

**Minutes**  
**Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission**  
**October 13, 2015**

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Larry Jameson, Art Stewart, Robert Harrison and Bruce Hamilton. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Chris Parks with Loudon County; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson and Raymond Givens; and residents Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter, Richard Anklin, Kaye Wallace, 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:** Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2015. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no Items of Public Concern.

Ms. Dunson presented the August Cash Report. She indicated there were no line items for Host Fees or Security Fees because the check didn't clear Santek's account until October 8th. Also, Ms. Dunson indicated \$18,995.50 were paid in legal fees to counsel for the stakeholders out of the Poplar Springs Landfill Subaccount for services related to the Poplar Springs Landfill investigation.

Ms. Dunson presented Santek's Operations Report. She said the Kimberly-Clark waste had been approved by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC). Mr. Harrison asked if the waste will be classified differently. Ms. Dunson said Santek will continue to charge the same amount per ton for the waste. Therefore, it will not be reclassified. Ms. Dunson also said there was an error in the Host fee/Security Fee letter and she will resend a corrected version to the Commission.

Regarding the proposed contract amendment to live fund the Commission's closure/post-closure account, Ms. Dunson said she was asked by the Commission last month to run landfill life estimates at 350 tons per day and 300 tons per day, respectively. At 300 tons per day, the landfill will have 33 years of remaining airspace after the proposed 15-year contract extension and 24.3 years of life after the proposed contract extension at 350 tons per day.

During the Attorney Report, Mr. Stevens said at this stage of the negotiations the Commission needs to address any concerns they have with the Santek proposal or make a counterproposal. He added that once the Commission has more of a consensus on the direction in which it wants to proceed with the contract modification negotiations, it should present an outline summarizing the negotiations to its stakeholders for consideration. Mr. Stevens also said the Commission should retain a third-party engineer at some point in time to evaluate Santek's proposal. Mr. Field said he is uncomfortable extending the contract for an additional 15 years. Mr. Jameson said he was concerned with the financial aspects to the Commission once the extended management term was complete. Mr. Field said TDEC is advocating waste reduction goals and Santek's business model is to bury garbage is contradictive to TDEC goals. Ms. Dunson said Santek is evolving into a vertically integrated solid waste management company that provides residential recycling to many of its customers including the cities of Hoover and Gardendale, Alabama as well as Tellico Village.

Mr. Jameson said he would be more inclined to do something with Santek if the company was willing to give some immediate financial relief to the Commission or help the Commission's closure/post-closure account get whole quicker. Mr. Stevens suggested the Commission review the proposal and make some sort of counterproposal to Santek. He asked Commissioners to send him their specific comments regarding Santek's proposal.

Mr. Field said he received a letter from TDEC evaluating Loudon County's recycling rates. TDEC said the County reduced its waste stream by 40 percent according to the base year and by 31 percent in real time.

Mr. Field distributed a spreadsheet to the Commission that depicted the earmarked closure/post-closure funds accrued since the execution of the current contract with Santek in 2007. It totals \$1,545,401.59. He asked the Commission if it wants to establish a separate account for this money, and does it want to take some of the funds and invest it differently than what is currently being done by the county trustee. Mr. Harrison said he would talk to the trustee.

Mr. Field said he talked with the Loudon County Mayor who said lawyers on both sides are making progress towards a settlement on the Poplar Springs Landfill. Ms. Littleton-Brewster questioned the \$18,995.50 in legal disbursements related to the Poplar Springs matter. Mr. Stevens agreed these disbursements didn't match the roughly \$11,000 expenditure from the subaccount last month. Mr. Field said he would talk with Tracie in the Loudon County Finance Department to clarify the situation.

Mr. Parks announced that the County will hold its Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event September 19, 2015 at the Loudon County Justice Center.

Mr. Harrison told the Commission that he was contacted recently by a reputable real estate agent about a 75-acre to 100-acre tract of land for a solar farm. Mr. Harrison said if the closed portion of the Matlock Bend Landfill was appropriate, the company is willing to lease the property for 20 to 30 years for \$500 per acre per year.

**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 November 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman

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