Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

September 26, 2017

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on September 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Art Stewart, Bruce Hamilton, John Watkins, Dennis Stewart, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, and Larry Jameson. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Tiffany Gresham and Raymond Givens; City of Loudon Mayor Jim Greenway; and residents Aileen Longmire and Pat Hunter.

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

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

MOTION: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2017. Mr. A. Stewart seconded the motion. During discussion Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster made a correction on the second page noting that the reference to \$109,000 needs to be changed to \$190,000. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Longmire asked whether the Poplar Springs money was included in the Closure or Post Closure account. Mr. Stevens said there has only been one account to hold accrued funds of the Commission which includes the Poplar Springs subfund. Ms. Longmire also asked why there are not two signatures required for approving expenditures from the Commission account. Mr. Field asked Kevin to check into that.

Ms. Gresham presented the Cash Activity Report for August 8, 2017.

Steve Field is checking into the reference to a bankruptcy receipt totaling \$48.41.

During Santek's operations report, Ms. Gresham pointed out where the 22.5 day tonnage average had been added to the tonnage matrices.

Steve Field presented the auditor's contract proposal from Richard Hill for FY 2017. There was a \$550 increase in the auditor's fee which increased it to \$7,975. Mr. Jameson asked if this service should be put out for bid. Mr. Stevens said it doesn't have to be legally due to the professional services exception to the governmental procurement requirements. Mr. Jameson then said he thinks it might need to be put out for bid in the future.

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Jameson made a motion to accept Mr. Hill's proposal for the audit for FY 2017. Mr. A. Stewart seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 6 to 1 in favor. Ms. Littleton-Brewster opposed.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to put the audit out to bid for FY 2018 and requested that a draft RFP for these services be due in November. Ms. Littleton-Brewster seconded the motion and it passed 6-0. Mr. D. Stewart abstained.

Mr. Stevens gave an update on the Santek contract modification process. Mr. Jameson expressed a concern with amount of the security fee. Mr. Jameson stated that he believes the security fee needs to be raised to \$2.75 per ton. He noted that this increase would help reduce the anticipated shortfall in the

security fee in a much shorter timeframe. Mr. Field said we just need to figure out what the magic number is for the security fee per ton to put in the contract with Santek. Another concern is how long will it take Santek to do the closure on the approximately 32 acres they are currently responsible for? The Commission came to a consensus that it wants to obtain a security fee that eliminates the anticipated shortfall on or before 2027, at the end of the current contract term.

The Commission then discussed the current status of the Poplar Springs Project.

<u>MOTION:</u> Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to write a letter to the stakeholders indicating that the Commission needs to be kept in the loop on the Poplar Springs Project. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens handed out two documents for Commission consideration. One was from TN Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC) regarding the attainment of the annual waste diversion goals. The other one was an excerpt from Santek's 2007 landfill management proposal that reflected anticipated tipping fees and revenue for the Commission during the proposed contract term. The Commission agreed that this information from Santek's original proposal provided some important context to the current contract modification discussions.

During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Field said he had a couple of invoices he needed approved for payment.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to pay Geosyntec's latest invoice. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to pay the News Herold invoice. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Little-Brewster mentioned she would like to make sure that they get to look at the latest invoices for Poplar Springs in the approximate amount of \$15,000.

MOTION: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and Mr. A. Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is October 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Field, Chairman

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