

Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

December 10th, 2019

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on December 10th, 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, Tim Brewster, and Lowell Russell; Santek representatives Ben Johnston, Kaitlyn Hampton, and Justin Givens; and residents Matt Chapman, Brian Viars, Steve McNew, Pam McNew, Bill Hart, 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 contained grammatical errors that required revision.

MOTION: Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster made a motion to approve the amended minutes of November 12th, 2019. Mr. Larry Jameson seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

During items of public concern, Mr. Brian Viars expressed concerns about mud being tracked onto the highway from the landfill. He stated that the amount of rock being used at the dumpsite is not sufficient to control mud runoff. He informed that he visited other landfill sites in the surrounding area to speak to management regarding the measures they take to eliminate these issues.

Mr. Matt Chapman also expressed concerns about the mud and debris on the highway. He stated that he drives the highway daily and the issue seems to have gotten worse over time. Mr. Chapman inquired about the management at the landfill. Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster verified that landfill management had changed within the last year. Mr. Chapman also stated that the current wheel wash system is ineffective. He also voiced his concerns about safety hazards associated with utilizing the landfill equipment on the highway without placing the appropriate road signs to notify the public.

Mr. Bill Hart also addressed concerns about the mud on the highway. He stated that the water truck that is being utilized to wash the highway only adds to the problem.

Ms. Debbie Hart expressed concerns about the health hazards associated with the debris and contaminants that are tracked onto the highway and are subsequently being washed into the nearby creek.

Mr. Steve Field stated that he has reached out to TDEC on numerous occasions about the issue of mud and debris on the highway; however, TDEC inspectors have never found the landfill to be in violation. Mr. Lowell Russell added that he contacted THP for input in February 2019, but they claimed that there was not a crime committed with regard to mud being tracked onto the highway. However, TDOT sent a letter of notification to the landfill stating that they were in violation of their entrance permit. This issue has since been resolved, per Mr. Lowell Russell.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster requested that Mr. Lowell Russell reach out to TDEC in regards this ongoing issue, to which he agreed.

Ms. Tammi Bivens spoke on behalf of the City of Loudon with regard to the mud and debris on the highway. She stated that the Loudon City Council drafted a letter to Santek, stating that the City of Loudon will not approve a contract amendment until the necessary steps are taken to implement a pressurized wheel wash system at the landfill.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster discussed the high number of phone calls she has received regarding the mud on the highway. She updated that there have been reports of vehicle damage and unsafe conditions on several occasions.

Mr. Larry Jameson addressed the warnings that were issued by police officers to drivers exiting the landfill with mud on their vehicles during a recent episode of inclement weather. He also stated that there have been reports of noncompliant drivers who are exiting the landfill without having been through the wheel wash, despite being asked by multiple landfill employees. He stated that it will take a collective effort from both Santek and the vendors who visit the landfill in order to resolve this issue of mud and debris on the highway.

Mr. Justin Givens stated that a landfill employee has been stationed at the wheel wash during operating hours to ensure that all exiting vehicles are utilizing the wheel wash system. He stated that he is immediately notified by landfill staff of any driver who does not comply with the landfill policies by going through the wheel wash system. Mr. Givens will then immediately contact the appropriate supervisors for those drivers.

Mr. Steve Field noted that he recently made a phone call to Mr. Matt Dillard, the VP of Santek Landfill Operations, in which he requested the support of the corporate office in resolving this issue. Mr. Field was informed that Santek is fully involved in trying to find a resolution to this issue.

Ms. Kaitlyn Hampton presented the Cash Activity Report and the Operations Report for November 2019.

Mr. Steve Field presented the TDEC inspection report from November 2019 at Poplar Springs.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster inquired about the news report of TVA hauling asbestos to the landfill. Mr. Justin Givens stated that the landfill is receiving approximately twenty loads per day of soil that has tested positive for traces of asbestos. He stated that the material is considered a special waste for which the landfill has been granted TDEC approval to accept. Mr. Givens also noted that the vendor has its own separate dumping area and that the material is being handled per TDEC regulations. The vendor has not provided an estimate of the total volume of waste that will be disposed of.

Mr. Kevin Stevens provided an update regarding the Contract Modification process. Mr. Stevens presented a contract amendment document that requires Santek to provide a performance bond for the entire duration of the contract agreement. This revision would also require Santek to issue a written request if they wish to substitute another security instrument in lieu of the performance bond, which would then need to be approved by the LCSWDC in writing.

Mr. Larry Jameson inquired about the addition of an addendum to the current contract that would require Santek to move forward with the implementation of the proposed pressurized wheel wash

system at the landfill before LCSWDC will agree to move forward with the contract amendment negotiations.

MOTION: Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster made a motion to propose an addendum to the current contract in which Santek will be responsible for the immediate implementation of the proposed pressurized wheel wash system, the cost of which will be split between Santek and the LCSWDC. Upon execution of the contract extension, Santek will reimburse the LCSWDC for its half of the expenses. Mr. Bruce Hamilton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

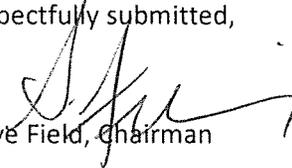
AMENDED MOTION: Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster amended the motion to include the requirement from Santek to pave the portion of the road from the proposed pressurized wheel wash to the landfill exit. Mr. Bruce Hamilton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster proposed that the Poplar Springs subfund balance be relinquished to the Loudon County Mayor. Mr. Steve Field agreed to add this topic to the upcoming LCSWDC meeting agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Larry Jameson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. and Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next scheduled meeting is January 14th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Field, Chairman

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