

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
March 10, 2015

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on March 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Larry Jameson, Robert Harrison, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, John Watkins, Tom Paul and Art Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson and Raymond Givens; Loudon County Convenience Centers Director Chris Parks; residents Betty Jo McAllister, Ray Chadwick, Pat Hunter, Aileen Longmire and Patrick Clark; a member of the local media; and several unidentified residents.

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

Mr. Jameson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

Mr. Field said public comments during the meeting will be limited to Items of Public Concern. He said he's been told the Commission meetings are too long and unstructured. Mr. Field said his intent was to adhere to the agenda and asked the public to structure any comments with the intent of offering suggested solutions to any issues they may have.

MOTION: Mr. Paul made a motion to accept the minutes of February 10, 2015 as corrected. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Longmire said she requested a copy of the court reporter's transcripts from the Commission's 2014. Ms. Dunson said her boss did not give her permission to release the transcripts and they are Santek's property. Ms. Longmire said she wanted the minutes to document the presence of a court reporter was highly irregular incident. Ms. Dunson said because the process of combining the reporter's transcripts into one document took approximately six hours, Santek recognized it was not an efficient manner in which to take the minutes.

Mr. Chadwick said it was inaccurately stated at the Commission's February meeting that all receipts are sent to Loudon County Finance Director Tracie Blair who signs off on them. He also said any commissioner wanting to attend the upcoming solid waste conference in Gatlinburg should pay for the event personally.

Ms. Hunter suggested adding more detail to the Commission's agenda under Attorney's Report and Chairman's Report. She said this would allow everyone to organize their thoughts, concerns and questions. She also asked permission to follow up later in the meeting on the letter sent to Sen. Randy McNally for an Attorney General's Opinion and the audit.

The February Cash Report was not available for review.

During Santek's Operations Report, Mr. Jameson asked if the entrance to the landfill could be better lit and Ms. Dunson stated that Santek would look into the matter. Ms. Dunson also said she was prepared to give an official presentation/proposal to the Commission to live fund the closure/post-closure account. It would involve lowering the landfill's height, using all of the available footprint and extending the life of the Operating Agreement. She said before Santek personnel invest many hours into preparing an official proposal, she wanted to gauge the Commission's interest. Several members of the Commission indicated an interest in hearing the proposal. Mr. Field asked if Dr. Bob Bachus with GeoSyntec Consultants should validate Santek's assumptions. Ms. Littleton-Brewster suggested the board wait until they had an

opportunity to see the proposal. Mr. Harrison asked how much legal lee-way the Commission has to extend the Agreement. Mr. Stevens said he has raised concerns regarding that issue, but he noted that provisions could be added to Agreement to clarify the responsibilities of the parties in the event the Agreement is challenged in court. Ms. Dunson said she would make a formal proposal to the Commission at its next meeting.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens said a Property Usage and Indemnity Agreement for the Loudon Fire and Rescue Squad's use of the Purdy property had been approved by the fire chief as written.

MOTION: Mr. Watkins made a motion to authorize Mr. Field to execute the Agreement. Mr. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens presented the Commission with a minor amendment to the Operating Agreement with Santek, reflecting a change in the administration of the State tire grant program to a tire reimbursement program.

MOTION: Mr. Watkins made a motion to authorize Mr. Field to execute the amendment to the Operating Agreement. Ms. Littleton-Brewster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens said the auditor will make a presentation at the Commission's next meeting about the audit.

According to the Commission's by-laws, Mr. Stevens said it was time for the election of officers. At Ms. Littleton-Brewster's request, the election was deferred until the Commission's next meeting.

During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Field produced two more view sheds of the landfill from Dr. Bachus, taken from the Stop-n-Shop on Hwy. 72 and from Tennessee National. Mr. Watkins emphasized the views from Tennessee National didn't have any trees. Mr. Harrison asked if closure of the slopes facing Tennessee National could be performed incrementally with vegetative cover and trees.

Mr. Field said additional sampling at the Poplar Springs Landfill indicated outflow water was leaving the landfill's detention pond and, although the water isn't pristine, it isn't posing an acute problem. He said the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation should complete a report to the land owners by the end of the month, stating any areas that need to be addressed.

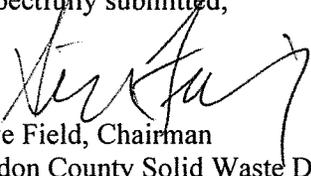
Mr. Paul presented the Commission with a draft letter of appreciation to former landfill manager Levi Higdon. The Commission approved the content of the letter.

Mr. Paul distributed a spreadsheet and narrative related to the potential investment of the commission's funds in staggered four-year CDs. He said for every \$100,000 invested, the Commission could earn an approximate 75-percent gain over time. Mr. Jameson asked if the Loudon County Commission established an Investment Committee. Mr. Field said if the Committee had been formed, it had never met. He also said the Loudon County Trustee didn't advise investing funds any longer than two years. Mr. Field asked Mr. Paul to come up with a plan by the Commission's next meeting to give to the County Commission.

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

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is April 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Field", written over the printed name below.

Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission