

**Minutes**  
**Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission**  
**December 13, 2016**

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on December 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, John Watkins, Larry Jameson, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Dennis Stewart, Bruce Hamilton and Art Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; City of Loudon Mayor Jim Greenway; Santek representatives Raymond Givens and Cheryl Dunson; and residents Aileen Longmire 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:** Mr. Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2016. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 6-0 with Mr. Field abstaining.

There were no Items of Public Concern.

Ms. Dunson presented the Cash Activity Reports for October 2016 and November 2016.

During Santek's Operations Report, Mr. Watkins asked Ms. Dunson to check the spelling of one of the customers listed on the Customer Activity Report. Mr. Field also asked for a copy of the entire Title V air permit.

Mr. Field gave an update on the proposed contract modifications. He said the Commission has prepared a draft Request For Proposals that could be issued for a third-party evaluation of Santek's contract modification proposal. He asked the Commission if it was ready to accept Santek's proposal or propose a counteroffer. Mr. Jameson said the amount of money offered by Santek in its proposal is unacceptable. Mr. Field asked the Commission how it wants to move through the evaluation process. Ms. Littleton-Brewster said the Commissioners don't have a clear understanding of how Santek arrived at the \$1.50 per ton figure used in its proposal. Mr. Jameson said there's a big disparity from Santek's figures today and third-party engineering figures from several years ago related to the estimated tipping fees necessary to provide adequate funds for closure/post-closure. Mr. Field reminded Mr. Jameson that the previous engineering cost estimates didn't take into account a new landfill design, phased closure/post-closure, and reduced final elevation. Mr. Jameson said the closure/post-closure proposal should be designed to make the Commission whole at the end of the landfill's life, and the \$1 per ton has not been a sufficient amount in the past. Ms. Dunson suggested asking Santek Vice President of engineering Ron Vail to make a presentation at the Commission's next meeting to detail the Santek model and its various assumptions. Mr. Art Stewart said a third party would be helpful in evaluating Santek's presentation, but Ms. Littleton-Brewster said the Commission is not ready for a third-party evaluation at this time. Mr. Watkins said the issue is complex and the Commission will need some help at some point in time.

Ms. Littleton-Brewster gave an update on the Poplar Springs Landfill. She said the county advertised for bids for the remedial work and had a good turnout from potential bidders. Mr. Stevens added that there were several invoices for legal services and expert fees related to the Poplar Springs Landfill, totaling \$35,585. He distributed copies of invoices to the Commission.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens asked the Commission to be mindful that the proposed major permit modification for the Matlock Bend Landfill has been significantly revised since 2008, when the Commission initially approved it. He added that permit modification request has been on hold with the

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) during ongoing contract modification discussions with Santek. Mr. Stevens said the permit modification request will need to come back before the Commission for approval before proceeding any further with TDEC. Mr. Field added the basic footprint of the permit modification remains unchanged. However, final elevations have been reduced which affects the landfill's side slopes and storm water retention features. He also said the phased closure/post-closure plan will also affect projected costs.

Mr. Stevens said questions were raised at the Commission's last meeting about the \$1.25 per ton which is charged to all landfill customers including the landfill's governmental stakeholders. He said stakeholders are not exempt from the \$1.25-per-ton assessment which is returned to TDEC on every ton of waste crossing the landfill's scales.

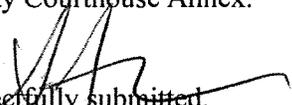
During the Chairman's report, Mr. Field said he received a letter from TDEC regarding the County's 2015 recycling rate which refers to two different methodologies of calculation. He said the Base Year methodology gave the county a -50 percent recycling rate while the Real Time methodology gave the county a 33 percent recycling rate.

Mr. Field said he was in receipt of several invoices for payment including the Commission's attorney's fees for November and December 2016, as well as a \$3,750 invoice from Loudon Utilities Board. Mr. Field asked Mr. Jameson if he had submitted invoices for the No Trespassing/No Hunting signage. Mr. Jameson said he was donating the signs, but he had been unable to get the Loudon County Rescue Squad to erect posts for the proposed gate at the Purdy house.

Mr. Watkins asked about the status of the research regarding the potential for recording the Commission's meetings. Mr. Stevens said that there may be additional costs associated with retention of recorded meeting minutes and processing any related public records requests. Mr. Jameson said there was a lot more expense and time management associated with recording the meetings than what the Commission wanted to deal with at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is January 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

  
Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Field, Chairman  
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission