

# Region 2000 Services Authority

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Bank of the James, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

January 14, 2015

2:00 p.m.

### Minutes

#### **Board Members Present**

Steve Carter ..... Nelson County  
Kim Payne..... City of Lynchburg  
Frank Rogers..... Campbell County  
John Spencer (for Aileen Ferguson) ..... Appomattox County

#### **Others**

Emmie Boley ..... Region 2000  
Gary Christie..... Region 2000  
Ted Cole..... Davenport & Assoc.  
Susan Cook ..... Region 2000  
Clarke Gibson ..... Region 2000  
Gaynelle Hart..... City of Lynchburg  
Bill Hefty ..... Hefty, Wiley, & Gore  
Lynn Klappich ..... Draper Aden  
Katrina Koerting ..... News and Advance  
Rosalie Majerus ..... Region 2000  
Candy McGarry ..... Nelson County  
Clif Tweedy ..... Campbell County

#### **1. Welcome and Approval of the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Kim Payne welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Steve Carter and seconded by Frank Rogers, the Authority approved the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes unanimously.

#### **2. Report on Special Use Permit Application**

Gary Christie reported that on December 1<sup>st</sup> the Campbell County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application for a special use permit to allow for landfill expansion on the Bennett property. About 26 residents from the neighborhood spoke.

Comments and concerns included:

- Landfill will mar the landscape
- Project is too large
- Property values will be negatively impacted
- Odor and noise
- Land application to limit the use of sludge
- Health issues
- Concern that Campbell should not be taking other jurisdictions' solid waste
- Environmental pollution

The Planning Commissioners were not willing to consider modifying the application and voted unanimously to deny the application.

Clarke Gibson explained that the withdrawal of the application would have no impact on present operations. However, he would have to take a look at long range planning and schedule accordingly.

Frank Rogers made the motion that the Authority withdraw the permit application. The motion was seconded by John Spencer.

Frank stated that there were a number of comments, concerns, and suggestions raised at the public hearing that warrant consideration on the part of the Authority, and requests that all available options other than expansion on the Bennett property are investigated. Some options are: non-expansion, transfer station, or smaller expansion. Kim Payne noted that there are two categories of issues to be explored, one being the expansion on the Bennett property, and also operational issues at the current landfill.

#### **Campbell County residents concerns:**

- 1) Jon Hardie
  - concerned with location of the Services Authority meetings
  - has large economic impact; increase in revenue does not offset quality of life
  - time issue – length of impact on the locality over lifetime of the landfill; not a regional approach
  - impact on property (wildlife, watershed)
- 2) Carl Weiser
  - groundwater contamination
  - health issues
- 3) Erin Harre
  - property values
  - food supply/garden/water contamination
  - odor/sludge
- 4) Thomas Beman
  - asked about odor control study
- 5) Clayton Stanley
  - life invested in property

- 6) Tom Holzknacht
  - requested summer odor study
- (7) Joshua Spence
  - sludge/family health
- (8) Claude Royal
  - lack of efficient recycling

Kim Payne thanked the residents for their comments and advised that the Authority would discuss how to keep them engaged in discussions as they go forward.

### **3. Financial Report**

- Rosalie Majerus reviewed the financial report included in the meeting packet.
- Clarke Gibson presented the proposed budget for FY 2016. He reported that before the final budget is approved he will take another look at the tonnage projections. Member rate and market rate will remain the same. The contract tipping fee will increase by \$2.00 per ton.
- Capital projects include a used street sweeper, a used mini-excavator, and replacing two hand held radios, and permitting lateral expansion at the Livestock Road landfill.

A motion was made by John Spencer to advertise the market and contract tipping fees. The motion was seconded by Steve Carter, and approved unanimously.

### **4. Financing for Phase Four**

Ted Cole presented a preliminary financing schedule proposal for the Phase Four project. This would involve a potential third revenue bond for an 8 million dollar project with the actual borrowing likely a little bit larger. It would possibly be for a ten year term. He is proposing a dual track approach to the financing, where both financing through VRA and bank financing would be considered. VRA has an application deadline of February 9<sup>th</sup>. They have committed that they would be able to provide a funding commitment by no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>. Funding proposals would also be submitted from banks.

Kim Payne suggested that the Authority consult with their local attorneys and leadership in their governing bodies to see what their reaction might be to the financing options.

Frank Rogers made the motion, seconded by Steve Carter, that the Authority agrees to file a placeholder application with VRA. Ted Cole, through Clarke Gibson, will provide information that could be shared with attorneys and board leadership about what obligations would be imposed upon their jurisdictions subsequent to the placeholder application if the VRA rate is competitive with the bank rate. The motion was approved unanimously.

Steve Carter made a motion, seconded by Frank Rogers, to issue the financing RFP. The motion carried unanimously.

## 5. Director's Report

- Clarke Gibson reported that he has a proposal from SCS Engineers for an odor control sampling and evaluation study. The proposal includes sampling for numerous compounds that are typically associated with landfill gas and odors. The study will include recommendations to control odors. Clarke said that he will invite SCS to come to the next meeting to explain their methodology.
- Tonnage Report – Clarke reported that tonnage is tracking a little bit higher than anticipated. He will continue to monitor this and make a recommendation at the next meeting if tonnage projections need to be adjusted for FY 16.
- Lateral Expansion Permitting Process – at present it is going through a wetland permitting process, the DEQ has reviewed the permit application, and Draper Aden is addressing comments from the DEQ.  
Lynn Klappich added that SCS is working on the air permit, and Draper Aden also has to update an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan. This may require each of the local governments to approve the amendment.

## 6. Items from the Authority

- Kim Payne asked that staff compile a list of concise, complete issues that have been raised concerning both future expansions on the Bennett property and also operations at the current landfill. At the next meeting he would like to have a discussion exploring how to approach the issues. He also would like some information from the staff and the consultant about best practices to plan ahead.
- It was decided by consensus to hold the next meeting at the landfill.
- Kim also asked for a draft policy for public comment.
- Kim asked about the Authority's website presence. He requested that agendas and financials be accessible on the website.

## 10. Adjourn – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

The next meeting was set for April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m., at the Livestock Road landfill.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_