

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
November 10, 2015

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on November 10, 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, John Watkins 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, Dennis Stewart, Jim Greenway, Lynn Millsaps and David Matlock.

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. Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015 with two corrections. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Hunter expressed her concern about the legality of the proposed contract amendment with Santek. She also said Tennessee National is growing as a community and ranks among the top 10 taxpayers in Loudon County.

Ms. Longmire said it was reported at last month's Commission meeting that Tate & Lyle and Kimberly Clark had pulled out of the Matlock Bend Landfill. She questioned adding 15 more years to Santek's contract to dispose of more waste at the landfill.

Ms. Dunson presented the August and September Cash Reports. The August Cash Report had been modified by the Loudon County Finance Director to reflect an increase in Investment Income.

During Santek's Operations Report, Mr. Jameson expressed concern about mud on the road following the recent rains and distributed pictures of the road to the Commission. Mr. Field said the landfill must take the same storm water prevention measures as a construction project. Mr. Givens said some drivers try to bypass the wheel wash and that he was going to use larger rock from the wheel wash to the scale house. Mr. Jameson suggested a pressurized wheel wash.

Regarding the proposed contract amendment to live fund the Commission's closure/post-closure account, Mr. Field asked the Commission if it was interested in engaging a third-party consultant to review Santek's proposal. Mr. Jameson said he would be interested in their qualifications. Mr. Stevens said the Commission isn't required to put out a Request For Proposals for professional services or an extension of an existing agreement where the Commission does not expend any funds. Ms. Littleton-Brewster said she wanted a third party that's neutral. Mr. Watkins said a third party who has experience and knowledge about the landfill was more important. Mr. Stevens said he was prepared to put together a framework with very specific questions and feedback about the proposal once the Commission was ready to proceed.

Mr. Field asked Commissioners if they thought a joint presentation about the proposal to the stakeholders was more preferable than individual presentations. Mr. Jameson and Ms. Littleton-Brewster both agreed the presentation would be more informative and have more of an impact if they were done at each stakeholders' monthly workshops after the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Mr. Stevens said the ball is in the Commission's court to give Santek some feedback to its proposal since Santek had developed and defined a high-level conceptual plan. He added the key issues the Commission

should initially consider include: the term of the contract extension; the footprint and final elevation of the landfill; the timing associated with the proposed closure/post-closure funding mechanism; and the method of compensation for use of adjacent property soil. Ms. Longmire asked if the footprint would be expanded. Mr. Field replied not beyond the property boundaries. Mr. Anklin asked if the Commission would be out of the landfill business at the end of Santek's current contract. Mr. Stevens reminded him that Santek's contract requires Santek to leave the landfill with two years of additional constructed airspace at the end of the contract term. Mr. Field said nobody knows what's going to happen in 2027 and the Commission should remain flexible while gaining control of its finances.

Mr. Stevens said a sales associate with a large international company had recently reached out to real estate brokers in the area about property for a solar farm. The company has expressed a preliminary interest to put a solar farm on closed portions of the Matlock Bend Landfill. Mr. Stevens said such a project would raise regulatory issues with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Ms. Littleton-Brewster asked Mr. Stevens how much has the company offered to pay the Commission for the use of its property. Mr. Stevens said approximately \$500 per acre per year. Mr. Watkins asked how many acres of the landfill were closed. Ms. Dunson said she would get an exact acreage amount from Santek engineering personnel.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens said he followed up about questions related to legal fees incurred by the stakeholders related to the Poplar Springs Landfill. He said the recent \$18,995.50 legal invoice pertained to the Luna Group retained by the stakeholders and was unrelated to the Commission or the Matlock Bend Landfill. Mr. Field said the Loudon County Mayor told him they're moving along at a reasonable pace to bring the site into compliance. Ms. Littleton-Brewster added aerial surveying of the Poplar Springs Landfill had recently been completed. She asked why is the Commission not voting on Poplar Springs Landfill invoice payments. Mr. Stevens replied the former landfill was not under the Commission's control and the Commission had not been invited to participate in the site remediation process. The only connection the Commission has to the former landfill is the closure/post-closure care money is held in the Commission's account.

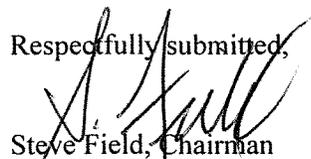
Mr. Parks reported the county's household hazardous waste collection event was held recently and participation was down from previous events. He also reported he was involved in a bid process for a storage facility for the county's recyclables in order to stockpile materials to gain better pricing during periods of market volatility.

Mr. Watkins asked about the Commission meeting at the landfill periodically throughout the year. Ms. Dunson said she was agreeable to such meetings.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m.. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is December 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman

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