

## Minutes

### Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

October 9th, 2018

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on October 9th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, John Watkins, Bruce Hamilton, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Larry Jameson, and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens and Tim Brewster; Santek representatives Ben Johnston, David Hollinshead, Kaitlyn Hampton, Mathew Gentry, and Brandon Shirk; and residents Richard Anklin, 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.

It was discussed that the August 2018 minutes had been amended to change the phrase "field dirt" to "fill dirt" and the September minutes should reflect the minutes approved for August were the amended minutes.

**MOTION:** Mr. John Watkins made a motion to approve the amended minutes of September 11th, 2018. Mr. Larry Jameson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During items of Public Concern, Ms. Pat Hunter inquired about the possibility of convening a joint meeting among the LCSWDC and the stakeholders to give an update about the contraction modification process with Santek. Mr. Steve Field clarified that it had been previously discussed and agreed that it would be best to first hold meetings with the individual stakeholder groups. Mr. Field also informed that both he and Mr. Kevin Stevens distributed a summary of the contract modification process via email to the Mayors for the stakeholders and anticipate being on their agendas at their future meetings.

Ms. Pat Hunter also asked for clarification on why the environmental fee was implemented by Santek and what vendors were affected. Mr. David Hollinshead responded that the fee was imposed on all commercial customers, with the exception of the stakeholders. The fee was implemented due to increasing regulations and fuel costs.

Mr. Tim Brewster spoke about his findings that members of the community no longer wish to continue operating a landfill in Loudon County. He stated that he does not think the LCSWDC should consider negotiating a contract extension, but instead let the contract expire.

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

Mr. Steve Field asked the LCSWDC about their thoughts on the resolution regarding Santek's implementation of the environmental fee, specifically with the potential to conduct an audit. Mr. Larry Jameson addressed his concerns related to the expenses necessary to conduct an audit of such magnitude. Mr. Jameson and Mrs. Kelly Littleton-Brewster also spoke about the after-hours traffic coming into the landfill. Several methods to alleviate this issue were discussed, such as placing security cameras or changing the locks to the gated entrance.

Mr. Kevin Stevens provided an update regarding the Contract Modification process. He updated about a meeting that was held with representatives of the stakeholders to answer any preliminary questions. Mr. Stevens has requested a proposed draft of the modification of the contract from Santek. Mrs. Littleton-Brewster updated that the County Commission discussed the contract modification. She also addressed their concerns pertaining to the financial assurance agreement that the Loudon County Mayor has to sign each year. Mrs. Littleton-Brewster said the Commission would prefer to be taken off the financial assurance agreement and instead request Santek to maintain a performance bond. Mr. Larry Jameson asked for an update of the tipping fees for landfills in the surrounding area. Mr. Steve Field verified that he would work with the County's IT department to get Dr. Bachus's previous reports on the website.

Mr. Steve Field presented several invoices regarding the construction work at Poplar Springs: two from JD Anderson totaling \$172,605 and \$14,291; and an engineering invoice for \$11,734. Mrs. Littleton-Brewster updated that the engineering top-end estimate for their services would be \$30,000. She also updated about the grant reimbursement worth \$80,000 which should be deposited back into the LCSWDC's account.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Kelly Littleton Brewster made a motion to proceed with payment of the Poplar Springs invoice, contingent on the written confirmation from the County that the payment of the outstanding invoices will be everything necessary to process the grant and that the funds coming from the grant will be deposited into the LCSWDC's account. Mr. Bruce Hamilton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Kevin Stevens presented the 911 report from the fire at the landfill.

Mr. Kevin Stevens also presented the documentation for liability insurance renewal for the landfill.

Mr. Steve Field presented the Chairman's Report. The expenditures include attorney's fees for August totaling \$2,500; two months of invoices for payroll for Board members who have funds withheld for the county, each totaling \$53.83.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bruce Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and Mrs. Kelly Littleton-Brewster seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman

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