

LOUDON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Thursday, October 17, 2024
Courthouse Annex Building
MINUTES

Opening of Meeting:

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission convened in regular session in Loudon, Tennessee on the 17th day of October 2024.

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

Roll Call:

Upon Roll Call, the following Commission Members were present: Mr. Adam Waller, Mr. Gary Busch, Ms. Monty Ross, Mr. Gary Hendrix, Mr. Andy Lawson, Mr. Larry Jameson

Also present was LCSWDC legal counsel Ms. Elizabeth Murphy

Absent was none.

Also present from Republic Services were representatives – Ms. Teresa Fox and Mr. David Hollinshead.

Pledge: Led by Commission Member Mr. Busch

General Public Comments:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller called to the floor those who had any General Public Comments related to topics on the agenda.

The following individuals came to the floor: Mr. Richard Anklin, Ms. Pat Hunter for public comments.

Mr. Anklin commented on meeting minutes, contract second amendment, closure – post closure cost and bond as related to audit report, airspace landfill date clarification. Last point raised on waste coming from outside counties requirement of a vote by LCSWDC.

Ms. Hunter commented on filing a complaint regarding timing of packet availability to public, audit correctness related to names, plans dealing with mud, landfill expansion update regarding public hearing date, and LCSWDC review of summary of customer activity report, airspace fill date along with public hearing date notification.

Chairman Mr. Waller addressed Ms. Hunter's question related to public hearing date, November 21st at the Loudon City Hall starting @ 5pm. Ms. Hunter raised concerns regarding accessibility for citizens from that site. Chairman Mr. Waller stated that the meeting is being coordinated by TDEC and it will be available via a zoom link.

Approval of September 19th 2024 Minutes:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller requested a motion for the approval of the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission Minutes for the September 19th 2024 meeting.

Commission Member Ms. Ross raised question on the use of TWRA vs. USDA, Chairman Mr. Waller clarified that he had conversation with TWRA that informed him that USDA would be the correct agency to deal with regarding the Buzzard issue.

Commission Member Mr. Jameson made a motion to update the minutes from TWRA to USDA based on new information.

Commission Member Ms. Ross made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission's Meeting for September 19, 2024 as amended

Commission Member Mr. Jameson seconded the motion.

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

Invoices & Reimbursements:

No Invoices or Reimbursements for Commission Review.

2022-2023 Audit Update:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller – clarified that there is a number of modifications to the report that is in process. One specific item is on page 16 the board members needs to be corrected and page 6, paragraph feature on future events, Ms. Murphy was working on these items. Requested a motion to approve with those caveats or table until next month's meeting.

Commission Member Mr. Larry Jameson made a motion to table the vote until the next month's October meeting.

Commission Member Mr. Hendrix seconded the motion

Upon Voice Vote, the motion to table PASSED 5-0 unanimously

Buzzard Update:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller noted

Daily Coverage:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller – Noted that there has been some daily cover complaints, in works with Ms. Murphy working on it and will provide something to Republic so they can provide solution along with checks to make sure it is being addressed.

Landfill Expansion – Part II Update:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller – the intent was to have the public hearing later in month of Oct. due to some issues related to the borrow pit and amount of soil and liability to county resulted in the public hearing date being set to take place November 21, 2024.

Request for Proposals:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller – explained that the LCSWDC explore options and is getting ahead of the curve by preparing a formal proposal from companies that are in the business of gas recovery from a landfill. Asked Ms. Murphy to help explain the draft request.

Legal Counsel Ms. Murphy provided a detailed explanation of the draft to solicit a proposal and it is not designed to solicit a contract. The Commission wants as many options as possible for the community. Trying to find out who's out there that is involved in this business. The Draft Notice of Request for Proposal minimum contents and conditions for submittal are captured in section #5. Private companies dealing in this business have some of the best models to determine the volume of gas and potential benefits.

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller asked to discuss issuance date, proposal date and selection date. If approved the draft commission could have it into the News Sentinel by October 23rd, “publication date”, proposals due November 8th by 4pm, workshop on November 14th selection by 5pm.

Commission member Ms. Ross raised the question regarding what the proposals should look like. Legal Counsel Ms. Murphy provided an overall breakdown the commission should expect. There is no certainty that the Commission would receive viable proposals and may need to do again at a future date.

Further discussion regarding timeline key dates; Questions submittal back to the commission by October 29th with commission responses provided back by close of business November 1st.

Commissioner Mr. Jameson raised two questions; how does TDEC and Republic feel about this?

Legal Counsel Ms. Murphy responded that TDEC does not get too involved with this, their focus is related to compliance. As long as it is in compliance with their Title 5 compliance there has been any pushback from TDEC. Not sure how Republic might feel about this effort. Primary reason for this is seeing who may be interested in doing this type of project and its viability.

Additional discussion to fill in the necessary open items on the draft document for Ms. Murphy to proceed.

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller requested a motion to move forward with the submission of the draft Notice of Request for Proposal (RFP) from the commission;

Commission member Ms. Ross made the motion to approve moving forward with the RFP

Commission member Mr. Busch seconded the motion

Upon Voice Vote, the motion to approve and move forward PASSED 5-0 unanimously

Republic Report: representative David Hollinshead provided general comments and would field any questions.

Operations:

Commission member Ms. Ross raised the question on follow up regarding Liberty Tires, Republic Representative Mr. Hollinshead shared that he has reached out Liberty Tires and hasn't been able to meet with them to address at this time.

Host & Security Fees:

Nothing noted.

Airspace Utilization Report:

Nothing noted.

TDEC Inspection:

Nothing noted.

Loudon Financial Information:

Nothing noted.

Complaints Update

Commission member Mr. Busch raised a question to Republic regarding the one AOC related to the inadequate daily cover when site was closed on Saturday.

The Republic representative Ms. Fox provided answer it had been addressed at the time the TDEC inspector was on site.

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller raised the concern with pictures that were taken on a Sunday when the site was closed related to cover. Ms. Murphy provided information that she had spoken with TDEC regarding these two complaints, and they stated their concern. Asked Republic representative Ms. Fox what steps they have taken to address this concern prior to the commission taking necessary action. Republic Ms. Fox provided the actions taken to address; Ms. Murphy requested if they could provide confirmation that this issue was properly addressed and submit to the commission with the operations report.

Republic representative Mr. Hollinshead confirmed that Republic could comply with this requirement starting with the next month's operations report.

Action Items:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller noted the following action items as identified for next month's meeting at this time.

- 1.) Commission Workshop meeting November 14, 2024, call related to the Gas Recovery RFP by 5pm
- 2.) Republic to provide details related to discussion with Liberty on the tire situation
- 3.) Republic to provide confirmation proof related to the Sunday site closure issue raised with TDEC to the next month's Republic report package.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion duly being made by Commission Member Mr. Jameson to adjourn the Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission meeting.

Commission Member Mr. Hendrix seconded the Motion.

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller asked for a voice vote.

Upon Voice Vote being taken, the Motion PASSED 5-0 unanimously.

The October 17, 2024, Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission was adjourned at 7:06p.m.

The next Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission meeting will be held November 21, 2024, at 6:00p.m. at the Loudon County Annex Building.

Respectfully Submitted by Gary M Busch LCSWDC Secretary,

Adam Waller - Chairman

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Committee

NOTE: Full Video of LCSWDC meeting can be found at

[Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission Meeting, October 17, 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)