

**Minutes**  
**Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission**  
**September 9, 2014**

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on September 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Larry Jameson, John Watkins, Robert Harrison, Jim Akins and Kelly Littleton-Brewster. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson, Kenny Fuquea and Brent Barnes; a member of the local media; Aileen Longmire; and several other unidentified citizens.

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

He announced the resignation of Commissioner Brian Jenkins and said Loudon County Commissioner Kelly Littleton-Brewster had been appointed to replace him on the Commission. Mr. Field welcomed Ms. Littleton-Brewster to the Commission. Mr. Field also said Gordon Harless was no longer working for Loudon County, effective as of September 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

**MOTION:** Mr. Watkins made a motion to approve the August 12, 2014 minutes. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, an unidentified resident asked why the closure/post-closure funds for the Poplar Springs Landfill were not separated from other Commission funds held with the Loudon County Trustee. Mr. Field said he is working with the Loudon County Finance Director to separate the money from the Commission's other funds used for operations and closure/post-closure for the Matlock Bend Landfill. He also said he is working with the Trustee to attempt to calculate a reasonable amount of interest that would have accrued on those funds over time.

Ms. Dunson presented the August 2014 Cash Report. She also provided the Commission with updated Cash Reports for May 2014 and June 2014 which reflect interest received from the County Trustee. Mr. Watkins asked Ms. Dunson about the line item expenditure of \$2,930.35 entitled "Consultants" in the August 2014 report. Ms. Dunson said she would have to inquire with Erin Rice with the Loudon County Finance Department who compiles the report.

During Santek's Operations Report, Ms. Dunson reported the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) approved Santek's minor modification permit request for a wheel wash. Mr. Fuquea also announced Santek Waste Services secured the Tellico Village residential waste collection contract and would begin providing service November 1<sup>st</sup>. He said the new account totals approximately 3,000 tons of waste per year that will be disposed of at the Matlock Bend Landfill.

Ms. Dunson gave updates on Santek's response to the major permit modification's Notice of Deficiency (NOD) from TDEC 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 at the landfill. She also said Santek engineering personnel believed it was more prudent to wait to incorporate any changes into the permitting process resulting from contract agreement negotiations.

Ms. Dunson said Santek's engineering department estimates it will cost approximately 29 cents per ton to not take the landfill any higher than its current elevation. This figure does not include an amount for closure/post-closure care and is made on the assumption that Santek is successful in obtaining the major permit modification. She said the landfill would ultimately lose approximately 735,000 tons of airspace or approximately one million cubic yards by remaining at the current elevation. The 29-cent-per-ton estimate is Santek's increased cost of amortization to develop the landfill due to the airspace reduction. Mr. Field

asked Ms. Dunson why Santek couldn't include an increase in the tipping fee to accommodate the 29 cents per ton. Mr. Fuquea replied market conditions are too competitive to begin adding additional costs to the tipping fee. Mr. Field recommended not making a decision about the landfill's elevation tonight, but rather working with Dr. Bob Bacchus with GeoSyntec to review Santek's calculations. Mr. Watkins said he would interested to learn the cost and landfill airspace implications associated with building the landfill in 10-foot incremental lifts. Mr. Field reminded the Commission that the recent work performed by Santek's engineering department is above and beyond its scope of services, and comes at an additional price to the Commission. Mr. Jameson and Mr. Watkins indicated as long as Santek's engineering prices are reasonable, it would be a benefit to the Commission to help it to evaluate all options.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens reported on the potential lease of the Purdy house. He said the property and surrounding property is zoned A-1 for Agriculture, so there could be no commercial use of the property other than a home office. Ms. Littleton-Brewster asked whether the county commission or the solid waste disposal commission would have potential liability for injuries and property damages that occur on the property. Mr. Stevens said the solid waste disposal commission is potentially liable for such damages because the property is owned by the Commission. He noted that the Commission maintains general liability insurance for this purpose.

As a follow up to the investment of the Commission's funds, Mr. Stevens said the Commission must confirm the amount of money currently set aside specifically for closure/post-closure care. He also said Mr. Field has approached the county commission about waiving the county trustee's fee to manage the Commission's money or otherwise rebate it back to the Commission. Mr. Field added that he attended a county commission meeting the evening before the Commission's meeting and broached those subject matters with the commissioners. He also said the county commission is considering convening the investment committee.

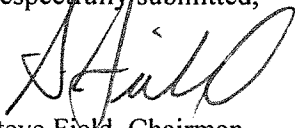
Per Mr. Harrison's request, Ms. Dunson distributed quarterly origin reports for the Meadow Branch Landfill in Athens and the Chestnut Ridge Landfill in Anderson County. The reports represented the second quarter of 2014, and indicated more than 20,000 tons of waste left Loudon County and were disposed of in Waste Connections' Meadow Branch Landfill as opposed to 400 tons from Loudon County going to Waste Management's Chestnut Ridge Landfill.

Mr. Field said he's working with the new Loudon County Mayor and Commission Chairman to schedule the annual stakeholders' meeting with representatives from Loudon County and the cities of Lenoir City and Loudon. However, due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting may be pushed back until after the first of the new year.

**MOTION:** Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is October 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman

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