

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
July 8, 2014

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on July 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Larry Jameson, Brian Jenkins, Jim Akins, Tom Paul and Robert Harrison. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Gordon Harless; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson, Levi Higdon, Kenny Fuquea and Brent Barnes; Ira Rainey from Tate & Lyle; residents Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter and Dara Cummins; and several unidentified citizens.

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

MOTION: Mr. Paul made a motion to approve the June 10, 2014 minutes. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no Items of Public Concern.

Mr. Rainey addressed the Commission and said that after much deliberation and study, Tate & Lyle has made a corporate decision to begin a 100-percent diversion of its waste streams from the Matlock Bend Landfill. He said ash will be used to make cement block. Bio sludge is currently being land applied in a trial study to gain state approval to use the material as a capping agent. Mr. Rainey said within the next 30 to 60 days, Tate & Lyle will begin phasing all of its waste material out of the Matlock Bend Landfill which will give the company a green footprint. Mr. Harrison said he was shocked but extremely pleased with Tate & Lyle's decision, and commended the company for its commitment to the environment.

Ms. Dunson presented the June 2014 Cash Activity Report. Mr. Field said he's hopeful next month's report will designate a separate line item for the Poplar Springs closure and post-closure reserve expenses. He said financial statements from 1993 indicate the Commission took action to combine Poplar Springs Landfill funds with the general fund. Mr. Field said he is working with Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller to determine an appropriate amount of accrued interest to be added to the Poplar Springs' fund that was initially established with approximately \$437,000.

During Santek's Operations Report, Ms. Dunson reported that it's likely the landfill will also lose a considerable amount of Kimberly Clark waste which has been approved as alternative daily cover at the Meadow Branch Landfill in Athens. Mr. Jameson asked Ms. Dunson who gave approval for this use. Ms. Dunson said the approval came from regulators in the Chattanooga Field Office of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Mr. Jameson said he was concerned about opening the door to out-of-county waste in the advent of losing waste streams from Tate & Lyle and Kimberly Clark. Mr. Harrison said the number of landfills in the geographic area creates competition in the marketplace. Mr. Field reminded the Commission that during a fifth Monday meeting with the landfill's stakeholders in 2004 there was a distinct consensus to accept some out-of-county waste to keep tipping fees reasonable for the stakeholders. Mr. Jameson stated again he was concerned about replacing local waste streams with out-of-county waste.

Mr. Stevens presented the Commission with a report from Dr. Bob Bachus with GeoSyntec concerning Santek's Tier II Air Testing. In the report, Mr. Bachus acknowledges Santek was generally correct in its assessment of the emission thresholds and there were no major issues to be addressed.

Mr. Stevens also provided a copy of an assessment from Dr. Bachus related to Santek's conceptual proposal to amend the contract for changes in the closure/post-closure accruals and phased closing. If the

Commission is in agreement with the framework for the contract modifications, Mr. Field said he will ask Dr. Bachus to provide input and a cost proposal to assist with the contract negotiations. Mr. Field said the challenge will be addressing the final elevation of the major permit modification with a minor modification later to lower the elevation. He also told the Commission it must determine how much money to allocate to the joint control account. Mr. Harrison asked if there were any odd state laws that could endanger the money in the account. Mr. Stevens said that he was not aware of any state laws that could impact the joint control account. He also noted that he was comfortable that the funds will be adequately protected in the joint control account, given that Santek has a similar account with Jefferson County, Alabama which protected the funds through a bankruptcy proceeding.

A resident asked the Commission if the Loudon County Commission would have any input in the contract negotiations. Mr. Field said he will interact with all of the stakeholders and keep them apprised of the Commission's progress. He also said he anticipates the negotiation process will take at least three to four more months to conclude.

MOTION: Mr. Harrison made a motion to hire Dr. Bachus to assist with the contract negotiation at a rate of \$220 per hour not to exceed a total of 24 hours. Mr. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Paul said he's been studying investment options, and estimates the Commission could invest \$1 million in host fees and \$1.2 million in closure/post-closure funds. Mr. Field recommended not including the Poplar Springs' funds in the investment options. Mr. Field asked Mr. Paul to work with Mr. Miller to create a plan for the investment options.


Mr. Field said he received a call from Jamie Miller who mows the Purdy property. A large apple tree has fallen and Mr. Miller offered to cut up the tree and remove it for \$350. Mr. Harrison suggested alternative uses for the wood and said he would gauge the interest of members of the art community.

Mr. Field said he was working with Loudon County Mayor Estelle Herron to locate the Commission's financial statements dating back to 1993. He said financial statements appear to be missing from 1996 and 1998.

MOTION: Mr. Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Mr. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is August 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission