

Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

September 11th, 2018

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on September 11th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Art Stewart, John Watkins, Bruce Hamilton, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Larry Jameson, and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson, Ben Johnston, David Hollinshead, Raymond Givens, Kaitlyn Hampton; 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. Art Stewart made a motion to approve the amended minutes of August 14th, 2018. Mr. Bruce Hamilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During items of Public Concern, Ms. Pat Hunter inquired about a detailed financial report regarding Poplar Springs; however, Mrs. Kelly Littleton-Brewster had not received any additional documentation in this regard.

Mrs. Aileen Longmire asked about the delay regarding posting the monthly meeting minutes online. Mr. Field clarified that the website is typically as far as two months behind, due to the approval process for minutes and delays with the County website administrator. Mrs. Littleton-Brewster said she had contacted the Mayor about this issue as well and he contacted the IT department several times in hopes of expediting this process.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report for August 2018.

Mr. Larry Jameson asked about any outstanding Poplar Springs invoices to which Mr. Field clarified that he had received one engineering invoice from July 2018 totaling \$635.93. Mr. Field also said to anticipate receiving invoices from the repair contractor in the near future, which will be presented at a later meeting.

Ms. Hampton presented Santek's Operations Report for August 2018.

Mr. Field spoke about J.D. Anderson's account which hauled approximately 653 tons of special waste from Poplar Springs during construction. Initially, the waste was being charged the landfill gate rate; however, Mr. Hollinshead reduced the pricing down to the stakeholder rate, saving Loudon County \$4,800.

Mr. Hollinshead presented a host fee payment summary. He distributed documentation to support an audit which was conducted regarding Santek's March 2018 financials. This audit showed \$12,629.24 paid in host fees for March 2018. Mr. Hollinshead also updated that, as of September 15th, cash customers will no longer be charged any additional environmental fees at the landfill.

Mr. Kevin Stevens provided an update regarding the Contract Modification process. The issues have been narrowed significantly in the negotiations, with the exception of the phased closure schedule and the compensation to be provided by Santek for use of soil from the adjacent property for closure.

Santek's proposal is to increase the host fee going forward from 4% to 5.5%. This will yield approximately \$55,000 a year in additional revenue through the remainder of the proposed contract extension and over \$825,000 over the life of the extended contract through 2032. Santek has estimated that a total of 1.1 million cubic yards of soil will be necessary for closure at the end of the contract extension period; however, Santek has since clarified that this projection accounted for the entirety of all soil that will be used for closure and that they are hoping to get a significant portion of the soil for closure from the original footprint of the landfill. They anticipate needing between 700,000-900,000 cubic yards of soil from the adjacent property to help attain the total amount of 1.1 million cubic yards. Based on these projections, Santek's proposal equates to reimbursement to LCSWDC of \$0.75- 1.00 per cubic yard of soil from the adjacent property. As for the landfill elevation, Santek has agreed by contract to a maximum constructed elevation of 1,093 feet. They have also agreed to leave permitted airspace at the conclusion of 2032, giving LCSWDC the option to either expand for further operation or pursue final closure. A phased closure schedule approved by TDEC will be incorporated into the contract modification, requiring Santek to ultimately close 41.6 acres. Along with the rise in host fees as previously discussed, Santek will also raise the security fee from \$1.00 to \$1.75 to address the current shortfall in anticipated liability of closure/post closure care; additionally, Santek has agreed to an annual adjustment mechanism for these fees. This mechanism is to ensure that LCSWDC can meet its financial obligation for closure/post closure care at the end of 2027 as well as leave an anticipated \$1.6 million remaining in the security fee account in 2032 after the deduction of funds to cover the liability of the LCSWDC for closure/post closure care.

MOTION: Mr. Dennis Stewart made a motion to conditionally approve Santek's contract modification proposal subject to the following conditions: obtaining consensus of the stakeholders, acquiring TDEC approval of a phased closure plan and permit modification, and execution of a formal contract amendment. Mr. Bruce Hamilton seconded the motion. Mr. Steve Field conducted a voice vote, in which the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. John Watkins made a motion for the LCSWDC to consult Dr. Bachus in regards to an analysis and documented report of the abovementioned proposal. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Kevin Stevens presented a letter from TDEC addressing the daily cover regulations, relative to the fire at the landfill on August 6th 2018. Also, Santek has provided a fire protocol process. Mr. Kevin Stevens agreed to acquire a copy of the 911 report for a later meeting.

Mrs. Kelly Littleton-Brewster gave a Poplar Springs update. She spoke about a power point presentation which she is preparing for a later meeting that will show before and after pictures of the construction process. She also updated that TDEC was onsite when the contractor finished, which should expedite the schedule for reimbursement from the State.

Mr. Steve Field did not have anything to add in the Chairman's Report.

MOTION: Mrs. Kelly Littleton-Brewster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and Mr. Dennis Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is October 9th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Field', written over the printed name.

Steve Field, Chairman

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