

Minutes
Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission
November 12, 2013

The Loudon County Solid Waste Disposal Commission (Commission) met on November 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex. The Commission was represented by Steve Field, Bill Waldrop, John Watkins, Larry Jameson, Jim Akins, Brian Jenkins and Robert Harrison. Other attendees included Attorney Kevin Stevens; Dr. Bob Bachus; Gordon Harless; Santek representatives Cheryl Dunson and Levi Higdon; Pat Hunter; Ailene Longmire; a member of the media; and several other unidentified citizens.

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

MOTION: Mr. Jameson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013. Mr. Waldrop seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

During Items of Public Concern, Ms. Hunter asked Chairman Field if the task of scanning the 2002 meeting minutes had been completed. Mr. Field said it was only possible to scan meeting minutes beginning in 2003. When Ms. Hunter asked Mr. Field about the status of updating the county web site, he said it would be forthcoming. In response to a question posed by Ms. Longmire during the October meeting, Mr. Field said the Matlock Bend Landfill's current elevation is 1,065 feet; the permitted final elevation is 1,108 feet; and the final elevation once the major permit modification is approved will be 1,125 feet.

Ms. Dunson presented the October Cash Activity Report and the Landfill Operations Report. Mr. Harrison asked Ms. Dunson about Rail Car Services Group's waste stream and corporate location. She said she would get the information from Santek personnel and email it to Chairman Field.

Mr. Field said he spoke with Steve Batiste with Brown and Caldwell regarding the compilation of questions for the waste reduction meeting with the Commission's stakeholders. Mr. Batiste told Mr. Field he would disseminate the questions to Commissioners once they were ready, and then seek input and comments from the Commissioners.

Mr. Field informed Commissioners that Loudon County and Lenoir City had expressed interest in exploring the concept of hiring a solid waste director for the County, and he was working with Kim Raia with CTAS to develop a potential job description and salary range. He encouraged the Commissioners to talk to their respective stakeholders for input about the position. Mr. Harrison asked which governmental entity would pay the employee's salary and to whom would they report. Mr. Field suggested that the solid waste director function as a County employee whose salary could be paid by four entities (Loudon County, City of Loudon, City of Lenoir City and the Commission). He also suggested that the solid waste director would report to all four governmental bodies. Mr. Harrison, Mr. Waldrop and Mr. Jameson disagreed, stating that the Commission represents all of the stakeholders and, therefore, the solid waste director should report to the Commission. Mr. Field said discussions related to hiring a solid waste director are very preliminary, and quite a few details must be resolved before the process can proceed.

During the Attorney's Report, Mr. Stevens recommended to the Commission that it temporarily recess the meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss a pending legal controversy. Mr. Field noted that the Commission wouldn't make any decisions during the Executive Session and the meeting would be adjourned once the session concluded.

MOTION: At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Waldrop made a motion to recess the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

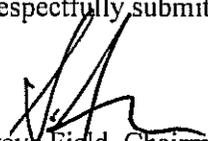
The Commission returned from Executive Session at 9:48 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Watkins made a motion to hold a Special Called Meeting of the Commission on December 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex to discuss the major permit modification. Mr. Waldrop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Waldrop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Mr. Akins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is December 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Field, Chairman

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