

MINUTES

LOUDON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION

September 21, 2023

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission met on September 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Loudon County Annex Building. The commission was represented by Chairman Mr. Adam Waller, Mr. Larry Rolen, Mr. Gary Busch, Ms. Monty Ross and Mr. David Hall in attendance. Other attendees included Republic Services representatives; 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, Mr. Rolen all present

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

Public Comments:

- Ms. Hunter asked if Mr. Richard Anklin of Tellico Villages questions would be answered tonight, Mr. Waller answered that they would be answered.
- Ms. Hunter asked if the Mattress extra charges would be refunded, Mr. Waller there will be a refund for August, not July. Mr. Hall checked into convenience center and city of Loudon and neither outlet will charge for normal mattress pick-ups.

Chairman Mr. Waller – asked for a Motion to approve the August 17th minutes

MOTION: Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the August 17th minutes Mr. Hall seconded, vote taken – approved 5-0 unanimously

Chairman Mr. Waller – Part II Application updates, discussed at the workshop, Republic had 5 or 6 questions to answer and sent them over September 20th and were sent out. Mr. Waller made request to Republic based on Mr. Anklin's questions, one of Mr. Hall's questions says the landfill operates 24/7 although our agreement says no, we need to clean this up, Mr. Classen agreed to address. Second question was about the \$9.4m for closure and post-closure costs split into \$1.0m and \$8.4m, Mr. Classen agreed to check on this and get back to Chairman Mr. Waller.

Ms. Ross raised a question about hearing a \$13.0m and wanted to know where this amount comes into the picture, Mr. Classen responded on how this is broken down in accordance with TDEC closure and post closure requirements. Mr. Waller explained the rest of the \$13m is documented in our account statements. Ms Ross appreciated the explanation.

Chairman Mr. Waller made recommendation that the LCSWDC should include a letter from the county, with the Part II application with regards to relying on Republic's engineers and consultants and only includes the shortened or contracted footprint.

No other questions raised at this time on Part II

MOTION: Chairman Mr. Waller requested a Motion for approval of Part II contingent on letter being drafted and attached, Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the Part II Application with the addition of the Letter from LCSWDC, Ms. Ross seconded, vote taken, vote taken 5 – 0 passed unanimously.

Chairman Mr. Waller commented on 2022 - 2023 audit, LCSWDC should have a list of auditors hopefully by next month to get this started.

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

Mr. Busch gave a verbal report on the Loudon County Solid Waste 10Yr Planning workbook, a living document provided to the Commission. Mr. Busch made the recommendation to have a new 10Yr Planning folder set up on the LCSWDC website where the document can be maintained and viewable by the public throughout the process. There was a brief discussion on the challenges of the website but agreed this was a good idea.

Chairman Mr. Waller made comment on road complaints, LCSWDC has received more complaints, will have discussion next month on how to streamline complaints. Also mentioned water reports. Interest was raised by Ms. Elizabeth Murphy to work with Ms Ross how Republic can provide water monitoring reports to LCSWDC semi-annually to the commission.

Mr. Waller requested Republic review of the Monthly Operations Report, Mr. Hollinshead started monthly update, inclusive of Aug and Sept inspection report from TDEC Ms. Fox included in the package. Questions were raised regarding the areas of concern (AOC's) on the report. Mr. Hall raised question related to water controls and AOC related to Certified Personnel not present during operating hours especially since there is a 24/7 requirement. Ms. Fox, from Republic, responded on reasons why personnel were not present due to illnesses and emergency. There was a discussion on developing backup plans for this issue in the future. Mr. Hall then raised a question brought up during the last workshop regarding retention basins and leachate potentially not being adequate and how this is addressed. Mr. Classen gave explanation and how it doesn't relate to actual basin sizes. Ms Ross raised questions about empty barrels and how those are managed as special waste, Mr. Hollinshead responded that information is required on manifests to ensure proper cleaning by the manufacturer before they were brought to the landfill..

Chairman Mr. Waller made statement that he didn't see any reason to hold a workshop in early October.

Mr. Hall raised a question to Republic about timeline for TDEC once Part II has been submitted, Mr. Classen responded that TDEC knows the airspace needs and keeping on this to make sure it continues to move forward. Republic will give TDEC a few weeks after submission to follow up with them.

Mr. Hall raised a question related to progress on scanning of records to get them onto website, Chairman Mr. Waller gave status and suggested this topic to be discussed at October meeting on what may be best approach for archiving and updating LCSWDC records online.

Mr. Waller requested a motion to approve the Commission pay.

MOTION: Mr. Hall made a motion to approve authorization for pay, Mr. Busch seconded, vote taken passed unanimously 5-0

Ms. Ross made a general comment regarding her disappointment related to the County Commission removal of Ms. Pat Hunter and how it was handled in violation of Tennessee Code annotated (68-211-905 and Stakeholders agreement), inaccurate comments that were made by the County Commissioners, and apparent lack of accurate documentation. She stated that the LCSWDC was improperly bypassed in the decision making process.

MOTION: Chairman Mr. Waller asked for a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Hall made a 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 October 19th, 2023 at 6:39p.m. at the Loudon County Annex Building.

Respectfully Submitted by Gary M Busch LCSWDC Secretary,

Adam Waller – Chairman

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