

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
April 12, 2016

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on April 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Office Building. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Kelly Littleton-Brewster, Art Stewart, John Watkins, Bruce Hamilton and Dennis Stewart. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson, Robert Hudson and Raymond Givens; and residents Aileen Longmire, Pat Hunter, Kaye Wallace and Betty Jo McAllister.

Mr. Field called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Littleton-Brewster led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

Mr. Dennis Stewart asked that the minutes of March 8, 2016 meeting be changed to reflect that he asked Ms. Dunson to inform the Commission regarding how much closure Santek intends to perform at the landfill in the future under the existing contract. Mr. Watkins asked that the minutes be modified to reflect the Commission will seek guidance from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency regarding erecting No Hunting signs on the Purdy Property.

MOTION: Ms. Littleton-Brewster made a motion to approve the amended minutes of March 8, 2016. Mr. Art Stewart seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Hudson addressed the Commission about the March 16, 2016 public notice in the News-Herald regarding the Title V Air Permit for the Matlock Bend Landfill. He said the permit application was submitted to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) in September 2014. The landfill is required to have a Title V permit if the landfill's design capacity exceeds 2.5 million cubic meters or 2.5 mega grams. Mr. Hudson said there will be no operational changes to the landfill. He said Santek will complete an annual compliance certification detailing the landfill's actual air emissions and will pay a fee based on the generation rate. Ms. Longmire asked if there would be a public hearing. Mr. Hudson said members of the general public have 30 days from the time of the publication of the public notice to request a hearing by TDEC. Ms. Longmire asked if additional methane gas vents will be installed due to the new permit. Mr. Hudson said no. Ms. Hunter asked about the landfill's annual waste tonnage. Mr. Hudson said the landfill accepted 251,518 tons in 2013; 237,151 tons in 2012; and 236,247 tons in 2011. Ms. Hunter asked about the number of vents at the landfill. Mr. Hudson replied he didn't have the exact number, but would get the information to her.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Hunter said Loudon County Commissioner Van Shaver floated the idea of selling the landfill at a recent commission meeting. She asked Mr. Field if he had talked to Mr. Shaver about this. Mr. Field said he talked to Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw about it. Ms. Littleton-Brewster said Commissioner Shaver asked his peers on the County Commission to think about the idea and be prepared to give their thoughts at the next County Commission workshop. Ms. Hunter asked the Commission its thoughts about selling the landfill. Mr. Field said the landfill belongs to the stakeholders and the Commission will follow their suggestions. He added the Commission currently has a valid contract with Santek to manage the landfill. Mr. Watkins said selling the landfill won't mean selling any liability associated with the landfill, adding the idea sounded complex to him.

Ms. Hunter asked if televisions were being disposed of in the landfill. Mr. Field said he believed so, but Chris Parks with the Loudon County Convenience Centers would be the most appropriate person to answer her question.

Ms. Dunson presented the Cash Activity Report.

During Santek's Operations Report, Ms. Dunson noted that Loudon Utilities installed new lights at the landfill's entrance this morning and they should be operational tonight.

Mr. Field asked the Commission if it was prepared to approve the annual update to the county's solid waste plan. He said he sent electronic copies of the update to all of the commissioners, but didn't have a hard copy with him. Ms. Littleton-Brewster said there were many typographical errors in the document. Mr. Field suggested she convey the errors to Mr. Stevens who would forward them to Santek, and Santek would make the corrections.

Mr. Field said he talked to Mr. Bradshaw last week about the grant for corrective action at the Poplar Springs Landfill. The Mayor said the 50-percent share grant was approved by the state in the amount of \$68,000. Ms. Littleton-Brewster said the Loudon County Commission has a special-called meeting April 19th to review the grant. Mr. Stevens asked how the grant amount was determined and Mr. Field said it was based on the consultant's estimates.

Mr. Hamilton said he met with Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller to discuss the status of the Commission's investments. He said Mr. Miller will email Mr. Bradshaw to request a meeting of the Loudon County Investment Committee (the Committee) because the County cannot invest funds for more than two years without permission from the Committee. Mr. Hamilton said if the County could invest the Commission's funds up to five years, it would result in an increase in interest earned of six-tenths of a percentage. He also said broker certificates of deposits (CD) get better rates, but the State of Tennessee put a stop to counties seeking broker CDs last year. Mr. Watkins asked if broker CDs resulted in more risk. Mr. Hamilton said they did, but Mr. Stevens said they may be FDIC insured.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens said Commissioner Larry Jameson will follow up on seeking help from a local Boy Scout troop to post No Hunting signs on the Purdy property.

Mr. Field said he received an email from Loudon County tire dealer Jimmy Matlock requesting Santek stop charging a fee on waste tires. He said he talked with Santek about an audit of its tire program. Auditor Richard Hill said the Commission could approve an agreed upon procedure for Mr. Hill to review Santek's records for a fee of less than \$3,000. Ms. Dunson said she can demonstrate Santek paid Liberty Tire \$46,476.94 last year for tire recycling services and charged \$37,280.75 for tire disposal at the landfill for a loss of \$9,196.19. She also said Santek is receptive to the Commission assuming operation of the waste tire program and not charging a fee. Mr. Field said Mr. Matlock says he isn't assessed a fee when he takes tires to Knox, Blount and McMinn Counties. Ms. Hunter said when her husband purchases tires, he pays a tire disposal fee of \$3. She asked where the money went. Mr. Field said \$1 is returned to the state to fund the waste tire program and \$2 remains with the tire dealer to dispose of tires. Ms. Hunter asked about the charge for tires at the landfill. Ms. Dunson replied the landfill charges \$1.25 per tire for disposal. Littleton-Brewster said she didn't agree with paying Mr. Hill to perform an audit of the tire program. Mr. Dennis Stewart said if Mr. Matlock can dispose of tires in other counties at no cost, he should take all of his tires there. Ms. Dunson offered to research tire programs in the counties to which Mr. Matlock referred. Ms. Littleton-Brewster said she would research how much local tire dealers are charging customers for tire disposal. In the meantime, Ms. Littleton-Brewster said the Commission should tell Mr. Matlock they appreciate his concerns and is looking into the issue.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Field', written in a cursive style.

Steve Field, Chairman
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission