

Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025

Meeting Type: Regular Commission Meeting

Location: Courthouse Annex Building, Loudon, Tennessee

Time: 6:00 pm EST

Chairman: Mr. Adam Waller

Attendees

Commissioners Present: Adam Waller, Gary Hendrix, Andy Lawson, Monty Ross,

Commission Attorney: Elizabeth Murphy

Republic representatives: Stoddard Pickerell and David Holinshead

Public: Pat Hunter

Absent: Gary Busch

Upcoming: Dr. Stephen Bartell will join the commission next month

Meeting Summary

Minutes and Contract Updates

The commission postponed approval of previous meeting minutes until July due to items requiring clarification, including Mr. Jamerson's status. The 2025 audit contract has been signed as previously voted.

Public Comments - Pat Hunter

Road Mud Issue: Requested status update on ongoing road mud problem - no definitive update provided.

Inspection Violations: Raised concerns about inspection report, Administrative Order of Compliance (AOC), and V1 violation notice related to ongoing leachate problems.

Rate Structure Compliance: Referenced Section 10.3 contract requirements that tipping fees should apply to "all users," not just stakeholders. Noted discrepancy in timing - stakeholder rates increased from \$25.71/ton to \$27.05/ton on January 25th, while other customer rates change January 1st. Ms. Murphy will clarify timing discrepancies per Second Amendment (July 12, 2022).

Technical Modifications

Minor Modification: TDEC requested language change from "excess of 1¼ inch hole or depression" to "up to ¼, 1¼ inch" to prevent misinterpretation. Motion made by Ms. Ross, second by Mr. Lawson. Motion carried.

Leachate System Improvements: Republic Services presented solution for Module A flow issues involving two-foot stainless steel perforated extension. Key changes: switching from 4-inch to 3-inch line due to

space constraints in 6-inch pipe, ensuring proper grouting and centralization. Timeline: completion by end of July, pending weather and other factors. Temporary leachate lines in geologic buffer will be removed.

Environmental Incident

April 29th Secondary Containment Failure: Sump pump failure caused tank uplift and bolt shearing. Republic immediately notified TDEC, cleaned area (2-3 inch soil excavation), conducted leachability testing matching groundwater parameters, and submitted results to TDEC.

Special Waste Certification

Asbestos Disposal: Received TDEC approval for 3-year asbestos waste disposal certification (previous expired July 1, 2025) with detailed handling requirements.

Soil Borrow Area Assessment

Current Gap: Contract requires grading/erosion plans, but crucial soil assessment missing. Previous expansion relied on assumptions rather than actual soil quantity assessments.

Requirements: Chris Cline (Cannon & Cannon) confirmed need for geotechnical investigation with bore logs to determine actual soil amounts and types. Republic's estimate of one million cubic yards is assumption-based without proper classification.

Challenges: Weather-related accessibility issues, jurisdictional determinations for stream buffers, and property boundary surveys near Matlock Bend Drive residences.

Financial Assurance and Bonding

Bond Components: Annual bond covers three areas - one-year operations, closure costs, and \$2-3 million soil costs.

Current Issues: Mayor's signature required to execute bond. Bond increased ~\$12 million due to expansion permit (from 44.5 acres to larger footprint). Expansion adds costs for gas/methane control, groundwater maintenance, vegetation/cap maintenance, erosion/stormwater controls, and capping soil. Commission seeks clarification on Mr. Klassen's previous soil bond commitments.

Additional Items

Gasification Lease: Commission voted to retire early 2000s lease agreement between Santek and LCSWDC due to no action by Republic.

Jurisdictional Determination: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reviewed ~100.22 acres via HHNT for Republic. Found ~993 linear feet ephemeral channel and 962 linear feet disconnected intermittent stream. Opinion: all waters lack permanent connection to navigable waters, therefore non-jurisdictional.

Executive Session: Commission met privately with attorney Elizabeth Murphy, authorized co-counsel hiring as needed, and adjusted attorney fees to \$450/hour.

Action Items - June

Action Item - June	Responsible Party	Due Date	Status
Approve July meeting minutes	Commission	July Meeting	Pending
Clarify rate timing discrepancies per Section 10.3	Ms. Murphy & Adam	Next Meeting	Pending
Submit final leachate system design plans	Stoddard/Republic	End of July	In Progress
Complete Module 1 geosynthetics installation	Republic Services	End of July	In Progress
Construct intercell berm	Republic Services	End of July	In Progress
Submit CQA report to commission before TDEC	Republic Services	Before TDEC submission	Pending
Develop comprehensive soil borrow assessment plan	Republic Services	TBD	Pending
Conduct boreholes throughout borrow area	Republic Services	TBD	Pending
Obtain mayor's signature on bond documentation	Republic Services	ASAP	Pending
Follow up on road mud issue status	Commission	Next Meeting	Pending
Address ongoing leachate violation issues	Republic Services	Ongoing	In Progress
Provide soil assessment with bore logs	Republic Services	Before next financial deadline	Pending
Clarify Mr. Klassen's soil bond commitment	Republic Services	Next Meeting	Pending

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Monty Ross, LCSWDC Commissioner

Chairman: Adam Waller, Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Committee

Note: Full video of LCSWDC meeting available at: Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission Meeting, June 19, 2025 (youtube.com)