

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
March 8, 2016

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on March 8, 2016 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, Bruce Hamilton and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Auditor Richard Hill; Chris Parks; Jim Greenway; Anthony Chitwood with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA); Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson and Raymond Givens; and residents Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter, Kaye Wallace and Betty Jo McAllister.

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

Ms. Littleton-Brewster led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

MOTION: Mr. Art Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2016. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Longmire asked if the remaining cells at the Matlock Bend Landfill included lateral and vertical extensions. Mr. Field responded that future cell construction will be vertical, per the current permit. Ms. Longmire also asked about the disposal of old televisions. Mr. Field replied that some televisions are being collected and stored while others are being disposed of in the landfill.

Ms. Dunson presented the Cash Activity Report. Mr. Field reported expenditures from the Poplar Springs subaccount were made to the Luna Law Firm for legal and consulting services related to the remedial efforts at the old Poplar Springs Landfill.

During Santek's Operations Report, Mr. Watkins asked Ms. Dunson to check on the decrease of Knox County waste volumes at Matlock Bend Landfill. Mr. Jameson asked Mr. Givens about the night lights on the Landfill's entrance sign. Mr. Jameson asked if Santek could use some help from Loudon Utilities on getting a permanent fix for the light and Mr. Givens said yes.

Mr. Hill presented the finalized audit for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Mr. Jameson asked if the closure/post-closure estimate could be shared with Santek since Santek said it will close any portions of the landfill that reach final elevation during the term of the Operations Agreement. Mr. Hill said yes going forward. Mr. Field said the Commission would need to define what specific portions of the Landfill Santek will close during the term of the Agreement. Mr. Jameson said funds for the Poplar Springs Landfill should be separated from the Matlock Bend Landfill funds in order to have more accurate financial records.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to accept the finalized audit. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Field said he met with Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller to discuss the Commission's investment options. Mr. Miller was unable to attend the Commission's meeting. Mr. Field said he asked Mr. Hamilton to work with Mr. Miller to bring some investment recommendations to the Commission for consideration.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens said the Commission continues to seek input from the landfill stakeholders to get direction on Santek's proposal to live fund the landfill's closure/post-closure account. He also said No Trespassing signs were previously posted on the Purdy property and would seek guidance from TWRA related to posting additional signs to specifically prohibit hunting at the property.

Mr. Parks was asked to give an update on the disposal of old televisions and computers CRTs. He said he talked to several counterparts in other counties and it appears Loudon County is the only county that is recycling these waste streams. Mr. Parks said there are very few vendors who will accept used televisions and CRTs. Mr. Jameson said he preferred to keep them out of the landfill, but he said some Loudon County Commissioners are unwilling to share in the expense of recycling the TVs and CRTs. Mr. Field said Roane County charges a \$5 per unit fee to accept these materials. Mr. Jameson asked if the Commission could ban CRTs and TVs from the landfill which would be an extreme measure. Mr. Field said he's working with Santek to establish a program which would ultimately require a small charge. He said the Loudon County convenience centers are not structured to accept money. He asked if there was a particular Loudon County commissioner who works with the convenience centers. Ms. Littleton-Brewster acknowledged she would be the commissioner to address this issue with the other commissioners.

Mr. Chitwood gave an overview of the state's trespassing laws which, he said, reads like it was written by trespassers. Essentially, all private property in Tennessee is protected against trespassers unless the hunter has permission. Mr. Chitwood suggested the Commission spend \$60 to \$70 posting "Hunting By Permission Only" signs every 100 yards along with blue paint to mark property boundaries. He also recommended the Commission take pictures of the signs in the event they are torn down. Mr. Field said the project would be good for a youth group. Mr. Jameson said he will talk to one of his employees who is a Boy Scout leader to gauge his interest in the project. Ms. Littleton-Brewster said a member of the Commission should accompany scouts for liability purposes.

During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Field said he was in receipt of invoices in the amount of \$7,200 from Richard Hill and \$7,500 from Loudon Utilities. He also said he asked Ms. Dunson to put in the Commissioners' meeting packets an engineering drawing of the landfill modules. Mr. Field also included in the Commissioners' meeting packet a survey which was conducted in 2004 during a fifth Monday meeting of the landfill's stakeholders which, he said, was used by the Commission to guide it during its 2007 procurement process. Mr. Jameson asked if the survey was conducted today would it elicit the same responses. Mr. Field said he was unsure.

Mr. Jameson said posts for a gate would soon be placed in the ground at the Purdy property.

MOTION: Mr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Ms. Littleton-Brewster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is April 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission