



## Region 2000 Services Authority

### Location

Haberer Bldg.  
47 Courthouse Lane  
Rustburg, VA 24588

### Date | Time

September 27, 2017  
2:00 p.m.

## Minutes

### Board Members Present

Susan Adams.....Appomattox County  
Steve Carter ..... Nelson County  
Frank Rogers, *Chair*..... Campbell County  
Bonnie Svrcek..... City of Lynchburg

### Others

Emmie Boley ..... Region 2000  
Margaret Carmel ..... News and Advance  
Gary Christie..... Region 2000  
Susan Cook ..... Region 2000  
Clarke Gibson ..... Region 2000  
Gaynelle Hart ..... City of Lynchburg  
Bill Hefty ..... Hefty, Wiley & Gore  
Lynn Klappich ..... Draper Aden  
Rosalie Majerus ..... Region 2000  
Candy McGarry ..... Nelson County  
Alice Rockefeller ..... Appomattox County

### **1. Welcome**

Frank Rogers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### **2. Public Comment**

- 1) Eric Barringer addressed the Authority on behalf of the Region 2000 Concerned Citizens Group as chairman of the PVPP committee. He stated that the proposed plan provides no real benefit to the citizens living near the landfill and as proposed should not be adopted. The citizens group formed a committee and in August 2016 provided a detailed version of a plan based on existing plans that had been adopted throughout the country. However, the Authority took no action on this plan. In May of 2017 the Authority developed a conceptual design proposal, which was reviewed by the committee, and feedback provided to the Authority. The

Authority then prepared the current draft PVPP without considering any feedback from the committee.

- 2) Jon Hardie added that the Authority has not done anything to engage the citizens. He also stated that the current draft plan discriminates against the citizens on several formats:
  - Income generating property owners have been left out of the plan, ignoring peoples' property rights. Mobile homes are also not eligible under the plan.
  - People who purchased their property after the Region 2000 landfill operation began are excluded from the plan.
- 3) Kevin Jenkins addressed the issue concerning the lack of air conditioning in the scale house where his wife works all summer. He explained that he spoke with the safety manager at the landfill on Friday, September 22 concerning what he believed to be an indoor air quality violation. Clarke Gibson returned a call to him advising that the air condition was going to be fixed. He was skeptical that there had actually been a dispute over the summer concerning the air conditioner, but he did thank the Authority for getting it fixed.
- 4) Don Barnett stated that he has noticed improvement in the odors. However, regardless if the entrance and scales are moved, there will always be the truck traffic and noise going by the scale house and to the convenience station.

### **3. Approval of May 24 & June 8 Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Bonnie Svrcek, seconded by Susan Adams, the minutes of May 24 and June 8 were approved as presented.

### **4. Review of Financials for FY 17 and Preliminary Financials through August 2017**

Rosalie Majerus reviewed the financial reports included in the meeting packet. Due to a revenue shortfall for FY 17 the budgeted disposal cost per ton was \$28.75, versus an actual of \$30.68.

Tonnage for FY 18 to date is on schedule. Personnel and O & M expenses are slightly over, due to onetime expenses being paid.

Rosalie presented a resolution for VACORP Insurance, explaining that the insurance carrier has been changed from VML to VACORP. This change has saved the Services Authority almost \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by Bonnie Svrcek, and seconded by Steve Carter, to approve the resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **5. FY 17 Excess Revenue Appropriation**

Rosalie Majerus advised that the distribution of excess revenue, based upon year end numbers, needed to be authorized. The amount due to Lynchburg is \$291,861.00, and \$661,932.00 to Campbell County.

Bill Hefty explained that the distribution of excess revenue is legal under the member agreement, and all of the jurisdictions had approved it. The air space is specifically mentioned in the agreement, and is separate from payment for the land.

Steve Carter stated that he believes the validity of distribution is inappropriate, and that it should never be approved. The position of Nelson County is that landfill capacity and land were purchased by the Authority, making the payment of excess revenue inappropriate and incorrect.

Bill Hefty advised that the distribution is subject to approval of the Authority annually.

Following discussion concerning the excess revenue distribution, Frank Rogers made the motion, seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to approve the excess revenue distribution.

Susan Adams made a substitute motion to table this matter for further discussion at the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Svrcek. The vote was approved as follows:

Susan Adams – Aye  
Steve Carter – Aye  
Frank Rogers – Nay  
Bonnie Svrcek – Aye

The motion carried, 3 votes to 1.

#### **6. Property Value Protection Program**

A draft proposal dated 7/17/17 was included in the meeting packet, as well as citizen comments from Mr. Eric Barringer, based on a committee report from Frank Rogers and Susan Adams. Citizen comments were also included. Staff did not have anything new or additional to add. Frank Rogers advised that it would be his suggestion to take the first years' funding out of the O & M Reserve.

Bonnie Svrcek said she did not believe the Authority had done a good job with public outreach, and would like to defer action and see the Authority have a public information meeting. Bonnie made a motion to defer action and to schedule a public information meeting for all those proposed to be affected by the Services Authority draft proposal, and to have staff make a presentation on what the program looks like, listen to the citizens, and then come back and make a decision. The motion was seconded by Frank Rogers. The motion was approved as follows:

Susan Adams – Aye  
Steve Carter – Abstain  
Frank Rogers – Aye  
Bonnie Svrcek – Aye

#### **7. Consideration of a request from Roanoke Regional Landfill to dispose of up to 500 tons per day of solid waste for a 1-2 month period while they undergo road renovations**

Clarke Gibson explained that he was approached by the Roanoke Regional Resource Authority about entering into a reciprocal agreement similar to one they have with New River Valley Resource Authority. Starting next July 2018 for about a one to two month period they will not have access to their landfill as they go through a transition period and convert their rail service from the Orange Avenue transfer station to the Catawba Landfill into a road. They have asked if the Authority would be willing to receive up to 500 tons per day of solid waste for a one to two month period while they undergo renovations. This would involve a one year agreement and then revisiting the agreement. The Roanoke Authority will be charged the market rate.

Bonnie Svrcek made a motion to enter into this agreement with the Roanoke Authority, and the motion was seconded by Susan Adams. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 8. Consideration of moving forward with the installation of additional gas collection wells in Phase 3 area ..... Clarke Gibson**  
Clarke Gibson reported that landfilling in Phase 3 has recently been completed, and they are planning the permanent cap. They will put this out to bid in the spring and have it completed by the end of next year. Prior to putting in the cap they would like to complete the gas collection system as originally designed, in Phase 3. This includes eight additional collection wells and the infrastructure to hook it up to the existing flare. The flare was originally designed to handle the production of gas from Phase 3 all the way through the completion of Phase 5. He added that installing the additional wells will improve the odor problems along the Calohan Road area, and when completed, the permit cap will continue to help to seal in the gasses that the gas collection wells may not capture, helping to improve efficiency.

Since the gas collection system and the odor neutralization project have been completed there has been a 90% reduction in odor complaints.

Mr. Gibson asked the Authority to approve signing the addendum to the original PPEA Agreement with SCS in the amount of \$268,392.00, with money coming from the closure funds.

The motion was made by Steve Carter, and seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to approve signing the addendum. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. Director's Report**

- 1) Clarke Gibson reported that the gas collection system at the Concord Turnpike is owned by a third party. The contract was inherited by Authority when they assumed ownership of the landfill at Concord Turnpike. There are two gas collection systems and both are aging. Gas readings for the perimeter wells have to be reported to the DEQ as the Authority is the permit holder and is responsible for maintaining the gas levels below permit levels in the perimeter wells. Recently a warning letter was received stating that the gas collection system has to be fixed. The contract agreement with the third party owner, Land Gas of Virginia, states that Land Gas is responsible to maintain the gas system so that the Authority is in permit compliance, and at this time we are not. Bill Hefty is in discussion with the owner to get the system upgraded and operating properly. The next level of enforcement would be a notice of violation, and at that point the Authority and DEQ would enter into a consent agreement to come up with a plan and a time schedule to get the perimeter wells back into compliance. Clarke also advised that expenses incurred in fixing problems will be forwarded to Land Gas for reimbursement. If the Authority should take over the gas collection systems there are several things that need to be fixed. SCS will put together a report on what needs to be done to upgrade the gas collection systems to maintain compliance.
- 2) Clarke advised that within the last four weeks the transition has been made from Phase 3 to Phase 4, and it is going smoothly.
- 3) Clarke advised that last year the budget was exceeded for temporary help, which was due to high winds and operating location in Phase III. He has used temporary labor from the

local Campbell County jail to lower this expense. So far this year temporary help expenses have decreased to stay within budget.

- 4) Clarke also reported that tonnage is tracking a little bit lower than last year, but in September it has picked up.
- 5) Clarke asked the Authority for approval to purchase a mobile vapor unit from Equipment Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$56,400.00.

Bonnie Svrcek made the motion to approve purchase of a mobile vapor unit. The motion was seconded by Steve Carter, and was unanimously approved.

- 6) Clarke addressed the air conditioning issue presented by Kevin Jenkins during the public comments. He explained that the air conditioning unit in the scale house has been out intermittently during the summer months. It has been serviced several times, but would stop working again. Fans had been purchased for the operators. Two weeks ago the unit gave out completely and the manufacturer refused to replace it under a warranty claim. Three quotes were received to replace it, and it should be replaced next week.

**10. Appointment of Gary Christie as the Freedom of Information Act Officer for the Authority**

The motion was made by Susan Adams, seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to appoint Gary Christie as the FOIA officer for the Authority. The motion was unanimously approved.

**11.** By consensus of the Authority, the closed session was cancelled.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.