

**LOUDON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE
LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**Thursday, March 21, 2024
Courthouse Annex Building**

MINUTES

Opening of Meeting:

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Committee convened in regular session in Loudon, Tennessee on the 21st day of March 2024.

Committee Chairman Waller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. eastern time.

Roll Call:

Upon Roll Call, the following committee members were present: Gary Busch, Monty Ross, David Hall, Larry Rolan, Adam Waller.

Also present from Republic Services were representatives - David Hollinshead and Teresa Fox.

General Public Comments:

Committee Chairman Mr. Waller called to the floor those who had any General Public Comments related to topics on the agenda. The following people spoke:

- 1.) Brian Viars – Mud issues on road, brought up some notes back on Feb. 2023, landfill found in violation for mud and debris and had an agreement to get it fixed, it still isn't fixed but has seen improvements, however; interested in hearing more on the long-term plan to fix the issue permanently.
- 2.) TN National residents interested in hearing more on expansion & extension of landfill & update with regards to direction toward TN National.

David Hall provided a brief overview regarding original application to the state was for 28 acres broken into 10 acres on west side, Matlock Bend side and 18 acres on the north side on the TN National side. Due to time constraints Republic has decided to break this into 2 pieces the 1st piece being the 10 acres area on the Matlock Bend side of the Landfill that will add 10 years to the lifecycle. The next phase Republic would have to submit new application to TDEC for will be for the 18 acres portion on the north side that runs up against the TN National property. This will require full submission of application and public hearings as part of the TDEC approval process at a later date not yet decided.

The Commission has approved the submission of the application documents from Republic and their consultants to TDEC. Phase II expansion of 10 acres and following that would be submission of any additional activities. Phase II is under TDEC review and approvals, there are a number of outstanding issues related to the application approval.

This has placed the permit of the expansion on suspension until a date to be decided. This

is all planned to happen by year end, if it doesn't happen the landfill will be full and all the solid waste would need to be shipped into other counties at a significant cost.

- 3.) Brian Viars – If Republic doesn't abide by their contractual commitments for keeping the road clear of mud, then why would we award them the extension.

Chairman Mr. Waller asked David Hollinshead to talk about the long-term solution that was discussed. Mr. Hollinshead believes they have come up with trench filling and hauling up the rock to that location they have taken care of the problem. Other comments on observations of the efforts Republic has made in picking up the road trash which has been much better and appears they are much more on top of things at this time.

- 4.) Pat Hunter – follow up questions; one regarding the TDEC letter questions update & Special Waste (ADC) coming in from Kimberly Clark for alternate cover, the second question has to do with the special waste charge to Kimberly Clark being more favorable than the county and if Republic is benefiting from a charge \$11/load lower than county rate, any benefit they should then share the benefit with the county.
- 5.) Continued general questions on expansion permit process with TDEC and how this works or will work from an understanding perspective.
- 6.) General questions and comments regarding TDEC, reports availability, access, and links to sites to obtain information.

Approval of December 21st Minutes:

Committee Chairman Mr. Adam Waller requested that the December 21st 2023, Loudon County Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes be accepted.

Committee member Ms. Monty Ross made the motion to accept the minutes with two minor name corrections.

Committee member Mr. Dave Hall seconded the motion.

Upon Voice Vote, the motion PASSED unanimously (5-0).

Financial Insurance:

Chairman Mr. Waller discussed that the state issued a new inflation adjustment increasing from \$13m to \$14m and the mayor's attorney is reviewing that will be signed off by the County soon.

Audit Update:

Mr. Waller expects to have audit on April 1st and expect to vote at the April LCSWDC meeting.

Invoices & Reimbursements:

Committee Chairman Mr. Waller noted that only invoice for this meeting was the pay sheet for tonight, Mr. Hall made motion to approve the invoice, Ms. Ross seconded, vote taken and was approved 5-0.

Engineering Consultant:

Mr. David Hall made a motion to hire Canon & Canon local firm in town came recommended as the LCSWD engineering consultant, Mr. Gary Busch seconded the motion, vote taken, passed 5-0

Chairman Mr. Adam Waller raised the issue that one part of the 2007 agreement, article 3.3 was commission responsibilities. Legal representative Ms. Murphy would like to explore with Republic as covering this expense, Chairman Mr. Adam Waller will reach out to Canon & Canon tomorrow.

Hwy 72 Mud Issue:

Chairman Mr. Adam Waller asked Larry Jameson to comment on what he is seeing and then made comment that this matter has seen significant improvements, noted to Republic to ensure they continue.

Loudon County APR:

Chairman Mr. Adam Waller noted that the Recycling report and update report of usage, landfill is supposed to be at 25% and we will have report for April meeting to vote on continuation.

Republic Report:

Part II Update:

Chairman Mr. Adam Waller noted that LCSWDC has the draft, our engineering consultant we just voted on will get this tomorrow including the comment resolutions. A quick turnaround is needed. Mr. David Hall raised question on interim closure and how it is going to be addressed, and ask TDEC that they have an adequate resolution on this item.

Operations:

Report from Republic, Mr. Hollinshead stated that all is standard. Ms. Monty Ross noted that TDEC now has the mud issue on reports which is helpful and it looks good.

Host & Security Fees:

Nothing noted

Airspace Utilization Report:

Nothing noted

TDEC Inspection – January 2024:

Nothing noted

Loudon Financial Information:

Chairman Mr. Adam Waller noted this information was in report

Litter Control – SOP:

Chairman Mr. Adam Waller noted this has been discussed on regular basis

Sight Control Plan – KC ADC:

Mr. David Hall raised concern regarding not having enough information on this material's ability to contain smells during the hot season, recommended interim approval. Recommending voting on extending temporary approval out until June.

Motion made by Mr. David Hall to approve an extension for use of ADC until June at which time the commission will re-vote, Mr. Gary Busch seconded, vote taken approved 5-0.

Action Items:

Chairman Mr. Adam Waller identified the following action items for next month:

- 1.) Audit engineering consultant here on the Annual Performance Review (APR) report
- 2.) Chairman Mr. Adam Waller asked what next steps were with 10yr plan, Ms. Monty Ross explained that there hasn't been much movement at this time. Discussion with Tim Hendrick on annual report and that it has been extended until April 30th, and would plan on attending April commission meeting.
- 3.) Phase II changes will need to be voted on after the consultant has finished review. If necessary, a special meeting could be called prior to the April 18th meeting for Commission to review feedback.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion being duly made by Committee member Mr. Gary Busch and seconded by Committee member Mr. Larry Rolen, vote taken 5-0 passed. The March 21, 2024, County Solid Waste Committee was adjourned at 8:12p.m.

The next Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Committee meeting will be held April 18th, 2024, at 6:00p.m. at the Loudon County Annex Building.

Respectfully Submitted by Gary M Busch LCSWDC Secretary,

Adam Waller - Chairman

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NOTE: Full Video of LCSWDC meeting can be found at

[Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission Meeting, March 21, 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)