

## Minutes

### Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Art Stewart, Bruce Hamilton, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Larry Jameson, and Tammi Bivens. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Ben Johnston, Kaitlyn Hampton, and Adam Hall; Richard Hill, Matt Chapman, Richard Anklin, and JJ Cox.

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 meeting minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 contained a grammatical error that required revision.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster made a motion to approve the amended minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Ms. Tammi Bivens seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved.

Mr. Ben Johnston introduced the new landfill site manager, Mr. Adam Hall.

During Items of Public Concern, Mr. Matt Chapman expressed concerns regarding the water being used to wash the highway outside of the landfill. He stated that it is not only a safety concern but that it is ineffective and makes it difficult to maintain a clean vehicle. He also stated that the street sweeper does not seem to be effective in collecting the mud and debris from the highway.

Mr. Johnston updated that the pressurized wheel wash has recently been installed at the landfill and that Santek is working to critique its use to be as effective as possible.

Mr. Larry Jameson stated that he would like to have the Commission visit the landfill to see the new wheel wash system in use.

Mr. Richard Anklin expressed concerns regarding Republic's potential acquisition of Santek and the potential impact this could have on the ongoing negotiations to extend the current landfill operating contract. He also stated that he has concerns of an influx of waste coming from surrounding counties outside of Loudon.

Ms. Littleton-Brewster expressed concerns that the Commission was not previously notified about Republic's potential acquisition of Santek. Mr. Johnston stated that he first informed Chairman Field regarding the potential transaction on March 20, 2020 but did not provide any transaction details and then Chairman Field in turn discussed this issue with Kevin Stevens. At the time, neither Chairman Field nor Mr. Stevens knew any details of the transaction or whether or not it would proceed past the confidential due diligence phase. Due to Covid-19, the Commission did not hold its regular meetings in April or May of 2020, so Republic's potential acquisition of Santek was first discussed in public during this meeting.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report and the Operations Report for May 2020.

Ms. Littleton-Brewster inquired about the tire disposal fees at the landfill. Mr. Johnston agreed to verify the pricing structure and give an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Richard Hill presented the draft Audit Report. He suggested the adoption of a budget to help manage financial affairs.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bivens made a motion to accept the audit. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Kevin Stevens discussed the ongoing Contract Modification process. He stated that Santek has requested that the Commission assume the responsibility of closing the final cells in the expanded footprint of approximately 10.7 acres; however, the Commission expected that Santek would assume the responsibility of closing this area as part of its bonded obligation.

Mr. Jameson made the suggestion to cease all contract modification negotiations until after the Republic acquisition has been finalized.

Mr. Johnston updated that Santek has entered into an initial purchase agreement with Republic that is now under review with the DOJ.

**MOTION:** Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to cease all contract modification negotiations until the Republic acquisition is finalized. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously as a roll call vote.

Mr. Field requested that Santek have a representative attend the next meeting to clarify how the Republic acquisition could affect Loudon County.

Mr. Field presented the Chairman's Report of the following invoices for payment: one month of legal fees from Kennerly Montgomery totaling \$2,500; two Geosyntec invoices totaling \$1,766 and \$575.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bruce Hamilton made a motion to approve the payment of the Geosyntec invoices. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

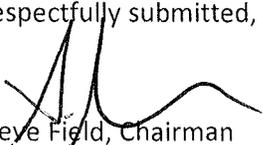
Ms. Littleton-Brewster requested Mr. Field send an updated financial report about Poplar Springs.

Ms. Littleton-Brewster inquired about Five Star Waste and its disposal rate at the landfill. Mr. Johnston informed that this is waste coming from a new entity that started doing business after the sale of Tennessee Trash.

**MOTION:** Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and Mr. Jameson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next scheduled meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman

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