

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
May 9, 2017

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on May 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, John Watkins, Larry Jameson, Dennis Stewart and Bruce Hamilton. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Raymond Givens, Tiffany Gresham and Cheryl Dunson; and residents Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter, Kaye Wallace and Betty McAllister.

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. Jameson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2017. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Hunter asked if Santek will print and distribute complete customer activity reports since August 2016. Ms. Dunson said she would. Ms. Hunter also asked Mr. Stevens about the process of preparing the minutes. He said Ms. Dunson prepares the original minutes, and sends them to him and Mr. Field for comments. Mr. Stewart said it would be helpful to have the meeting packets four to five days ahead of Commission meetings. Mr. Field agreed, but said some of the financial reports aren't available until the day of the meetings.

Ms. Dunson presented the Cash Activity Report for April 2017.

During Santek's Operations Report, Mr. Field asked Mr. Givens if the Water Division of the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is performing storm water inspections at the Landfill. Mr. Givens said the division performs inspections every two years.

Mr. Stevens gave a status report about the completion of the audit. He said Richard Hill apparently discovered additional legal invoices in Loudon County attorney Bob Bowman's records related to the Poplar Springs Landfill which resulted in a significant change to the audit's findings. Apparently, \$60,000 in legal fees from the Luna Law Firm hadn't been recorded by June 30, 2016. Mr. Field said Tracy Blair with the Loudon County Finance Department told him she would get with Mr. Bowman and Mr. Hill to try to gain an understanding and help resolve the issue. Mr. Stevens said the discovery of the invoices could change the net position of the financial statement by \$60,000 as well as the actual amount in the landfill's subfund account. Any change would need to be reflected in next month's financial statement. Mr. Jameson asked about the total cost of repairs at the landfill. Mr. Hamilton said last month's minutes stated the total cost to be \$186,000 with Loudon County paying \$160,000. Mr. Field said he doesn't know what the landfill stakeholders will do if there's a shortfall in the subfund account or how they will ask the Commission to proceed.

MOTION: Mr. Watkins made a motion to accept the audit pending confirmation of the expense issues related to the Poplar Springs Landfill. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens gave an update on the contract modifications with Santek. He said the Commission approved retaining Geosyntec Consulting to appraise Santek's proposal. Mr. Stevens said he received a letter from Dr. Bob Bachus stating that Geosyntec is not currently working for Santek, and addressed all issues and questions raised by the Commission relative to Geosyntec's ethical obligations. Mr. Stevens said Dr. Bachus has begun work to itemize the documents he'll need from Santek and the Commission to complete his analysis. Mr. Stevens said he and Mr. Field will meet with Dr. Bachus to express their

expectations regarding the analysis. Mr. Jameson asked if Geosyntec's analysis will take months. Mr. Stevens said he wasn't sure if Dr. Bachus will have a completed report by the Commission's next meeting. Mr. Jameson encouraged Mr. Stevens to push the time frame for the analysis to be completed as quickly as possible.

Mr. Field said he didn't have an update on the Commission's investment options since neither he nor Mr. Hamilton received any feedback from Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens gave a summary about the Commission's open records requests. He said the Commission receives a number of requests for information which can sometimes be for documents dated in excess of 10 years old and can total more than hundreds, if not thousands, of pages. He said the record requests can be a time-consuming process. Mr. Stevens said the Commission tries to be as responsive and open as possible, and encouraged the public to understand that responding to some of the requests can involve significant time and expense. Mr. Jameson asked if the Commission was making progress in getting records put in place in a timely fashion. Mr. Stevens said he believed the Commission was doing a good job making records available. Ms. Longmire said she disagreed with this assessment. Mr. Jameson said he would address the situation with the Loudon County Mayor in the next few weeks. Mr. Stewart asked Mr. Jameson to also discuss with the mayor the \$60,000 oversight in legal fees for the Poplar Springs Landfill from Bob Bowman.

During the Chairman's report, Mr. Field said he hasn't received any invoices from Mr. Steven's law firm and anticipates having two invoices next month.

MOTION: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is June 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission