

## MINUTES

### LOUDON COUNTY SOLID WAST DISPOSAL COMMISSON

MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Art Stewart, Larry Jameson, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Tammi Bivens, Bruce Hamilton and Terry Small. Public attendees included Pat Hunter. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Tim Hendrick; Santek representatives Ben Johnston, Hannah Burrell, and Adam Hall; and Richard Anklin.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Brewster led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Larry Jameson led the invocation.

Ms. Brewster went over the agenda and talked about the election of the Commission Officers. She suggested that the Officer Election be moved to the front of the agenda.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster asked for the motion to amend the agenda to move the Officer Election to the front of the agenda. Ms. Tammi Bivens made the motion and it was seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kevin Stevens stated that according to the Bylaws the Commission will have three particular officers: a chairperson, a vice chairperson and a secretary. They will serve 2 year terms and are elected every other year in March. Mr. Stevens asked for nominations for chairperson. Mr. Larry Jameson nominated Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster. Ms. Bivens seconded the nomination. Ms. Brewster accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations and Ms. Brewster was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Stevens asked for nominations for vice chairperson. Ms. Brewster nominated Mr. Larry Jameson. Mr. Terry Small seconded the nomination. Mr. Jameson accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations and Mr. Jameson was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Stevens asked for nominations for secretary. Ms. Bivens nominated Mr. Art Stewart, who declined the nomination. Mr. Stevens asked for another nomination and Mr. Jameson nominated Mr. Terry Small. Ms. Brewster seconded the nomination. Mr. Small accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations and Mr. Jameson was elected by acclamation.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster asked for the motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Ms. Tammi Bivens made the motion and Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

During the items of public concern, Ms. Pat Hunter asked why commission elections had not been held since 2017. Mr. Jameson stated that there was an election in 2019. They were late that year and the election occurred after March 2019.

Ms. Hunter stated that the customer activity report had not been posted to the website as voted for in the December meeting. Mr. Stevens said that he would check with IT. Ms. Hunter stated that some of the packets posted on the website are not complete. She said that since they are public records, the packets should be complete.

Ms. Hunter also stated that last year when COVID began, there were two meetings that were not held and she had requested March and April packets. She said that she received a customer activity report from Mr. Ben Johnston. She stated that she would like to see the complete packets and that they should be posted to the website.

Ms. Hunter asked if there was an update with regard to the audit. She said that when the fiscal year ends, the audit should be posted to the comptroller's website not long afterwards. Mr. Stevens replied that they have not yet seen the draft from the auditor but he will inquire with the auditor about the status.

Mr. Ben Johnston stated the adjusted January 2021 combined ending balance was \$4,371,534.47. The Poplar Springs sub fund balance for February 2021 was \$57,394.50. Total combined operating of Poplar Springs February 2021 balance was \$4,398,535.31.

Mr. Johnston stated that the landfill operations 30 day average tons was 320.32 tons and the 22 ½ day average was 398.63 tons.

Mr. Johnston asked the commission to look at the customer activity report. There were no questions.

Mr. Johnston asked Mr. Adam Hall to address any concerns about the February inspection. Mr. Hall referenced #8110, litter control, stating that the problem is resolved. Concerning #8180, erosion control, the roads were re-matted with erosion control berms but they had not installed the rock to the inspector's liking. Since then, it has been corrected.

Mr. Ben Johnston stated that the material classification report showed 7,276 tons of MSW, Special Waste at 1,247 tons, sludge at 446 tons for a total of material of 8,991 tons, 81% MSW 19% Special Waste and 5% Sludge.

Mr. Johnston asked the commission to look over the waste characterization report. There were no questions.

Mr. Johnston stated that the tire report showed 47.02 tons for a total annual tonnage of 283.53 tons.

Mr. Johnston stated that the airspace utilization report reflects a full date of June 2024 and the 3 month average was 9,295 tons. He stated that the host fee was \$10,572.50 and security fee was \$11,595.11.

Mr. Johnston asked the commission to look over the draft annual progress report (APR). Mr. Jameson asked Mr. Tim Hendrick, with the East Tennessee Development District, to talk about the APR and how it's administered. Mr. Hendrick explained that the APR is required from every county in the state. The APR asks for basic information such as the makeup of the board (names, terms, contact information), number of convenience centers, hours of operation, and what types of materials are accepted. There is a survey section that asks how TDEC can better help the county utilize services for the public. Waste is listed that has been collected in the county and TDEC gets reports from every landfill that shows all waste coming in from every county and going outside the state. Companies in the county are surveyed because TDEC is counting all of the waste and will count all private recycling which reduces the accounting of the waste collected. This gets calculated and shows the diversion rate for the year. Every county is mandated to show a 25% waste reduction each year.

Ms. Tammi Bivens stated that the APR report has the wrong district for her. Ms. Brewster asked if the report should show how they are appointed (county commission, city council). Mr. Hendrick said that the board makeup should show the member's particular jurisdiction or area. Mr. Ben Johnston stated that he would fix the board members' jurisdictions and other updates on the APR report.

Ms. Kelly Littleton-Brewster suggested everyone to go over the APR report and send Mr. Kevin Stevens an email if there are any questions or concerns by the end of the week.

**MOTION:** Ms. Tammi Bivens made a motion to bring to Mr. Stevens' attention any amendments to be discussed concerning the APR report by the end of the week. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Mr. Kevin Stevens stated that there were no changes or developments on the contract modification. Modification discussions were put on hold, as voted by the board, months ago. Mr. Stevens asked Mr. Ben Johnston if there were any updates on the Republic acquisition and Mr. Johnston stated that the latest he had heard is that it should happen by the end of March.

Mr. Stevens asked Mr. Johnston for an update on the phased closure plan that will be submitted for the board approval and then to TDEC by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Johnston stated that he talked to the engineering department and the draft should be ready in the next week or two.

Mr. Stevens asked if there was an update or concerns raised to the commission about the roads. Ms. Brewster stated that she had not heard anything in the last couple of weeks about the roads. Mr. Johnston stated that there were tipping area modifications made. He said that the gravel has consistently been a good base but it has been noticed that when some of the drivers dump their load, they are moving forward before the bed is empty which requires a dozer to come out and push the trash back into the working face. There's no amount of gravel that will hold up to a couple of passes with a dozer. Adam has made some strategic dumping lanes and re-worked the pad to allow more space between the back of the box and the floor where the waste is being dumped, so there is no reason why the driver cannot sit there and dump his load before moving. He stated that Santek continues to work diligently to address this issue.

Mr. Larry Jameson stated that he had met with Mr. Hall the previous Friday. He said that there was going to be residual on the truck tires and it is going to drop off either before going to the scales or after the scales. He said that he observed a truck that dropped a little mud on the road, but the sweeper truck was on the way. He said that the sweeper trucks are doing a fantastic job, but if you add water on a sunny day, there is a lot of mud that gets tracked on the road. Mr. Jameson stated that Mr. Hall is sweeping the road while it's dry. When it rains, the road gets washed. He said that this procedure seems to be working and he has had no complaints the last couple of weeks. Mr. Jameson stated that he thinks Santek is doing a really good job.

Mr. Jameson asked Ms. Tammi Bivens to read an email from Mr. Steve Field. She read the email addressed to Ms. Brewster and Mr. Jameson which read as follows:

*Kelly/Larry:*

*I talked to Eddie Simpson and his recommended folks from TDOT on Wednesday about our mud on the road situation. The folks from TDOT requested I provide photos to substantiate our situation.*

*Can you send me 8 or perhaps 10 photos highlighting our problem? If they had a time stamp that would be helpful.*

*One thing I'll pass on is one of the TDOT supervisors lives off highway 72 and his opinion is that Santek is doing an appropriate job of removing mud and such off the highway. He indicated they had proper signage and was not in violation of TDOT rules and therefor would not go out and issue any threatening letters at this time. :-)*

*TDOT was interested in trying to help us out but was limited based on Santek actively running the street sweeper and water trucks to address the ongoing issue(s).*

*They were interested in receiving photos so I wouldn't give up yet... But it appears Santek's actions in the eyes of TDOT are taking care of the problem...*

*Please send photos on as you can. I have a couple other angles I'm exploring.*

*Steve Field*

Mr. Jameson asked that the email be entered into the minutes. He stated that he thought it was appropriate that they were going outside and getting opinions of what's going on and it helps everybody.

Mr. Jameson asked Mr. Adam Hall if he had received a quote regarding trimming the boundaries of the landfill property. Mr. Hall stated that he got an hourly price, but it was hard to get a quote without knowing the property boundaries. Mr. Jameson said that there were aerial photos that can get close. Mr. Hall stated that the hourly cost was \$250 an hour. He said that Dean's Surveying could come out the following week to mark property lines. He can send the surveyor the layout of the property and get with him on the cost.

Mr. Jameson asked Mr. Johnston if Santek can have the survey done and send the commission the bill to simplify the process.

**MOTION:** Ms. Tammi Bivens made a motion for Santek to use their contractor to do the survey. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion.

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION:** Ms. Tammi Bivens amended the motion to include "not to exceed \$4,000." Mr. Jameson seconded the amended motion. The roll call vote was Ms. Bivens, yes; Mr. Jameson, yes; Mr. Stewart, abstain; Mr. Hamilton, abstain; Mr. Small, yes; Ms. Brewster, no. The motion failed 3 to 1.

Ms. Brewster asked Mr. Hall to provide a surveyor quote.

Ms. Brewster stated that there was a payment to the newspaper for advertising a special call meeting for \$198 that needed approval.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to approve public notice announcement payment of \$198. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Brewster stated that she received a letter from Nexamp requesting the board to look into putting in a solar energy farm on the landfill property. She said she had not had a chance to look into it. She said she would have the attorney look at it.

**MOTION:** Ms. Tammi Bivens made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Chairman

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