

Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

May 15, 2018

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on May 15th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, John Watkins, Larry Jameson, and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Raymond Givens, Cheryl Dunson, and Kaitlyn Hampton; and residents Aileen Longmire and Jeremy Nash.

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

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

MOTION: Mr. Larry Jameson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10th, 2018. Mr. Dennis Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During items of Public Concern, Ms. Aileen Longmire questioned the specific dollar amount of the environmental fee that was added to the landfill weight tickets that were discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Steve Field noted that, although the specific amount of the fee was not recorded in the minutes for the last meeting, the weight tickets themselves were provided at the meeting. Mr. Stevens then provided Ms. Longmire with an additional copy of the subject weight tickets.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report for April 2018. Mr. John Watkins asked if the \$58,750 owed for the waterline from the city of Loudon had been paid. Mr. Steve Field clarified that it should have already been paid; however, the payment may not have cleared in time to be reflected in the April Report.

Mr. Steve Field mentioned that he spoke to Tracy Blair about changing the format of the Cash Activity Report to separate the Total Combined Operating Fund from the Poplar Springs Balance, although it would no longer match the Trustee's Report. Mr. Larry Jameson asked if the Commission could relinquish the Poplar Springs funds to the responsibility of either the County or the City of Loudon. The Board decided that further discussion was necessary and decided to postpone the topic until the next meeting.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented Santek's Operations Report for April 2018. Mr. Steve Field spoke about the letter he received from TDEC regarding the leachate collection system and flow meter installation. It was put into place and is currently being monitored.

Mr. Raymond Givens updated about the leachate containing Nickel in the landfill. He informed that he is waiting for the analysis reports from a few different waste streams that are still being tested. Mr. Robert Hudson will attend the next meeting to present these totals and give more insight as well as a detailed spreadsheet.

Mr. Steve Field spoke about the Trustee Investment Process, particularly with streamlining the reinvestment process for investments with fixed maturity dates. One suggestion made by Mr. Steve Field was to request that the Trustee provide the Commission with further advanced notice of investment maturity dates; another suggestion from the Commission was to allow Mr. Bruce Hamilton more latitude with regard to making decisions about reinvestment alongside the Trustee.

MOTION: Mr. Larry Jameson made a motion to formally improve and ratify the Trustees recent reinvestment of Commission investments. Mr. Dennis Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Larry Jameson asked if there could be a system put into place to monitor the maturity dates on all Commission investments. Mr. Kevin Stevens suggested that Mr. Bruce Hamilton and the Trustee have a conversation about how the process could be improved.

Mr. Kevin Stevens presented the Contract Modification Update. Mr. Larry Jameson, Ms. Cheryl Dunson, and Mr. Kevin Stevens met with Mr. Tim Watts on April 30th to discuss the contract, specifically the closure and phased closure process and the financial parameters under the contract. The goal is to limit the exposure and liability of the stakeholders by ensuring that closure is being handled by Santek during the course of the contract instead of back-loading it until the end of the contract term. Dr. Bachus suggested creating benchmarks for closing 10/11 acres approximately every 5 years in order to get parameters on the post closure. Santek's concern is that they will be required to arbitrarily close acreage that has not yet reached final elevation. After discussion, Santek agreed to close approximately 14 acres within 2 years of the approval of the expansion plan, by approximately 2020 or 2021. Santek also agreed to a detailed plan for phased closure which would be approved by TDEC. The objective that is being further discussed is the security fee of \$1.75 and an annual adjustment that would be set to guarantee \$1.6 million remaining in the Commission's security fee account after the conclusion of the contract term. Santek acknowledges the \$1.6 million request; their concern is that waste stream volumes could drop drastically before the year 2032, meaning the \$1.6 million in addition to the closure obligation may not be financially feasible. To help alleviate this potential problem, the idea of phased closure of specific cells was discussed. Santek proposed that if a specific cell did not reach final elevation, the contract could be extended until final elevation is obtained, ensuring enough revenue to accrual \$1.6 million. Santek agreed to provide specific language relative to this proposal at the next meeting. Santek also said that in order to meet their financial objective, they would need access to the adjacent soil; however, a more detailed map was requested which would pin point the exact locations the soil would be excavated from.

There was no Poplar Springs update for this meeting besides possible pending invoices.

Mr. Steve Field presented the Attorney's Report. Mr. Kevin Stevens sent a letter to Santek regarding the environmental fee added to the weight tickets at the landfill; however, Santek has not yet responded. Ms. Cheryl Dunson informed that the delay in response was due to the Board's request for an accounting of this fee since its implementation. She also informed that through their auditing, Santek will be able to show that the Commission has been given a percentage of this environmental fee.

Mr. Kevin Stevens informed that the Audit Engagement Letter relative to the 2018 audit had been signed. Mr. Steve Field said it would be sent to Mr. Richard Hill.

Mr. Steve Field presented the Chairman's Report. He updated that the Solid Waste Conference starts May 16th. Mr. Steve Field also mentioned that he would discuss the delay regarding the tire trailer with TDEC while he was there.

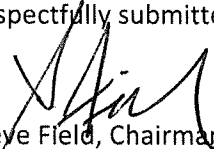
Mr. Larry Jameson mentioned the ongoing issue with debris and mud on the road outside of the landfill. The possibility of a pressurized wheel wash system was discussed.

Mr. Steve Field updated on the expenditure report: employee payroll taxes totaling \$53.82; two attorney's invoices from Kennerly Montgomery; special publication of notice for May meeting \$66.25.

MOTION: Mr. Larry Jameson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and Mr. John Watkins seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is June 12th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman

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