

LOUDON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION
LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Thursday, April 17, 2025
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 April 2025.

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. eastern time.

Roll Call:

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

Legal Representation Ms. Elizabeth Murphy participated via phone

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

Election of Officers:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller made call for vote for officers:

Ms. Ross nominated Mr. Waller for Chairman, no other nominations made, voice vote taken 4-0 in favor, Mr. Waller abstained and accepted.

Mr. Waller nominated Ms. Ross for Vice Chairman, no other nominations made, voice vote taken 4-0 in favor, Ms. Ross abstained and accepted.

Mr. Waller nominated Mr. Busch for Secretary, no other nominations made, voice vote taken 4-0 in favor, Mr. Busch abstained and accepted.

General Public Comments:

Public Comments were made by: Ms. Pat Hunter raised question, why is the agenda different than one posted on website regarding election of officers? She would like to see definitive plans to address mud. Commented; we should be seeing AER report this month and per contract we should have the landfill manager from Republic at the meetings.

Mr. Brian Viars curious about the long-term plan and solution with the mud leachate issue and pick up of trash along highway.

Bonnie Coffey commented about long-term solution and buzzard situation.

Approval of March 20th, 2025 Minutes:

Minutes for March 20, 2025, a motion was made by Mr. Jameson to approve minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Ross, voice vote taken, motion was unanimously approved 5-0. Absent Mr. Hendrix and Mr. Lawson.

Cell A Leachate Disconnect:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller raised the issue regarding to the leachate problem and requested an update from Commission attorney Ms. Murphy regarding the status for the additional test requests made by the Commission.

Ms. Murphy commented that there was meeting with TDEC on Monday April 14th, it was a Zoom call, engineers from Republic along with Chris Cline engineer for the commission. There was an insertion made in an earlier meeting that TDEC approved physical planning made with the knowledge that there was a disconnection or blockage of the leachate line somewhere around the transition from the white PVC to black corrugated. The purpose of the meeting was to test that assertion if that was the understanding of TDEC when they had approved the proposed hook lining which is the current plan. Rob Burnett and Brian Wolff from TDEC were on the line.

Everyone understood there was a disconnect between the two and that there was still some flow coming down which is good, but recent bucket test intended on April 9th that the flow was so consistent and slow that there was nothing blocking it. All was shared with TDEC & Mr. Burnett that was not something he understood as the condition and they took the position that they wanted to see everything on paper and would get back to the parties.

Legal Counsel Ms. Murphy then spoke to counsel for Republic and tentatively agreed to a joint submission to TDEC which is being put together which should transpire early next week. Essentially there is some type of disconnect, question is; how do we ensure that leachate provide proper aide so there is not potential head liner pressure in module A that would create a compliance issue for the commission.

Ms. Ross raised a question when TDEC is looking at this do they consider extreme rain and can it be able to handle those conditions. Ms. Murphy responded that TDEC looks at it from the current regulatory requirements.

Chairman Mr. Waller raised a question to Republic; what are other options to get the leachate out if we don't want to dig down the 35ft to get to the area of potential blockage? Republic Ms. Turtle responded that Republic is not doing nothing, definitely want to do what is appropriate. The leachate designs are designed with weather and all current conditions applied and bucket tests showed slip lining is within range what would be producing within that cell, Republic believes this would be an appropriate fix. If TDEC, however, believes that another is required, there are other options to consider.

Chairman Mr. Waller asked if Ms. Turtle could provide the commission with the other types of fix options Republic may consider.

Legal Counsel Ms. Murphy commented that Republic needs to work with commission to put engineered solutions that address the leachate problem sooner rather than later that can be put in front of TDEC if they come back that current solution is not acceptable. The commission want to have something in its back pocket ready to go to avoid any further delays. If Republic can't or doesn't provide such engineered solutions to ensure there isn't any leachate buildup problems on the head liner in that area, then the commission can come up with their own engineered solutions to recommend to TDEC.

Chairman Mr. Waller in closing out the topic asked Republic Ms. Turtle if she can come up with those types of engineered solutions to be provided to the commission, Ms. Turtle responded they can and will provide.

Legal Counsel Ms. Murphy made final comment, TDEC was comforted that everything having to do with this issue, that the landfill was designed and containing the leachate on site. It is not necessarily a great situation, but not an emergency of the leachate getting off the site type of problem.

New Borrow Pit Update:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller update, questions regarding the amount of soil within the new borrow pit. Ms. Turtle stated that they will be working with a different company and that they will provide that information back to commission. Legal Counsel Ms. Murphy asked if this work had started, Republic Ms. Turtle responded she was not sure and would need to get back with commission.

Mr. Waller also asked if the Bond was taken out to cover the additional soil they will have to bring in from offsite and not adequate on site. Ms. Turtle was not sure of this and will investigate this.

Storm Water Ponds:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller with Mr. Cline visited the site back in March, while at the site witnessed some water being pumped from the new expansion into the stormwater pond on the south end and some leachate was found in the pond closer to Monterey Mushroom, both were sealed off, pumped and all the dirt was being removed and disposed of. What is the update on status?

Republic Ms. Turtle replied that both ponds were being remediated and met with TDEC and resampled. Updated timeline to be provided to commission.

Cameras:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller reached out to two camera vendors that are working on quotes. Targeted to have quotes by mid-May.

Invoices & Reimbursements:

None submitted at this meeting.

Republic Report:

Commission Chairman Mr. Waller asked Mr. Hollinshead if he could give an introduction of Ms. Turtle. Republic Mr. Hollinshead gave a brief introduction of Ms. Turtle as requested.

Operations:

Ms. Ross raised a question regarding fencing and erosion controls related to the new construction taking place at the site.

Chairman Mr. Waller raised question to Legal Counsel Ms. Murphy regarding the types of reports including engineering type reports that Republic Counsel should be providing to the commission. Ms. Murphy responded with specific reports that have been requested that should be submitted to the Commission chairman.

Mr. Jameson, questioned a prior issue related to onsite debris, if a grinder had been brought on site. Mr. Hollinshead responded they are working on this with the individual that offered his services.

Ms. Turtle responded that Republic is looking into a number of options for use of the wood chips since it will be a large volume once all existing brush is ground.

Chairman Mr. Waller questioned when the commission could expect the annual engineering report. Republic Mr. Hollinshead to follow up on this topic.

Host & Security Fees Letter:

Nothing noted

Airspace Utilization Report:

Nothing noted

Quarterly Origin Report:

Nothing noted

TDEC Inspection:

Nothing noted

Loudon Financial Information:

Nothing noted

Action Items:

Commissioner Mr. Waller announced that this will be Ms. Mullis last meeting due to her family will be moving out of state.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Jameson and Seconded by Mr. Busch. Vote taken 5 – 0 in favor, 2 absent.

The April 17th, 2025 Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission was adjourned 6:36p.m.

The next Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission meeting will be held May 15th 2025, 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

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