

Minutes

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission

November 10th, 2020

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on November 10th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Art Stewart, John Watkins, Bruce Hamilton, and Larry Jameson. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Ben Johnston, Kaitlyn Hampton, and Adam Hall; Tim Brewster and Pat Hunter.

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 invocation.

Mr. Kevin Stevens stated that the section of the October 13th, 2020 meeting minutes that addressed Loudon City's potential to conduct a feasibility study should be modified to include that the study would only be performed relative to the possibility of Loudon City operating the landfill in the future.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to approve the amended minutes of October 13th, 2020. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Pat Hunter stated that the March and April Operations Reports were missing from the meeting packets when the meetings resumed after being cancelled due to Covid-19. Ms. Hunter also stated that the Annual Airspace Calculation was missing from the meeting packets as well. Mr. Field stated that he would check into this.

In regards to the previous discussion of a potential green waste disposal site at the landfill, Ms. Hunter inquired whether the Board would be considering other potential green waste streams from all stakeholders. Mr. Field stated that all the stakeholders would be considered.

Ms. Hunter clarified certain information presented at the County Commission Meeting regarding Santek's previous history of receiving more than 800 tons per day at the landfill for a brief time.

Ms. Hunter asked if the Contract Amendment should include specific language about the revenue that will be generated in return for the soil usage at the landfill. Mr. Field stated that the goal of the Contract language is not to specifically generate \$150,000 per year, but instead to end the term of the contract with about one million dollars in extra revenue.

Ms. Hunter asked where the current contract specifically states that the stakeholders must take their waste to the Loudon Landfill. Mr. Stevens stated that he would evaluate whether any provision in the contract contains such direction.

Mr. Tim Brewster stated that he feels like the contract extension is being pushed for approval too quickly without consideration for the City of Loudon. Mr. Brewster also requested Chairman Steve Field resign from the Commission because he felt he was not working in the best interest of the community.

Mr. Brewster also stated that he was informed by a Santek representative that the landfill charges a \$30 fee per mattress due to the difficulty it creates for the landfill equipment. Mr. Johnston agreed to verify this information.

Ms. Hunter asked whether the Landfill Quarterly Origin Report for the landfill is reflective of a calendar year or a fiscal year. Mr. Field stated that the information is reflective of a calendar year.

Mr. Jameson raised significant concerns regarding the way the average annual tonnage volumes are reflected in the Quarterly Origin Reports, specifically relative to the difference when calculated based on 270 operational days versus 365 operational days. Mr. Jameson distributed landfill origin reports for years 2010-2020. He showed a comparison of tons per day (TPD) using 270-days v 365 days. Based on 270-days, Mr. Jameson's analysis indicate an exceedance of 800 TPD during a three (3)-year period for the years 2011 (875 TPD) , 2012 (880 TPD), and 2013 (990TPD). He said he obtained the reports from Santek.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to table the discussion of modifying the Santek Contract Operating Agreement based upon concerns about the average annual tonnage volumes reflected in the Quarterly Origin Reports. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Stevens agreed to distribute a document to propose contract language which would calculate an average tonnage based on operational days only.

Mr. Jameson was also concerned with the waste that is being brought to the landfill from outside of Loudon County. Mr. Jameson asked Mr. Ben Johnston about the rate that is charged for out of county waste being hauled by Santek. Mr. Johnston stated that he would verify this information and report back.

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

Mr. Johnston stated that the meeting packet contained the incorrect TDEC inspection. He agreed to add the correct inspection to next month's packet.

Mr. John Watkins requested Santek address issues in the TDEC Solid waste inspection report. Mr. Johnson will follow-up on this matter and report back to the commission.

Mr. Stevens discussed the ongoing Contract Modification process. He stated that the stakeholders have not given any formal feedback since the special called meeting workshop that was held on September 29th, 2020.

Mr. Stevens also requested information regarding the date (believed to be in 2011) that LCSWDC voted not to post the monthly Summary Customer Activity Report to the LCSWDC website. Mr. Stevens stated that this information should be available to the public.

Mr. Brewster stated that the City of Loudon has hired a civil engineer to look into the current contract as well as the contract amendment in order to provide a professional opinion with regards to the contract extension. Mr. Brewster stated that he does not know of a potential completion date at this time.

Mr. Johnston stated that he gathered information in regard to the potential for the landfill to supply an area for Loudon City, Loudon County, and Lenoir City to dispose of brush. He stated that the options are as follows: burning the brush; mulching the material; designating a clean-fill area.

Mr. Stewart agreed to investigate the possibility of green waste disposal options.

Mr. Johnston distributed a document which outlined the reasons as to why it would not be economically feasible to permit and construct a C&D landfill in Loudon. These reasons include a lack of sufficient C&D volume, limited landfill footprint, and the abundance of local competitors in the market.

Mr. Field presented the Chairman's Report and disclosed the regular monthly invoice from Kennerly Montgomery for legal fees totaling \$2,500.

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. and Mr. Bruce Hamilton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Commission's next scheduled meeting is December 8th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman
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