

MINUTES

LOUDON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION

August 17, 2023

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on August 17th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Loudon County Annex Building. The commission was represented by Chairman Mr. Adam Waller, Ms. Pat Hunter, Mr. Larry Rolen, Mr. Gary Busch, Ms. Monty Ross and Mr. David Hall in attendance. Other attendees included Republic Services representatives; Mr. Lou Cunningham, Mr. David Hollinshead, Mr. Classen and Ms. Teresa Fox.

Chairman Mr. Adam Waller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call _ Mr. Busch, Mr. Hall, Mr. Waller, Ms. Ross, and Ms. Hunter present, Mr. Rolen absent

Chairman Mr. Adam Waller opened the floor for items of public concerns – comments:

Public Comments:

- Richard Anklin of Tellico Village –
 - Raised points on Sludge being hauled into the landfill has always been a concern
 - Customer Activity report – there is Waste Services TN brought in 178 tons, address when get to this
 - Tipping fees doesn't see information in the package, was supposed to be delivered in month of June prior to going into effect.
 - Charges to local entities of \$20/mattress, was to be excluded for Loudon, Lenoir City & County to discuss when it is covered in Tipping Fees
 - Part II update – not sure of what will be presented, not much in package.
 - Bond back in July of 21 or 22 the bond that was altered had the same combination of \$1m operating + \$8.4m closure. We requested they split that out and on subsequent letter (date unclear), "please find the enclosed increase penalty rider for \$1m + \$8m are separated, the operating bond disappeared.
 - Sept. 21 talked about \$4.5m and state controller came back with letter to mayor increasing to \$13.4m. \$8.4m covers through 2027 and the contract has changed over that. Questioning eventually the state coming back related to push out to 2038.
 - Mr. Waller raised the question that the Bond will increase appropriately based on these concerns. Will check with finance
- Michelle Fritz –
 - a lot of the information has been addressed by Mr. Anklin,
 - One customer activity report, not getting in packet ahead of time

- Agenda appears quite full, won't be able to get all accomplished, raises concern regarding the workshops being cancelled, someone showed up for last one which was cancelled, feel workshops very important
- Larry Jamison –
 - Question: Curious since expansion contract has gone in place, how much money has been generated from June 22 through this year?
 - Brought up road condition, road does better & worse, gets calls about the road and forwards concerns to Mr. Hall and Mr. Waller
 - Main concern was the gate was left open this past weekend through Sat. Night Mr. Hall missed sending something out to Teresa.

Chairman Mr. Waller – asked for a Motion to approve the July 20th minutes

- Ms. Hunter commented she has changes, Mr. Waller requested, moving forward we have all changes prior to voting meeting. Ms. Hunter stated she would make in public, reading through various changes.

MOTION: Ms. Hunter made a motion to approve the July 20th minutes with Ms. Hunter's corrections submitted to Mr. Busch, Ms. Ross seconded, vote taken – approved 5-0 unanimously

Chairman Mr. Waller – No Expenses

Chairman Mr. Waller – No Workshopping Committee, 10Yr report coming up, financials in the packet any questions?

- Ms. Ross – Had question regarding all money being spent on audit, got answer tonight

Chairman Mr. Waller – All should have audit, spoke to by Ms. Murphy today, knows the numbers in section 1 may change slightly from Mr. Hill, reviewing and everything else under H and section 2, both Ms. Murphy and Mr. Hill comfortable with. Would like a Motion to Approve the Audit corrections with understanding the numbers for future liabilities may change a little bit once Mr. Hill's numbers are plugged in.

- Ms. Hunter questioned when this new information was received, Mr. Waller responded they were received last night. Ms. Hunter then voiced opposition based on not getting these updates until the time of the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the changes as made, vote taken, Ms. Hunter voted Nea, Ms. Ross asked if the Lawyer and Mr. Hill were in agreement with the changes, Mr. Waller confirmed, Ms. Ross seconded, final vote 4 – 1 passed.

Chairman Mr. Waller requested an update on the 10 Yr plan

- Ms. Ross read summary notes of recent meeting between Mr. Busch, Ms. Ross and Ms. Perez, Ms. Katcher from TDEC as provided.

- Ms. Hunter made a request to Ms. Ross- whenever she has meeting that it is noticed to public available to the public for attendance. This was a video call meeting, was only a fact-finding session not necessary, Ms. Hunter will run through office of open records council to check legality.
- Ms. Hunter went back to the workshop and committee meetings, were supposed to have consultant at the last meeting, supposed to be at workshop, which was cancelled, all parties want to work forward, difficult to do so if we don't have information. Need notice to the public and more consideration for last minute cancellations. Mr. Waller thanked Ms. Hunter for her comments.

Mr. Waller questioned Republic when the Equipment Rodeo was to take place, Mr. Hollinswood responded it will take place Saturday September 16th for all operators of business unit. Annual event, Mr. Hollinswood is making one time request to shut down the Loudon County Landfill for that one day so all operators can attend. Ms. Teresa has a plan she could speak to how she plans on covering. Will provide something to public within next day after receiving approval from this Commission.

Mr. Waller requested a Motion to approve Equipment Rodeo

MOTION: made by Ms. Ross that we shut down landfill site and public is properly notified, seconded by Mr. Hall vote taken, 4 – 0 – 1 Ms. Hunter abstained, prefers to wait until public notification confirmed.

Chairman Mr. Waller commented on LCSWD commission, Ms. Hunter idea that Mr. Busch keeps minutes and to be paid \$100/meeting paid by Republic to pay this fee to the LCSWDC each month. This then will be paid to Mr. Busch via LC monthly supplement. Need Motion to approve.

MOTION: Ms. Ross made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hall; roll call vote, motion carried 4 – 1 Ms. Hunter voted no, raised objection based on contract verbiage and check with Ms. Murphy. Motion passed.

Chairman Mr. Waller raised Part II update, understand the LCSWDC workshop was cancelled, next workshop Sept. 14th the consultant will be on the call. All need to prepare our questions by Sept. 1 so they will have time to prepare for our session so we can vote at the voting session in Sept.

Mr. Hall raised concerns regarding if consultant what he's done what he will be doing, signed up for a technical expert, onus on consultant. Ms. Hunter agreed with Mr. Hall. Mr. Hall raised concern that any significant issues to be raised would be brought up immediately and not wait until we meet.

Chairman Mr. Waller asked for update on Sludge update, Mr. Hollinswood dug into the sludge in question from last month, listed Anderson County was a clerical issue. Had Ms. Teresa dig into

it, Madisonville sludge got set up under Anderson County in error, is not illegal sludge, should have been set up under Monroe County.

Chairman Mr. Waller – semiannual ground water monitoring report is online – 267 pgs.

- No anomalies reported.

Chairman Mr. Waller: Tipping fees

- Mr. Hollinswood provided to commission, answered questions.
- Mr. Hall noted that the tipping fees are tied to the CPI index per contract and not subject to Commission approval.
- Mr. Busch noted verification of CPI number used.

Mr. Aklin raised a question from the floor –

- Didn't get an answer to previous question raised regarding, Madisonville city of sludge is on page 7 of 8, but on page of 2 of 8 is Waste Services of TN LLC brought 178 tons of sludge, who are they and where did they come from, Mr. Holliswood responded he will research it. Mr. Anklin asked isn't this Republic, Mr. Classen responded affirmatively and that it would be in county sludge.
- Raised second question related to mattress tipping fees being charged, why? Mr. Hall to take an action to investigate this, to provide feedback at Sept. meeting.
- Ms. Hunter on customer activity report related to mattress fee from \$7 to \$20 and not to be charged to County Convenience Centers, Lenoir City and Loudon City. Stakeholders were charged in July, Mr. Waller informed that Loudon County Convenience Centers has been addressed and they should be reimbursed. Mr. Hall to follow up with other stakeholders and provide feedback.
- Ms. Hunter asked the question how AOC's will be addressed, Ms. Teresa provided response and actions being taken.

Chairman Mr. Waller requested corrective action update – Mr. Hollinswood responded.

Ms. Hunter raised a question about charges for Ms. Murphy, Charges for consultant and Ms. Murphy, what has been done and seen in writing.

Chairman Mr. Waller raised Action items –

- Chairman Mr. Waller will talk to TDEC about Bond value and Bond split for Mr. Anklin
- Chairman Mr. Waller will get financial breakdowns for Mr. Jamison
- Mr. Hall will get information regarding mattresses tipping charges
- Ms. Ross and Mr. Busch will be continuing to work on 10 Yr planning update

MOTION: Chairman Mr. Waller asked for a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Hall made motion, Mr. Busch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned 6:52pm

The next Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission meeting will be held September 21st, 2023 at 6p.m. at the Loudon County Annex Building.

Respectfully Submitted by Gary M Busch LCSWDC Secretary,

Adam Waller – Chairman

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