Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

August 14th, 2018

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on August 14th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Art Stewart, Bruce Hamilton, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Larry Jameson, and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens, Ty Ross, and Mayor Greenway; Santek representatives Raymond Givens, Matt Dillard, Mark Mathys, David Hollinshead, and Kaitlyn Hampton; and residents Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter, Jennie and Rodger Hash, Janet and Terry Felts, Greg and Wendy Carney.

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: Mrs. Kelly Littleton-Brewster made a motion to approve the minutes of July 10th, 2018. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Steve Field updated about the potential to build a firing range for use of local FBI agents and law enforcement on a parcel of land owned by the LCSWDC. During the July meeting, the FBI asked for permission to access the property to conduct a feasibility test. A number of residents of the Tennessee National subdivision expressed opposition to the project. However, Mr. Field clarified that after evaluating the property in question, it is no longer being considered by the FBI for this project.

During items of Public Concern, Ms. Pat Hunter voiced concerns about the publication of the agenda. Specifically, she wanted to see that the agenda was being published in a way to allow proper notice to the public for their input, especially when discussing things such as a firing range which has the possibility to affect a large portion of the community. Mrs. Kelly Littleton-Brewster clarified that the LCSWDC first learned about the firing range topic shortly before the last meeting. She also added that had the LCSWDC been aware that the FBI was requesting anything more than a feasibility test, proper publication of the topic would have been given.

Ms. Pat Hunter also asked for a follow-up regarding the sales journals which were provided by Santek in regards to the implementation of the environmental fee at the landfill. Mr. Kevin Stevens updated that Santek did provide electronic information as requested by the LCSWDC, and that he would be sharing that information later in the meeting.

Ms. Pat Hunter also spoke about the fire at the landfill, asking for a formal report from the fire department. Mr. Raymond Givens updated that he had not received anything from the fire department; however, Santek is working with TDEC to produce formal documentation of the fire.

Ms. Aileen Longmire asked that any documentation regarding the fire at the landfill be put on public record. Mr. Steve Field assured that this would be the case, and also offered to reach out to the fire department to request a formal report.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report and Santek's Operations Report for July 2018.

Mr. Raymond Givens spoke about the fire, saying that the accident was attributed to a "hot load" having possibly been received by the landfill. Mr. Larry Jameson voiced his concerns with the fire protocol at the landfill, specifically with the lack of notice provided to the LCSWDC regarding the incident. Mr. Raymond Givens updated that the landfill would implement certain changes going forward as follows: a detailed fire and emergency protocol policy, safety training with landfill employees, weekly cover with fill dirt, and a revised contact list with the LCSWDC as well as emergency personnel.

Mr. Kevin Stevens updated about the environmental fee at the landfill. He distributed a spreadsheet detailing the fee charged by customer per month from January 2017 through June 2018. Mr. David Hollinshead reviewed the environmental fee charges from Santek but did not have an itemized breakdown of exactly how these charges were comprised. Mr. Steve Field asked Mr. Hollinshead for information regarding how the environmental fee is adjusted to include changing economic factors, which he agreed to update at the next meeting. Mr. Hollinshead did, however, clarify that the fee was only charged to non-stakeholders those customers that did not have contract disposal rates.

Mr. Kevin Stevens provided an update regarding the Contract Modification process. The issues have been narrowed significantly in the negotiations, with the exception of the closure schedule and the compensation to be provided by Santek for use of soil adjacent to the property for closure. Santek had concerns regarding the potential for declining waste stream volumes which would not make this compensation feasible; however, they suggested adding language to include a limited extension term, specifically allowing it time to fil Module 3 if this Module was not filled by the expiration of the extension term. The LCSWDC requested a document detailing this particular element of the proposal, and is still waiting on this information. As for the compensation of the soil usage, the LCSWDC is also waiting for a response from Santek in regard to what they deem an appropriate reimbursement amount. Mr. Larry Jameson agreed to gather more information about the purchase price of soil to discuss at a later date.

Mrs. Kelly Littleton-Brewster gave a Poplar Springs update. She stated that the total estimated construction time is 4 to 5 weeks, weather permitting. Mrs. Littleton-Brewster also updated that they would be applying for additional grants after the completion of the work or during the construction process. Also, a specific price for the post closure monitoring cannot be set until completion, when TDEC will detail those specific parameters.

Mr. Kevin Stevens presented the Attorney's Report. He also requested that Mr. Bruce Hamilton present information from Mr. Chip Miller regarding the LCSWDC's investments. He provided a summary of the written investments which included a one-year and two-year note: the proceeds from the one-year treasury were transferred to Southeast Bank; the two-year treasury contains \$1,004,375 which is earning 1.15%. The remaining investments are in Southeast bank, totaling \$2,620,277.82 and earning 2.25%.

Mr. Steve Field presented the Chairman's Report. He updated about Santek's semi-annual Storm Water Report. The expenditures include one engineering invoice associated with Poplar Springs for \$967.50; two invoices from Kennerly-Montgomery for attorney fees; and board fees as well as employee taxes.

MOTION: Mr. Bruce Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and Mr. Larry Jameson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is September 11th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Field, Chairman

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