

Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

January 9, 2018

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, John Watkins, Art Stewart, Bruce Hamilton, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Larry Jameson, and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Raymond Givens, Tiffany Gresham, Kaitlyn Hampton, Cheryl Dunson, and Robert Hudson; and residents Pat Hunter and Aileen Longmire.

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 December 12, 2017. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Pat Hunter spoke about Santek's recent letter regarding discount rates (tipping fees) for volume users of the Landfill and the corresponding tonnage. She noted that the tonnage is not included with the current letter. She provided examples of the previous reports and requested that the tonnage be included with the current letter.

Ms. Hunter also made a records request on the 29th, and is still waiting to receive a response. She asked for the financial and technical documentation that was provided to Bachus for his recent Contract evaluation. Mr. Stevens noted that the financial and technical information was provided to Dr. Bachus directly from Santek. He offered to provide an email showing the categories of information that Dr. Bachus requested from Santek. It was discussed that those records were not provided directly to the Commission. However, Mr. Stevens noted that the financial information is already contained in the regular monthly meeting packets. Ms. Littleton-Brewster stated that those records should be available to support the Dr. Bachus' analysis. Ms. Hunter was particularly interested in the tonnage, host fees, and security fees since the beginning of the contract in 2007, because some of the records at the County office building are incomplete.

Ms. Aileen Longmire was concerned that the chairman, the board, and the lawyer had not seen the information provided to Dr. Bachus. She also stated that the records at the county office building are incomplete. She has been there three times to view records and nobody was there. She asked Anita Green about the situation and was told the employee is on sick leave. Ms. Green asked Ms. Longmire to write a request in order to view the documents when normally she has been allowed to view them if the office is staffed. She didn't write the request, as asked. Ms. Longmire says the office not being staffed is an ongoing issue. Ms. Littleton-Brewster offered to look into the matter.

Ms. Tiffany Gresham presented the Cash Activity Report for December 2017 and Santek's Operations Report.

During the Operations Report, Mr. Raymond Givens stated that Tate and Lyle sludge had been cut off due to being within fifty feet of the outside of the slope in four directions in accordance with TDEC

rules. That's an estimated forty-sixty ton loss of waste per day. Tate and Lyle will probably be shut down from hauling sludge to us until we open the new cell in the Spring, which may be 3-4 months.

Regarding the TDEC inspection, we are installing the transducer in cell A, where it's gravity fed. A letter was sent to the company who will be installing the transducer, outlining their plan and asking for an extension of a month or two. We are waiting on State (TDEC) approval before the plans can be carried out. Mr. Robert Hudson (Environmental Compliance Coord.) discussed the issue with Loudon Utilities. In order to accept leachate water, TDEC is required to collect water samples (usually in mid-April and mid-October) and test them for numerous constituents to ensure they are within the set limits. The samples collected in October exceeded the limit for nickel. Once you have one exceedance you must collect three subsequent samples within the limit. The sample collected on Dec. 7th was within the limit; however, the following two samples on Dec. 19th and 20th were over the limit. Now we have to collect six subsequent samples within the limit. We have until the end of March to collect the six samples within the limit. If the levels remain high, Loudon Utilities have the right to fine Santek per day (at Santek's expense) depending on how much we discharge per day or they could cut us off. That would require us to pump and haul off site. **The Nickel limit is 0.273mg/liter. October: 0.369, December 7th:0.123, December 19th:0.457, December 20th:0.411.**

Direct sources of the contaminant are unknown, although we do know that the Loudon Utilities sludge could be contributing. We are going to be testing different waste streams and could possibly cut off whoever is contributing. There was a high reading of nickel back in 2016, but all the subsequent samples that were collected and tested were in compliance so no further investigation was done to find the source. TDEC sent Mr. Steve Field a letter stating the leachate management requirements. Santek is working with CEC to resolve the issue. We sent a letter to the State this week.

Mr. Jameson mentioned the condition of the road, the amount of trash from the entrance of the landfill to the top of the hill on the highway and the mud that gets on there when it rains. Mr. Givens said he has his employees out picking up the trash and rinsing mud off highway. The biggest offender is Tn Trash's rolloff trucks being noncompliant with tarping laws. New signs have been utilized to try to help resolve the issue. Mr. Field offered to make a call to Ms. Kim Turner.

Mr. Stevens gave an update on the Auditor's Contract RFP. He said the RFP's will be sent out this week. He requested a thirty day turn around on responses from the accounting firms. He will work on the criteria for ranking the potential firms to make a selection (including price, qualifications, experience, references, staffing, etc.).

Contract Modification Update. Santek's written response to the Commission's counterproposal from November 29, 2017 was reviewed by Cheryl Dunson. On the proposal form, Santek's responses are in red. Mr. Watkins asked regarding the document where it says closure schedule. What did you mean by the word agrees "IF"? Ms. Dunson explained Santek's intent was to close 41.6 acres when those areas of the landfill reach final elevation. Dr. Bachus was contacted to adjust his calculations as well as Ron Vail and the engineering Dept. Ms. Dunson agreed to check with Mr. Vail to make sure those adjustments were made. Mr. Stevens suggests time be taken to evaluate Santek's position before any further response is given. He will also send the information to Dr. Bachus for comment and to perform a sensitivity analysis to look at ranges of tonnages and the corresponding results. A lot of variables are associated with the closing schedule. Mr. Stevens will forward any additional questions to Dr. Bachus to for consideration.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster gave a Poplar Springs update. She is speaking with Bob Bowman on Thursday regarding who will be responsible for the monitoring the closed landfill after the repair work is completed.

Mr. Stevens gave the attorney's report. He said the audited financial statements were filed before the end of the year. He will be mailing the financial statements to the stakeholders. The audit will also be available to view on the Commission website and State Comptroller's website.

Loudon Utilities Loan obligation. Ms. Littleton-Brewster evaluated the grant proposal from 1998. Solid Waste pays 60% of annual debt service with its payment obligation not to exceed \$15,000/year. The water line was installed and accepted for operations by LUB. The final local share low-interest rate loan approximately \$390,000.00, resulting in annual debt service of approximately \$25,800. The Commission's share is limited to \$15,000/year. The first quarterly payment of \$3,750 was made by the Commission in 2002.

Chairman's Report. No legal invoice was received this month, so we will probably get two next month. The Social Security contributions were deducted from the monthly Commission fees for Loudon County employees.

MOTION: Mr. Larry Jameson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. and Mr. Bruce Hamilton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman

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