

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
July 12, 2016

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on July 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Larry Jameson, Bruce Hamilton, John Watkins, Kelly Littleton-Brewster and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; City of Loudon Mayor Jim Greenway; Santek representatives Raymond Givens and Cheryl Dunson; and residents Aileen Longmire, Kaye Wallace, Betty Jo McAllister and Pat Hunter.

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

Mr. Jameson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

MOTION: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2016. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Mr. Watkins said a correction needed to be made to the reference about the payment to Loudon Utilities. The minutes should read \$3,750 instead of \$2,750. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Hunter asked if annual CPI adjustments set forth in Section 10.3 of the Landfill Management Agreement are being applied by Santek. Ms. Dunson said she would check with her peers in Santek's finance department to look into the matter.

Ms. Hunter also asked about the status of the landfill's major permit modification and any changes to the management agreement. Mr. Field said he would address those issues later in the meeting.

Ms. Longmire asked if a drawing showing the footprint of the proposed major permit modification for the landfill had been shown to the Commission's stakeholders. Mr. Field said he has talked with Ms. Dunson to see if the major permit modification could be changed to incorporate a landfill footprint that more closely mirrors the existing term of the management agreement. Ms. Longmire asked if that meant the permitting process would start over. Mr. Field said the process would not need to start over since the modification request is for the modification of an existing landfill permit. He said the major permit modification was shared with the Loudon County Commission and has not been approved by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. He said he was waiting to hear from Santek regarding what could be done to alter the major permit modification. Ms. Longmire said she is a property owner and has the right to ask questions and to see permit drawings. Mr. Field told her to talk to Anita in the Loudon County Mayor's office if she wanted to review any permit drawings.

Ms. Dunson presented the Cash Activity Report.

During Santek's Operations Report, Ms. Dunson provided answers to the following questions which were asked of her in the June 2016 Commission meeting. Without a major permit modification, there will be 8.8 years of landfill life at current waste volumes. With the major permit modification as it's currently designed, there will be 25 years of remaining landfill life at the end of Santek's contract. Santek will construct existing cells as they're currently designed according to the existing permit and, then, construct new cells in numerical order according to the approved major permit modification design. She apologized for not bringing the drawing depicting the acreage of the proposed new modules and said she would email it to Mr. Field in the morning.

Mr. Field gave an update on the Poplar Springs Landfill. He said he exchanged text messages with Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw. Mr. Field asked the Mayor to have the county's attorney

contact Mr. Stevens to discuss the process of approving expenditures for the Poplar Springs Landfill repairs.

Regarding the Commission's investment options, Mr. Hamilton said he sent an email to Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller asking several questions. Mr. Hamilton said he asked about the current value of treasury notes. Mr. Miller replied they were "absolutely terrible" and advised the Commission to refrain from investing in them at this time. Mr. Hamilton also asked Mr. Miller about the Commission's ability to increase from three-year investment terms to five-year investment terms. Mr. Miller said based on current economic conditions there's not much reason to seek longer investment terms. Mr. Hamilton said the trustee changed investment banks as of June 1, 2016 and the interest rate on the county's investments increased from 50 basis points to 70 basis points.

There were no additional issues discussed during the Attorney's Report.

During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Field recommended that the Commission take advantage of early payment terms for its insurance premium with Tennessee Risk Management.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to approve the invoice of \$4,876 with Tennessee Risk Management. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Field said he also has an invoice of \$2,500 for legal fees.

Regarding contract modifications with Santek, Mr. Field said based on the stakeholders' feedback he has asked Santek to consider revising the footprint of the major permit modification to more closely fit the existing contract period as well as consider reducing the landfill's elevations. Mr. Watkins asked Mr. Field if his intent is to not have any remaining landfill life at the end of the management agreement. Mr. Field said he would like to have minimal remaining landfill life at the end of the existing management agreement because he was concerned about excess capacity. He said Santek would close a portion of the landfill, but probably not all of it. He said the Commission should begin planning for the future of the landfill well in advance of the termination of the management agreement in 2027.

Mr. Jameson said he hasn't had time to work on signage for the Commission's property prohibiting trespassing and hunting.

Mr. Field said auditor Richard Hill received a letter from the State of Tennessee Comptroller's Office with a few comments about the Commission's most recent audit and a concern about the deficit in the closure/post-closure fund. Mr. Jameson asked Ms. Dunson if Santek is willing to increase tipping fees to cover the deficit. Ms. Dunson said Santek is looking at correcting the deficit as part of its overall review of the major permit modification.

Mr. Jameson asked if anyone had heard any more talk about selling the landfill. Mr. Field said he'd not heard anything, but he asked Loudon County Commissioner Van Shaver for an invitation to his ad hoc committee meetings. Ms. Littleton-Brewster reported, to her knowledge, the committee has met once.

MOTION: Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Mr. Jamison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is August 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Field', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission