

LOUDON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Thursday, September 19, 2024
Courthouse Annex Building
MINUTES

Opening of Meeting:

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission convened in regular session in Loudon, Tennessee on the 19th day of September 2024.

Commission Vice Chairman Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. eastern time.

Roll Call:

Upon Roll Call, the following Commission Members were present: Mr. Gary Busch, Ms. Monty Ross, Mr. Gary Hendrix, Mr. Andy Lawson, Mr. Larry Jameson

Absent was Chairman Mr. Adam Waller.

Also present from Republic Services were representatives – Ms. Teresa Fox and Mr. David Hollinshead.

Prior to start of the official meeting Vice Chairman Ms. Ross introduced the two new members to the LCSWDC Mr. Larry Jameson and Mr. Andy Lawson.

Pledge: Led by Commission Member Mr. Hendrix

General Public Comments:

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross called to the floor those who had any General Public Comments related to topics on the agenda.

The following individuals came to the floor: Mr. Richard Anklin, Ms. Pat Hunter for public comments.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Anklin related to land being used for landfill cover, Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross made a request to Republic representative Ms. Fox to respond to question raised regarding current landfill cover material, Ms. Fox provided answer.

In response to questions raised by Ms. Hunter with regards to Sept. 13th 2024 letter to Mr. Waller from TDEC with regards to permanent minor modification approval, Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross made a request to Ms. Fox to elaborate on the status, Ms. Fox provided response.

Commissioner Mr. Jameson made a request to the Commission Vice Chair Ms. Ross to have the Board look back into the contract language related to the tipping fee issue raised by Ms. Hunter, to understand where we stand legally on that issue. Commissioner Mr.

Busch raised the point of interest that the material identified is now being brought into the landfill as a daily cover material which may not be addressed in that manner within the contract. Commission Vice Chair Ms. Ross acknowledged request.

Approval of August 15th 2024 Minutes:

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross requested that the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission Agenda be accepted with date change from 07/18/2024 to 08/15/2024 due to error found.

Commission Member Mr. Busch made the motion to approve the agenda of the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission’s Meeting for September 19, 2024 as submitted including the date change.

Commission Member Mr. Hendrix seconded the motion.

Upon Voice Vote, the motion PASSED 5-0 unanimously.

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross requested that the August 15, 2024 that there be a motion to approve the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission Meeting for August 15, 2024 with a correction in name spelling from Lou to Lew.

Commission Member Mr. Busch made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 15, 2024 Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission Meeting including the spelling name change from Lou to Lew.

Commission Member Mr. Hendrix seconded the motion

Commission Member Mr. Jameson requested to be abstained from the vote since he wasn’t a sitting member of the commission on that date.

Upon Voice Vote, the motion Passed 4-0, with 1 abstained

Invoices & Reimbursements:

No Invoices or Reimbursements for Commission Review.

Republic Rodeo: September 21, 2024

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross asked Republic representative Ms. Fox to discuss what the Rodeo is and why they would like to request to close the landfill for the day so employees can participate from various operations from around the state.

Republic representative Ms. Fox provided a brief overview and explanation of the annual event and its importance within the Republic Corporation to compete nationally for operators to exhibit their skills.

Commission Member Mr. Larry Jameson made the motion to approve the closure of the landfill for the day of September 21, 2024 for this rodeo.

Commission Member Mr. Busch seconded the motion.

Commission Vice Chair Ms. Ross called for a voice vote.

Upon Voice Vote, the motion PASSED 5-0 unanimously.

2023-2024 Audit Update:

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross – clarified that there is a number of modifications to the report that is in process. One specific item is on page 16 the board members needs to be corrected and page 6, paragraph feature on future events, Ms. Murphy was working on these items. Requested a motion to approve with those caveats or table until next month’s meeting.

Commission Member Mr. Larry Jameson made a motion to table the vote until the next month’s October meeting.

Commission Member Mr. Hendrix seconded the motion

Upon Voice Vote, the motion to table PASSED 5-0 unanimously

Buzzard Update:

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross noted that USDA will be providing the commission a quote to do an assessment to this situation, approximately another month to get a quote on cost to deal with issue. A general discussion pursued regarding Buzzard type, and options on how to deal with this issue.

Commission Member Mr. Jameson raised a question if anyone had invited a member of TDRA to come to one of our commission meetings to personally address this situation with the public. Made recommendation that an invitation be sent to TDRA to have a member come to an upcoming meeting, Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross to follow up with Chairman Mr. Waller regarding this recommendation.

Daily Coverage:

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross – raised concern that some photos had been presented to Chairman Mr. Waller on this matter and that Republic has been working on providing these.

Republic representative Ms. Fox reported that she was either taking or getting daily cover photos Monday – Saturday as part of the requirements to provide. The ADC special material is only used Monday – Friday. This requirement is part of the permit for the use of the special ADC material.

Landfill Expansion – Part II:

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross requested an update:

Republic Mr. David Hollinshead just received an email from the central office. The draft permit has been executed by the director, triggering a date for public hearings, now trying to find date to set up public hearing. It should be scheduled within the next 30 – 45 days.

Commission Member Mr. Jameson raise a question regarding public hearing, once done with that, what’s the projected timeframe?

Republic representative Mr. Hollinshead responded, still hoping for constructed airspace by the end of the year.

Commission Vice Chair Ms. Ross raised a question regarding the date on the final date for airspace and if it would change.

Republic representative Mr. Hollinshead stated yes, that once the permit is final and airspace is constructed there will be a new airspace date.

Republic Report: representative David Hollinshead provided general comments, as of the printing of the reports, no monthly inspection had been done. Ms. Fox had her monthly inspection today and will forward a hard document to the commission once the file is completed.

Operations:

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross raised a question regarding the Liberty Tire situation.

Republic Representative Mr. Hollinshead shared that he was supposed to be having a meeting Liberty Tires last week, trying to set up direct meeting to discuss why they are no longer providing tires into our landfills. It is understood Liberty is taking its tires now into Knox County which is less travel. Republic will provide more information after discussions with Liberty Tires is completed.

Host & Security Fees:

Nothing noted.

Airspace Utilization Report:

Nothing noted.

TDEC Inspection:

Nothing noted.

Loudon Financial Information:

Nothing noted.

Complaints Update

Nothing noted.

Commission Member Mr. Jameson raised a question on how much out of town waste was currently being accepted into the landfill, since at one time it was in the range of 16%. Mr. Jameson went on to make a request for a report monthly on how much out of town waste is coming into the landfill.

Republic representative Mr. Hollinshead responded that the volume levels remain fairly constant in that 16% range and agreed to the request for providing a monthly update of

the actual volumes being accepted going forward. To be provide as part of the next month's report.

Commission Member Mr. Jameson made a comment that he made a visit to the Landfill and Ms. Fox took him on a tour. He noted that they are doing a real good job, some places for improvement. Ms. Fox presented what their plan is, and Mr. Jameson believes the plan is a good plan. Witnessed them putting down additional rock on the drives to catch more mud. However, they are still dealing with the dust onto the road out of the landfill.

Action Items:

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross noted the following action items as identified for next month's meeting at this time.

- 1.) Talk with Adam to have USDA come to discuss the buzzard problem
- 2.) Republic to have discussion with Liberty on the tire situation
- 3.) Republic to add out of town waste report to the next months Republic report package.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion duly being made by Commission Member Mr. Jameson to adjourn the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission meeting.

Commission Member Mr. Hendrix seconded the Motion.

Commission Vice Chairman Ms. Ross asked for a voice vote.

Upon Voice Vote being taken, the Motion PASSED 5-0 unanimously.

The September 19, 2024, Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission was adjourned at 6:38p.m.

The next Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission meeting will be held October 17, 2024, at 6:00p.m. at the Loudon County Annex Building.

Respectfully Submitted by Gary M Busch LCSWDC Secretary,

Adam Waller - Chairman

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Committee

NOTE: Full Video of LCSWDC meeting can be found at

[Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission Meeting, September 19, 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)