

Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

February 13, 2018

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on February 13th, 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, Larry Jameson, and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Raymond Givens, Kaitlyn Hampton, and Cheryl Dunson; and residents Pat Hunter and Aileen Longmire.

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

Mr. Larry Jameson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

MOTION: Mr. Larry Jameson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9th, 2018. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Pat Hunter mentioned that she spoke to Ms. Tracy Blair at the last county commission workshop about the invoices Ms. Blair had received in regards to Poplar Springs; however, Ms. Blair had not yet opened them at that point to know how much they were or what they were for. Mr. Steve Field stated that he had not received word about any additional Poplar Springs invoices.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report for January 2018 and Santek's Operations Report.

During the Operations Report, Mr. Raymond Givens addressed the ongoing process to determine the cause of the excess of Nickel. He stated that the last three site samples tested were below the State limits, meaning that three more acceptable samples are needed. An estimated thirty different waste streams have been tested in the previous three weeks; however, the main cause of the contaminant is still unknown. Further testing will be done.

In regards to the new cell construction at the landfill, Mr. Raymond Givens updated that Wright Brothers Construction Company has begun their work, although the weather has caused delays. He estimated that they will be done with construction of the new cell in the beginning of June, depending on TDEC approval.

Mr. Larry Jameson commented on the condition of the roadway outside of the landfill, saying that there is still material leaving the landfill and contaminating the highway area. He stated that the build-up under the guardrail alongside the road is an estimated at 6 inches. Also, the center turning lane on the highway is muddy. He asked if there was a better method for controlling the debris besides the rumble wheel wash that was added previously. Mr. Raymond Givens responded by saying that the company had purchased a new water truck, and they are now cleaning the wheel wash daily in an attempt to alleviate the problem. The working face was also moved to the bottom and he is being more diligent about laying rock on the stretch of road from the wheel wash to the scale house. Mr. Larry Jameson asked if a pressurized wheel wash was ever proposed and Mr. Raymond Givens said it was discussed in

the past, but never moved forward. Mr. Kevin Stevens asked if TDEC was aware of the problem and Mr. Raymond Givens said not to his knowledge.

After discussing Tennessee Trash's potential noncompliance with the State tarping laws during the January meeting, Mr. Field spoke to Kim Turner of Tennessee Trash regarding their typical procedure when leaving the landfill. Ms. Turner informed Mr. Field that they cannot retarp their empty loads due to the lack of tension on the tarp; however, the drivers are required to check their boxes to make sure the bed is empty before exiting.

Mr. Kevin Stevens gave an update on the Auditor's Contract RFP. He sent out an RFP for a three-year audit term after the January meeting. He has received feedback and questions from two of the six accounting firms contacted, which seemed interested in making a proposal. The responses are due on February 23rd from the six firms that were contacted. He is still working on the criteria for ranking the potential firms once all responses are received.

Contract Modification Update. Cheryl Dunson referred to an error made on the document that was presented as Santek's response to the Commission's counterproposal at the January meeting, specifically the part of that document that was inadvertently left in Santek's response. The error was made because Santek's proposed security fee of \$1.65 a ton would not leave the Commission with \$1.8 million remaining in the security fee account after closure/post closure. Dr. Bachus was aware and accounted for the error when he did a sensitivity analysis. The analysis included a graph which showed how the fluctuation in contributing factors to the closure obligation drastically changed the target number, hence the need for a clear mechanism for annual review and adjustment. Mr. Stevens said he would get clarification on the specific historical data Dr. Bachus used to arrive at the 173,000 tons per year average and what the range was during that time period.

Mr. Art Stewart asked about the projections for filling up the landfill. Mr. Stevens said the proposal only obligates LCSWDC to close 11.1 acres, regardless of the consumption of airspace. He also said that if there are areas beyond the acreage that have not reached final elevation or have not yet been closed, Santek should provide the funds necessary for closure of all cells that contain waste but that were not closed during the contract term. The discrepancies with the proposals are as follows: the Commission proposes a \$1.81 security that would leave it with \$1.8 million in the security fee account after closure/post-closure, whereas Santek proposed a \$1.65 security fee that would leave the Commission with \$1.4 million in the security fee account after closure/post-closure. Mr. Bruce Hamilton asked how many tons of waste it would take to bring the landfill to full capacity. Mr. Stevens stated that he would have to refine the wording used to denote closure obligations in the contract itself, as well as attach and incorporate a phased closure plan that is accepted by TDEC.

MOTION: Mr. Dennis Stewart made the motion to propose a security fee that would leave the Commission with \$1.6 million in the security fee account after closure/post-closure (approximately \$1.75). Mr. John Watkins seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Field asked Mr. Jameson to accompany Mr. Stevens to a meeting with Santek to make the new proposal.

In regards to Poplar Springs, Kelly Littleton-Brewster was going to speak with Bob Bowman regarding who will be responsible for monitoring the closed landfill after the repair work is completed. We will wait to hear his response at the next meeting.

Chairman's Report. Mr. Steve Field presented a summary of Commission expenses as follows: payroll taxes totaling \$53.83; Mr. Richard Hill's audit fee for last year totaling \$7,975; the invoice for the annual notice placed in the newspaper about the monthly meetings for \$106; and two invoices for attorney fees for the months of December and January at \$2,500 each.

Mr. Steve Field spoke about the Solid Waste Conference, encouraging everyone to go. The dates will be May 16th, 17th, and 18th in Chattanooga.

Mr. Dennis Stewart asked Cheryl Dunson to find out why there are seven vendors who have cheaper rates than the city of Loudon.

MOTION: Mr. Steve Field made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. It passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman

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