Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

December 11th, 2018

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on December 11th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Art Stewart, John Watkins, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, and Larry Jameson. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives David Hollinshead, Ben Johnston, Kaitlyn Hampton, and Justin Givens; and residents Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter, Debbie Hart, Rich Anklin, and JJ Cox.

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. Art Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13th, 2018. Mr. John Watkins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During items of Public Concern, resident Ms. Debbie Hart voiced her concerns about the amount of mud and sediment being tracked onto the highway by trucks exiting the landfill. Ms. Hart said that she has been a longtime resident of the area and has noticed mud spanning from the entrance of the landfill to TN National, in every lane and under the guard rail. She also spoke of concerns that the water truck that is used by the landfill to wash the road is insufficient and is sweeping the debris into the local waterways.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster and Mr. Larry Jameson also stated that they have received several complaints about the debris on the highway, and that this issue was raised at the latest Loudon City Council meeting. Mr. Larry Jameson voiced his interest in finding a long term and more suitable solution to the issue of sediment on the highway, possibly by installing a pressurized wheel wash.

Ms. Pat Hunter stated that the current contract between LCSWDC and Santek as well as the Storm Water Act and the Clean Water Act all have provisions relative to controlling debris leaving the Landfill. She requested that the EPA be contacted in regards to this issue.

Mr. Justin Givens updated that he has been diligently working to reduce the issue of debris on the highway by using a street sweeper to collect the existing debris from the highway, spreading larger stone at the exit of the wheel wash, and having multiple landfill employees pressure wash any excess debris from the truck tires as vendors are exiting the wheel wash. Mr. Givens also distributed a document of the random state inspection that had been performed that day, in which photos were provided of the entrance and exit to the landfill and reported by TDEC to be within state regulations.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster suggested that Mr. Steve Field contact Mr. Pat Mulligan, the TDEC representative that has been conducting the random monthly inspections at the landfill, to inquire what he is addressing in the abovementioned pictures that were taken during the December inspection.

Ms. Pat Hunter inquired about obtaining an audio recording from the November LCSWDC meeting; however, Mr. Kevin Stevens responded that any requests for recordings prepared by Santek should be directed to Santek as they are not part of the Commission's official record.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report and the Operations Report for November 2018.

Mr. Steve Field stated that he had inquired about the length of time used in Dr. Bachus' tonnage volume reports and found that it is reflective of a 22.5-day per month period.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton provided an update and documentation of several new special waste streams coming to the landfill: these vendors include Viskase, Protech Metal Finishing, and Key Safety Systems. Mr. Steve Field asked for an analytical breakdown of these specific waste streams. Mr. Ben Johnston said he would follow up with this information.

Mr. Kevin Stevens provided an update regarding the Contract Modification process. In terms of the agreement, Santek has provided a starting point draft to memorialize the bullet point terms that have already been approved by the parties. From this, Dr. Bachus, Mr. Kevin Stevens, and Mr. Steve Field have collaborated to review the specifics of the agreement in order to accomplish the following: evaluation of the parameters associated with the proposed amendment; revising the language of the amendment itself; including the various annual adjustment formulas as well as addressing the phased closure plan. Mr. Stevens distributed a document which demonstrated a financial comparison between moving forward with the extension of the contract as proposed versus not extending the contract term. Mr. Larry Jameson spoke of the potential to include in the modification the requirement to install a pressurized wheel wash by Santek.

Mr. Steve Field provided a Poplar Springs update. He stated that Mr. Patrick Mulligan sent an email in regard to collaborating with JD Anderson to perform certain reseeding in order to reestablish grass in areas where it had not taken root and died. Mr. Field also updated that the grant money from Poplar Springs had not yet been issued; however, the State said they would process the grant as quickly as possible.

Mr. Kevin Stevens updated that a new representative from the City of Loudon would join the commission in the near future. He also stated that he would be distributing a document containing the term history of the LCSWDC after conducting research on the matter.

Mr. Steve Field asked Mr. Ben Johnston to keep in mind that Santek would need to compile recycling information for the Annual Recycling Report.

MOTION: Mr. Art Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. and Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is January 8th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully, submitted,

Steve Field, Chairman

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