

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
August 9, 2016

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on August 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Larry Jameson, Bruce Hamilton, John Watkins, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Dennis Stewart and Art Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Chris Parks from the Loudon County Convenience Centers; Santek representatives Raymond Givens and Cheryl Dunson; and residents Aileen Longmire, Betty Jo McAllister, Kaye Wallace, and Pat Hunter.

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 corrected minutes of July 12, 2016. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Longmire asked if Santek was building a new module at the Matlock Bend Landfill and if the existing module would be closed. Ms. Dunson replied there is a new module being constructed and at some point in time the existing module will be closed.

Ms. Hunter asked about following up on Santek's CPI increase and wanted to know how many modules would be closed by Santek. Ms. Dunson said CPI increases are being applied to landfill customers and she said she wasn't sure about the number of modules, but estimated approximately 12 to 14 acres will be closed by Santek.

Ms. Dunson presented the Cash Activity Report.

During Santek's Operations Report, Ms. Dunson provided maps depicting the number of landfill modules according to the currently permitted plan and landfill modules according to the proposed major permit modification. She also distributed photos of the current landfill construction event and invited the Commission to take a tour of the landfill while construction was ongoing.

Ms. Dunson reported that Santek performed an assessment of the current tire disposal fee rate and was prepared to make the following adjustments: Lower the rate for manifested tires to \$1 per tire and increase the rate to non-manifested tires to \$1.60 per tire. Mr. Dennis Stewart asked if the non-manifested tire rate would affect the City of Loudon. Ms. Dunson replied yes. Ms. Littleton-Brewster asked if there was a limit to the amount of tires being brought to the landfill. Ms. Dunson replied no.

MOTION: Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to keep the tire disposal fee of \$1.25 per tire for all customers. Mr. Dennis Stewart seconded the motion. Mr. Art Stewart asked what other counties were charging for tires. After some discussion, it was determined the landfill has one of the lowest tire disposal fees in the region. The motion passed 6 to 1 with Mr. Field voting against the motion.

Ms. Dunson gave an update regarding the ongoing operating agreement modifications. She said Santek was trying to model various financial scenarios that have benefits to both the Commission and Santek. These scenarios include managing eight years of remaining airspace with 10 years remaining on the existing management agreement; lowering the elevation of the landfill and reducing the permitted footprint; bridging the closure/post-closure deficit; and modeling closure/post-closure events into these variables. Ms. Dunson said she was not comfortable sharing preliminary information that's not accurate and asked for one more month of time.

Mr. Field provided an update on the Poplar Springs Landfill. He said there has been a lot of discussion among the attorneys regarding the resolution of the matter. He also said the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has looked at the grant funding to the stakeholders and it appears TDEC will give the stakeholders more money to get the old landfill repaired as well as give added compensation for long-term monitoring. Mr. Jameson asked if there was a cost estimate. Mr. Stevens recalled that the original grant request was roughly in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Mr. Field estimated that the total project is now between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens distributed invoices to the Commission from the Luna Law Group related to legal and expert services for the Poplar Springs Landfill. Invoices for legal services totaled \$11,700 and invoices for expert services totaled \$17,852.54. Certain Commissioners specifically recalled receiving the invoices whereas others did not. Mr. Stevens said that Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw has been designated as the fiduciary agent on behalf of the stakeholders and will approve all ongoing expenditures. Mr. Stevens said he talked to Bob Bowman about getting formal resolutions from the stakeholders to confirm this. Mr. Bowman informed Mr. Stevens that all stakeholders have already approved resolutions designating Mr. Bradshaw as the fiduciary agent for this project.

Mr. Stevens gave an update on open records requests. He said a recent issue arose related to a Commission meeting in June 2014 when Santek hired a court reporter to record the minutes of the meeting. A citizen requested a copy of the court reporter's transcripts. Mr. Stevens said he received a call from the Open Records (OR) counsel about a complaint filed by the citizen in June 2014. He said he talked through the issue with the OR counsel and Ms. Dunson. Mr. Stevens said a copy of the transcripts was provided to the citizen. Mr. Stevens reiterated that responding to document requests is an ongoing issue for the Commission.

Mr. Stevens asked for an update regarding the process of posting No Hunting and No Trespassing signs on the Commission's property. Mr. Jameson said he knew the Commission was waiting on him to get an estimate for the signs. He suggested the Commission initially install three signs at the Purdy Property, at the gate, and at Matlock Bend Road.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion authorizing him to purchase the three signs. Mr. Field seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

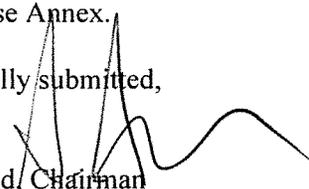
During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Field said he received a \$2,500 invoice for legal services. He also received the analytical data from Santek for the semi-annual groundwater monitoring events.

Mr. Field asked Mr. Parks if there was anything of interest occurring in the community or the convenience centers. Mr. Parks said the County will hold its semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day October 22, 2016 at the Loudon County Justice Center. Ms. Littleton-Brewster asked Mr. Parks if he was shredding a lot of paper and he said he was busier than normal.

MOTION: Ms. Jameson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is September 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission