

Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

January 12th, 2021

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on January 12th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Art Stewart, John Watkins, Bruce Hamilton, and Larry Jameson. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Ben Johnston, Kaitlyn Hampton, and Adam Hall; Richard Anklin.

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 invocation.

MOTION: Mr. Steve Field made the motion to approve the amended minutes of December 2020. Mr. John Watkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Ben Johnston gave Richard Anklin certain documents from previous meeting packets that he mistakenly forgot to give Ms. Hunter during the December meeting. Mr. Richard Anklin said he would give the documents to Ms. Hunter.

During the items of Public Concern, Mr. Adam Beasley approached the Commission about purchasing back his grandfather's old house and barn adjacent to the landfill. He stated he did not need all of the land but was mainly interested in the existing house and barn. Mr. Steve Field stated that he talked to Mr. Beasley previously, and that Mr. Beasley was interested in turning the house and barn into a residence. Mr. Beasley stated that the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission previously bought the property from his mom and uncle in 2010, and that the fire department was using it for safety drills. Mr. Larry Jameson pointed out to Mr. Beasley that the home is next to the landfill where there is a lot of activity. Mr. Beasley stated he is fully aware of all the noise and activity. Mr. Field asked if he was looking to purchase 3.6 acres and he said he would be interested in any amount of acreage that the board is willing to sell. Mr. Field asked Mr. Johnston to check with Santek to make sure the property wouldn't be used for future landfill operations.

Mr. Anklin asked about Santek's response to the new TDEC Closure/ Post Closure Plan letter that was generated in 2019, updated in May 2020, and again in November 2020, and which states that Santek is required respond by December 30th with a timeline for submission of its updated closure/post-closure plan. Mr. Anklin said the state requires all landfill operators to submit a ten-year plan of closure/post-closure costs, along with a phased closure plan. Mr. Ben Johnston stated Santek has hired Promus Engineering to assist in developing the new plan. Mr. Johnston stated that Promus would have everything submitted before June 30, 2021.

Mr. John Watkins stated he is resigning from the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission but will continue until the county mayor nominates a replacement, and the commission approves the replacement.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report and the Operations Report for December 2020.

Mrs. Kelly-Littleton Brewster asked about the customer, Go Green, as she doesn't remember seeing this customer in the past. Ms. Hampton stated they are not a regular customer and bring waste periodically to the landfill. Mr. Hall stated that they typically bring C&D waste when they utilize the facility.

Mr. Hall updated the commission on the latest TDEC inspection report where there was an AOC for a leachate wet spot. Mr. Hall stated that the problem has been addressed and that pictures were sent to the inspector to show where it was corrected.

Mr. Hall stated that there was also an AOC for an area of the landfill that had overfill. He said that the overfill has been corrected, as noted in the comments on the back of the inspection reflect. Mr. Hall stated that when we do the annual engineering report, it will be noted that there was a spot with overfill but will also show it was corrected.

Mr. Art Stewart asked about the leachate spot that was observed and asked if it was in the same spot as what was outlined previously. Mr. Hall explained that he has a map that he and the inspector review during the inspection, and that if there is a new area of the landfill that has a leachate spot it will be marked and monitored.

Mr. Jameson asked what causes a leachate spot in the landfill. Mr. Hall stated that if all the cover dirt is not removed from the waste before you begin filling with new waste, rain will not be able to penetrate the trash and can cause a leachate spot.

Mr. Field asked Mr. Hall if he could explain the daily cover process. Mr. Hall stated that we have a tarp to cover the working face during the week, and that on the weekends we cover the waste with soil.

Mr. Hall stated that given the recent weather patterns he is going to wash the road every afternoon around 4:30 if it is above freezing. He stated that on December 17 and again on December 19 there were a few issues with the street sweeper that required repairs. He stated that he repaired the sweeper and replaced the main broom with a more expensive broom that should last a lot longer and help keep the road clean.

Mr. Hall also stated that in addition to adding a new broom, he is putting new rock down as frequently as possible. He stated that he exceeded his rock budget by \$6,000 to \$7,000 last month. Mr. Hall also stated that he moved the working face up to a higher elevation to keep the trucks as clean as possible.

Mr. Hall has also hired a full-time employee stationed at the wheel wash from 7:00AM to 4:30PM to help ensure the trucks are clean when exiting the wash. He said in addition to the wheel wash, when there is a light rain, they are sweeping and washing the road as well.

Mr. Johnston updated the board on the closure/post-closure plan Promus Engineering is working to complete on behalf of Santek. Mr. Field asked Mr. Johnston if he could get a schedule for when Santek will get a draft that can be shared with the board.

Mrs. Brewster asked Mr. Field when the 10-year plan was last updated. Mr. Field stated that it is updated every year when the annual progress report (APR) is completed.

Ms. Tammi Bivens stated that during the December meeting, TDEC outlined in their letter that they are going to require a timeline be submitted by December 30th for the closure/ post closure plan. Mrs. Bivens asked Mr. Johnston if the letter Promus provided is our response to TDEC's letter. Mr. Johnston

stated that the response is an acknowledgement to TDEC that we received the information and are aware of the requirements they have outlined. Mr. Johnston stated that Promus has talked with TDEC directly, and that the supporting documentation for the closure/ post closure plan will follow the letter and be submitted before June 30.

Mr. Johnston presented the top 25 volume customers that Santek provides the Board every year in January.

Mrs. Brewster asked why the letter from TDEC was dated November 3 and was not received until the December meeting. Mr. Field stated that TDEC did not send it out on the day it was dated and that he had to get it directly from TDEC in early December.

Mr. Field asked Mr. Johnston and Mr. Stevens if they wanted to update the Board on the contract amendment. Mr. Stevens stated that the Board made a motion in November to stop all contract negotiations until further notice, so an update is not relevant at this time.

Mr. Johnston stated that the pending transaction between Santek and Republic is still under DOJ review and waiting on final approval, but hopeful it will close in the next couple of months.

Mr. Field asked the Board how they would like to address the green waste concern brought to their attention by the road superintendent. Mr. Stewart said he would suggest to the road superintendent that whatever happens, if he is going to continue with green waste, there is likely going to be a charge associated with disposal. Mr. Field also suggested the Board could consider grinding the waste, or potentially using some of the Board's excess property to house the green waste.

Ms. Kelly Littleton asked if we could check with other facilities to see if it is even cost efficient to grind and chip the green waste.

Mr. Jameson stated if the Board has a feasible piece of property to use, he could use his drone to get an aerial view.

Ms. Bivens also asked where the manpower is going to come from and stated everything has a cost.

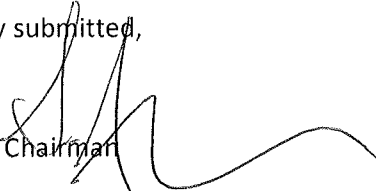
Motion: Mr. Kevin Stevens stated in his attorney's report that it would be appropriate for the Commission to convene a brief executive session to discuss a subject matter that could involve potential litigation. Mr. Jameson made a motion and Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission convened an executive session with its attorney. After executive session the Commission reconvened its regular meeting.

Motion: Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster made a motion for the LCSWDC attorney to prepare a letter to Santek demanding they provide a phased closure plan with definite closure dates and prompt closure of dormant cells, and require that the commission approve the plan prior to it being submitted to TDEC. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Field, Chairman

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