

**Minutes**  
**Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission**  
**September 15, 2015**

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on September 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, John Watkins, Larry Jameson, Art Stewart, Robert Harrison and Bruce Hamilton. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson and Raymond Givens; and residents Aileen Longmire, Richard Anklin, Kaye Wallace, Jackie Trady and Betty Jo McAllister.

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.

**MOTION:** Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2015. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Longmire asked Mr. Field why there was no agenda available to the public prior to the Commission's meeting. Mr. Field said he forgot to send the agenda to Steve Fritts at Loudon County in sufficient time prior to the meeting, but added that the Commission isn't required to post an agenda prior to a meeting. He noted that the Commission routinely does so as a courtesy to the public.

Mr. Anklin said he had a difficult time understanding how Santek's proposal to live fund the closure/post-closure account at a \$1.62 per ton would solve the Commission's anticipated deficit in closure and post-closure funds. He also asked the Commission when a new contract amendment would be written and who would write it. Mr. Stevens said the proposal was currently in conceptual form from Santek and there needed to be a consensus from the Commission about the direction to proceed before attorneys are engaged to write contract language. Mr. Anklin asked if GeoSyntec worked for Santek previously. Mr. Dunson said GeoSyntec had been hired previously by Santek on a limited basis to gain approval from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to use the Kimberly Clark paper waste as alternative daily cover at the landfill. Mr. Harrison said he raised the issue of any perceived conflict of interest with GeoSyntec at the Commission's August meeting.

Ms. Dunson presented the August Cash Report. Mr. Field said there was a \$6,000 expenditure from the Poplar Spring Landfill Sub-account to hire an engineering firm to write a report addressing environmental concerns.

Ms. Dunson presented Santek's Operations Report. She said the landfill was experiencing difficulty getting trailers from Liberty Tire, and waste from PSC Metals was being disposed of in another landfill. She said Santek doesn't expect to receive the PSC Metals waste again. Mr. Field said he would be speaking with State Rep. Jimmy Matlock to see if anything could be done legislatively to make more options available for tire recycling and to solicit involvement from TDEC. Mr. Jameson suggested renting interchange storage trailers.

Ms. Dunson distributed a memo from Santek providing clarification to questions posed by the Commission last month related to Santek's Live Fund Closure/Post-closure Proposal. Mr. Watkins said the landfill life estimates are extremely sensitive to waste volumes, and asked Santek to run life estimates at 350 tons per day and 300 tons per day, respectively. Mr. Field said as the Commission moves through the process of evaluating the proposal, it should consider hiring a third-party engineering firm to see if

Santek's numbers make sense related to life, waste volumes and soil quantities. Mr. Field suggested Dr. Bob Bacchus with GeoSyntec because of his familiarity with the landfill and its history. Mr. Jameson and Ms. Littleton-Brewster expressed concern with the public appearance of retaining GeoSyntec as a consultant after it had performed certain work for Santek. Mr. Jameson and Ms. Littleton-Brewster also stated that the Commission was still evaluating all the potential issues associated with Santek's conceptual proposal and was not yet in a position to retain a third-party consultant. Mr. Stevens said the Commission hasn't given Santek any input or response to the initial proposal. Ms. Littleton-Brewster and Mr. Jameson both agreed it would be prudent to compile a list of questions from the Commission, its stakeholders, and constituents about the proposal, and to discuss the proposal at the stakeholders' future work sessions. Mr. Field said he hopes to have a list of points to review at the Commission's October meeting.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens distributed a list of invoices related to the Poplar Springs Landfill. He said it was appropriate to bring all invoices to the Commission for transparency purposes, acknowledging the Commission has reviewed the invoices and that they have been approved in writing by the stakeholders. He also said he was in the process of updating the Commissioners' manuals, and reviewing the Commission's policies and procedures.

During the Chairman's report, Mr. Field said that the didn't pay any legal bills this month due to the billing and payment cycles, and the bill for the newspaper notices about the Commission's meeting totaled \$159.00. Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a request that future LSCWDC Financial Reports reflect the particular invoice month for all legal invoices paid each month. Mr. Field also noted that Loudon County publishes meeting notices once a year and asked Commissioners if they wanted to begin the same practice in December.

Mr. Field gave the Commission an update on the landfill tours with various Commissioners and county elected officials. Mr. Jameson suggested holding an open house with a tour for the general public.

**MOTION:** Mr. Jameson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Littleton-Brewster and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman  
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission