

## Minutes

### Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

February 12th, 2019

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on February 12th, 2019 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 Tammi Bivens. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Ben Johnston, Kaitlyn Hampton, and Justin Givens; and residents Aileen Longmire and Brian Viars.

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. John Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11th, 2018. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. John Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8th, 2019. Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

During items of Public Concern, Mr. Brian Viars voiced his concerns about the amount of mud and sediment being tracked onto the highway by trucks exiting the landfill. He stated that there had not been any improvement on the highway since he attended the meeting in January.

Ms. Tammi Bivens updated that the condition of the highway was brought to the attention of State Representative, Mr. Lowell Russell, within the past month. She stated that Mr. Russell took those concerns to THP, who said they would start making rounds in the area and writing citations to the truck drivers who were out of compliance. Ms. Bivens also voiced concerns of the wheel wash not being utilized, saying she had several complaints of it not being in operation at all times.

Mr. Ben Johnston updated that the winter weather conditions prohibit the functionality of the wheel wash, causing it to be closed during certain operating hours. Mr. Justin Givens also updated that he has continued to cut the existing rock from the gravel road leading to and from the dumpsite and laid new gravel to allow for better drainage, resulting in less build-up and debris. Mr. Givens also updated that he had shoveled and utilized the newly purchased street sweeper to address the build-up in the ditches and under the guardrail along Highway 72 as well as laying rock in certain areas to allow for better drainage.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report for January 2019.

Mr. Bruce Hamilton updated that he had a conversation with Ms. Tracy Blair about her recommendations regarding the Host and Security Fees that are being garnered, specifically whether those fees can be separated into individual accounts in order to separately calculate the interest accrued on each account. Mr. Hamilton said that Ms. Blair has access to a document that shows the amount of Host and Security fees that have been paid since the beginning of the fiscal year and any interest earned thereon; moreover, she said she could email that document to Mr. Steve Field on a monthly basis. Ms. Blair said that the audit records would need to be referenced concerning any previous year.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Operations Report for January 2019.

Mr. Kevin Stevens provided an update regarding the Contract Modification process. A meeting was held earlier in the month between himself, Mr. Larry Jameson, and Mr. Ben Johnston in which the redline draft of the proposed amendment was discussed. In this document, Santek had proposed language that could potentially extend the expansion an additional two years beyond the proposed five-year term, contingent on filling Module 3 in the event that the waste stream and levels drop drastically. It was Santek's position that they would not be able to reach the financial objective of having the \$1.6 million surplus in the Security Fee account by the year 2032 in the event that waste streams declined precipitously; however, LCSWDC responded that they would prefer to continue with the fixed term of five years.

Mr. Kevin Stevens suggested a number of options that LCSWDC could consider in response to Santek: the first is to keep Santek's proposed language of an uncertain time period, which is dependent on the level of incoming waste streams; the second option being LCSWDC granting a fixed seven-year extension term if Santek is willing to make further accommodations such as either reducing the acreage that LCSWDC would be responsible for closing or requiring Santek to construct a pressurized wheel wash system at the landfill. Mr. Kevin Stevens said that Santek indicated that they would be willing to comply with the abovementioned accommodations if they were granted the fixed extension to the year 2034.

The LCSWDC requested that Santek provide further information on the specifications of the pressurized wheel wash that would potentially be constructed at the landfill. Specific questions that were asked included the weather conditions that would prohibit the functionality of the proposed wheel wash, a specific time frame for when the construction of the wheel wash would be completed, and the maintenance that would be implemented by Santek to upkeep both the road going to and from the wheel wash, the main highway, and the wheel wash itself. The LCSWDC also discussed having an engineer visit the current Santek site at which a pressurized wheel wash is being constructed in order to provide an evaluation for the LCSWDC.

Mr. Kevin Stevens distributed a document of the LCSWDC Financial Statements and the Annual Tipping Fee Report provided by Santek.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster provided a Poplar Springs update. She stated that the grant money from Poplar Springs had been released and to expect the reimbursement in the days to follow. There are no invoices at this time.

Mr. Steve Field presented the draft of the Annual Recycling Report from TDEC.

Mr. Steve Field presented three invoices as follows: employee payroll taxes totaling \$53.83; annual newspaper notification fees totaling \$119.25; and \$2500 in monthly legal fees from Kennerly Montgomery.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is March 12th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Field', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Steve Field, Chairman

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