

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
August 12, 2014

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on August 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Larry Jameson, John Watkins, Tom Paul and Robert Harrison. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Gordon Harless; Santek representative Cheryl Dunson; a member of the local media, and several citizens.

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

MOTION: Mr. Paul made a motion to approve the July 8, 2014 minutes. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion. Mr. Field indicated there was a typo on page two. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Pat Hunter asked commissioners to use the microphones because she said audience members have difficulty hearing some commissioners. She distributed a news article about a meeting of the Greene County Industrial Development Board and a legal opinion from the State of Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Open Records Counsel regarding the public's right to adequately hear the proceedings of a public meeting.

Ms. Dunson presented the July 2014 Cash Report. Mr. Field said he's been working with Tracy Blair in the Loudon County Finance Department to designate closure funds for the Poplar Springs Landfill on the report. However, he said the department has not had an opportunity to work on it because of their budget cycle. Mr. Harrison asked who would be responsible for the Poplar Springs Landfill if expenses exceeded the amount in reserve. Mr. Stevens said the stakeholders would be responsible in such event.

During Santek's Operations Report, Mr. Harrison asked Ms. Dunson to take a look at the percentages of municipal solid waste compared to special waste to determine if there was a trend emerging in which the volume of waste streams was becoming more equal. Mr. Jameson asked Ms. Dunson why Knox County's waste volumes had doubled from the first quarter in 2014 to the second quarter in 2014. She said she would look into it and report back to the Commission. Mr. Harrison asked Ms. Dunson to obtain waste origin reports for the Meadow Branch Landfill and the Chestnut Ridge Landfill.

Ms. Dunson gave an update on Santek's response to the major permit modification's Notice of Deficiency (NOD) from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the modifications to the landfill operations agreement. She said the NOD process has slowed since there's less of a sense of urgency due to the impending reduction of industrial wastes. She also said Mr. Field met with Santek representatives on July 25th to discuss lowering the final elevation of the landfill. Ms. Dunson said Santek's engineering department is working to determine how the change in elevation would affect the airspace availability and remaining life of the landfill; how it would affect the current closure and engineering plans; and how it would affect Santek's amortization costs. Mr. Harrison said, ideally, the Commission should give future Commissions the most positive options possible, whether it be to close the landfill at the end of Santek's contract or to continue with landfill operations. He also said the Commission should pursue the major permit modification at the currently proposed elevations and secure as much space as possible. Mr. Harrison also said changes could be made to Santek's contract to change the elevations. He said the Commission's discussions on elevation should be based on economics and engineering. Mr. Field indicated during his conversations with Santek that a modification to the major permit modification should be implemented not only to cap the final elevation of the landfill at the current

elevation but also to reduce the landfill footprint to accommodate the 20 year term of the landfill operations agreement leaving two years of landfill life remaining at the end of the term.

Mr. Paul presented the Commission with a draft memorandum to Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller with instructions to invest the Commission's closure funds. He recommended depositing \$500,000 in a four-year Certificate of Deposit (CD); \$500,000 in a two-year CD; and \$200,000 in a one-year CD. Mr. Paul said any investments longer than two years must be approved by the Loudon County Investment Committee. Mr. Stevens said, to his knowledge, he didn't believe the Investment Committee has ever met. Mr. Field also said the timing of sending the memo is a challenge due to the transition of a new county commission. He said he was inclined not to act tonight and wait until the new county mayor and county commissioners had taken office. Mr. Paul said he disagreed and said the Commission should send the memo to the trustee so it will be in line to be placed on the new county commission's agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Paul made a motion to send the memo to the county trustee with the instruction to invest \$200,000 in a four-year CD; \$500,000 in a two-year CD; and \$500,000 in a one-year CD; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. Mr. Stevens stressed the proposed investment plan could leave the Commission with minimal operating funds. After further discussion among the Commission, Mr. Paul amended his motion to invest \$250,000 in a two-year CD and \$250,000 in a one-year CD. Mr. Watkins said he couldn't support tying up the Commission's money at this time. The motion failed 2-3. Mr. Paul and Mr. Harrison voted for the motion. Mr. Field, Mr. Jameson and Mr. Watkins voted against the motion.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to make a presentation to the new Loudon County Commission about the landfill and the solid waste Commission. Mr. Field said a suggestion was made at the county commission's recent workshop to hold a stakeholders' meeting in September or October to discuss the landfill, answer questions, and poll stakeholders about their thoughts. Mr. Jameson withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Mr. Harrison made a motion to send short pieces of reading material about the landfill and the Commission to new county commissioners on a monthly basis. He suggested the first piece of information should be the interlocal government agreement. The motion died for lack of second.

There were no issues or topics of discussion during the Attorney's Report or the Chairman Report.

Mr. Paul reported that Tellico Village had been going through the process of requesting proposals for solid waste collection and disposal services. He indicated that Tellico Village had requested alternative pricing proposals from interested parties reflecting the cost of disposing the waste at the Matlock Bend Landfill.

Mr. Jameson asked the Commission to consider leasing the Purdy House to an interested party for a residence or office space. He said the house appears to be in good shape and is sitting idle. He also said the Commission is paying upkeep and maintenance on something that's not being used. Mr. Field suggested that Mr. Stevens give consideration to potential terms for a lease agreement and draft a proposed lease for the Commission's consideration if there was an interested tenant. Mr. Jameson asked commissioners how much they thought the house be rented for. Mr. Harrison said there would be less liability for the Commission if it structured the lease as a land lease and not a house lease. He also suggested leasing the property for \$200 to \$800 per month. Mr. Jameson agreed to perform an inspection of the house and report back to the Commission

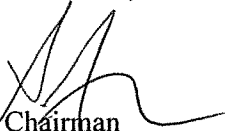
MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to officially chair the Purdy House project. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Harless announced the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held September 20th at the Loudon County Justice Center from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is September 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission