Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

March 12th, 2019

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on March 12th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Art Stewart, John Watkins, Bruce Hamilton, Larry Jameson, and Tammi Bivens. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Ben Johnston, Kaitlyn Hampton, and Justin Givens; and residents Aileen Longmire and Pat Hunter.

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.

It was discussed that the February 2019 minutes should be amended to change the name Brian Bowers to Brian Viars.

MOTION: Mr. John Watkins made a motion to approve the amended minutes of February 12th, 2019. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During items of Public Concern, Ms. Pat Hunter asked for an introduction from Santek's representative personnel. Mr. Ben Johnston and Mr. Justin Givens introduced themselves and gave their job titles.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report and the Operations Report for February 2019.

Mr. Larry Jameson voiced his concerns about large clumps of mud and dirt being tracked onto the highway by trucks exiting the landfill.

Mr. Justin Givens clarified that a new road leading to the dumpsite had recently been created; however, inclement weather had resulted in mud and debris during construction. He stated that five loads of stone had been ordered and delivered that day in order to better maintain the newly constructed road. Mr. Givens also spoke of using the concrete pads from the preexisting weigh scales to make a road to a dumpsite which would be utilized during inclement weather, potentially reducing the issue with mud and debris leaving the landfill.

Mr. Richard Hill provided an update about the annual audit process and reviewed the draft financial statements.

Mr. Kevin Stevens made further clarifications to the management discussion in that the expenditures for Poplar Springs were a one-time nonrecurring expense related to the specific repairs and engineering at the site; furthermore, the amount for the repairs was paid was at the direction of the stakeholders. Mr. Stevens also provided details about the anticipated objectives of the contract modification as follows: reaching an agreement before June 30th, 2019; and accruing funds in the LCSWDC's account that will exceed the long-term liability for the landfill.

MOTION: Ms. Tammi Bivens made a motion to approve the draft financial statements for submission to the State Comptroller. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Tim Hendrick of the East Tennessee Development District presented the Annual TDEC Recycling Report.

MOTION: Mr. Bruce Hamilton made a motion to approve the Annual Progress Report. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Kevin Stevens provided an update regarding the Contract Modification process. He spoke of the incorporation of a new section in the contract that would require the implementation and specifications of a pressurized wheel wash as well as enhancing the requirement in the contract that Santek maintain all the access roads free from litter, debris, sediment, and other foreign material. Mr. Stevens also updated about a two-tiered approach to the proposed closure plan as follows: Santek will close a minimum of 14 acres no later than the end of 2021 and thereafter implement a phase closure plan based on tonnage volume. Mr. Stevens presented a document which outlined the financial objectives in both 2027 and at the end of the proposed expansion in 2034, the overall intent being to reduce the paper liability of the LCSWDC as quickly as possible and leave LCSWDC with \$1.6M in its security fee account after meeting all of its long-term obligations for the landfill.

Mr. Steve Field provided a Poplar Springs update. He updated that the Grant Reimbursement for Poplar Springs had been issued from the state and deposited into the LCSWDC's account. Mr. Larry Jameson asked about the measures necessary for the LCSWDC to gain the responsibility to oversee the Poplar Springs landfill in the future. Mr. Jameson agreed to obtain more information about this subject.

Mr. Steve Field spoke of the upcoming Solid Waste Conference.

MOTION: Mr. Bruce Hamilton made a motion for the LCSWDC to reimburse the expenses for the Board members who would like to attend the Solid Waste Conference. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Steve Field presented the following invoices: employee payroll taxes totaling \$53.83; monthly legal fees from Kennerly Montgomery totaling \$2500.

MOTION: Mr. John Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. and Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is April 9th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully/suppmitted,

Steve Field, Chairman

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