week. Mr. Field noted that the auditor calculated a deficit of \$206,000 in closure/post-closure accruals. Mr. Field said the auditor's calculation indicates that the Commission is not garnering enough money for this liability. Mr. Jameson asked if the Commission could potentially seek additional revenue by imposing a surcharge on tipping fees for out-of-county waste. Mr. Field replied, contractually, the Commission could not assess a surcharge. Mr. Jenkins asked if it was possible for another political body to assess a surcharge. Mr. Stevens responded that the Loudon County Commission could assess a surcharge.

Mr. Paul suggested another way to generate more revenue would be to change how the closure/post-closure accruals are being invested. Mr. Harrison said the local governments in Loudon County pay some of the lowest tipping fees in the region. He suggested raising tipping fees to Loudon County, City of Loudon and City of Lenoir City to encourage recycling initiatives.

Mr. Field said he was working with Santek to form an outline of a plan to increase tipping fees over a period of time to enable the Commission to accrue sufficient funds to cover closure/post-closure liability. Mr. Akins said the City of Lenoir City might potentially be agreeable to a reasonable increase.

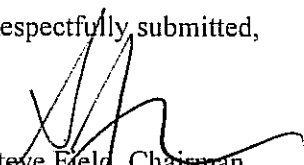
During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Field said Jamie Miller had submitted a proposal of \$200 to mow the property adjacent to the landfill. Depending on the season, \$200 for mowing could be incurred once or twice per month.

**MOTION:** Mr. Jameson made a motion to accept the proposal on a month-to-month basis. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Jenkins made a motion to enter into Executive Session with Mr. Stevens to discuss a potential legal issue prior to adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is April 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Steve Field, Chairman  
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission