

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
May 8, 2012

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on May 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Jim Akins, Aprell Patterson, Ted Sitzlar, Bill Waldrop, and John Watkins. Other attendees included Attorney Bud Gilbert; Santek representatives Lisa Humphres and Levi Higdon; Gordon Harless, Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter, Lawrence Johnson and an unidentified resident.

Mr. Field called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Field asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2012.

MOTION: Mr. Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes. Ted Sitzlar seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Field asked for Items of Public Concern. Mr. Johnson offered several opinions related to landfill operations, Commission decisions and legal counsel.

Ms. Humphres presented the Cash Activity Reports for both March and April. Ms. Humphres stated the March Cash Activity Report reflects the Landfill Host Fees and Closure/Post Closure Security Fees from February.

Ms. Humphres presented Santek's Operations Report. During the Landfill Tonnage Report, special mention was made regarding a one-week closure of Kimberly Clark's facility resulting in a reduction in April's monthly tonnage total. Ms. Humphres displayed the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day brochure. Santek paid for the printing of 2,000 copies of the brochure for the event that took place April 14, 2012. Gordon Harless told the Commission the event went well, although volumes were less than last year's event. There is no official count of residents who took advantage of this service. He also mentioned since the convenience center began accepting paint earlier in the year, this may have affected the overall turnout.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Gilbert announced to the Commission there has been a change in his hourly rate. According to his firm's engagement letter with the Commission, hourly rates are reviewed each year by his firm and subject to adjustment as of the first of the year. Mr. Gilbert stated he tries to maintain the same hourly rate for at least three years, but with the poor economy has not adjusted his rates charged to the Commission since 2008. A letter from Mr. Gilbert was mailed out earlier this year with the Commission's billing confirming an increase in Mr. Gilbert's hourly rate from \$200.00 to \$245.00. The effective date is January 1, 2012. Mr. Gilbert said under his firm's engagement letter with the Commission notification of any such rate change is required, but the Commission is not required to approve it since his firm serves at the pleasure of the Commission and may be released at any time.

Mr. Gilbert apologized for the confusion regarding the cancellation of the Commission's April meeting. To ensure proper notification of all Board members, he distributed a contact sheet and asked everyone to update their information. A revised contact sheet will be presented at the next commission meeting.

The 2011 audit has been completed and Mr. Gilbert presented it the Commission.

MOTION: Bill Waldrop made motion to accept the audit. Jim Akins seconded the motion. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Gilbert handed out a LCSWDC Term History to be reviewed by the Commission. Several of the terms were incorrect since state law requires the appointments to be for terms of six years, unless the appointment is to fill a vacancy, in which case it should be for the remainder of the original six year term. Mr. Field asked Mr. Gilbert to draft a letter from him to the County Mayor, requesting corrections to the terms of those appointments that Mr. Gilbert identified as being in error.

Also during the Attorney's report, Mr. Gilbert provided the Commission with a Contract for Mowing Services agreement for the property located at 21884 Highway 72. The term of this agreement is for one year. The Commission reviewed the agreement.

MOTION: John Watkins made a motion to accept the agreement. Mr. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gilbert provided the Commission with Loudon County Commission Resolution 020408-A regarding the amendment of the Commission's creation agreement to reflect its adoption of a Code of Ethics as required by state law. Mr. Field asked this document be placed on the website in addition to being placed in the Commission manuals.

Mr. Gilbert informed the Commission of the 2.4%-increase in the landfill's closure/post-closure bond amount required by the State. The bond amount required was adjusted based on the U.S. Consumer GNP Index.

Mr. Field told the Commission he is moving forward with determining the landfill's projected final elevation in order to complete a viewshed analysis.

Mr. Field told the Commission it is time to move forward with the development of a master plan for Matlock Bend. Mr. Akins agreed to chair the committee or planning group that is established by the Commission for this project. Mr. Field will work with Mr. Gilbert to draft a committee charter and finalize it prior to the committee's selection by the Commission.

Mr. Waldrop told the Commission he is still exploring solar power generation and its possible use at the landfill. Mr. Waldrop is to continue researching the economics of this type of system. Mr. Field agrees it could be a good use for Loudon County's real estate.

Mr. Watkins shared with the Commission information about a glass crushing and recycling machine. The Cumberland County Solid Waste Department purchased this equipment and has been keeping glass out of that area's landfill and reducing tipping fees while creating a recycled product that is marketable to the public. The equipment crushes and refinishes the glass while removing sharp edges. This glass is being sold to the public to be used for decorative landscaping as well as other household uses. Mr. Watkins and Mr. Harless will continue to explore the benefits of this equipment for Loudon County.

MOTION: Mr. Waldrop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 and Ted Sitzlar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is June 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission