

# Region 2000 Services Authority

## Region 2000 Services Authority Meeting Livestock Road Landfill

June 17, 2015

3:00 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**

Robert Arthur ..... Region 2000  
Delbert Beasley..... County Waste  
Emmie Boley ..... Region 2000  
Bill Carwile..... Campbell County Resident  
Gary Christie..... Region 2000  
Susan Cook ..... Region 2000  
Seth Cunningham..... Burns & McDonnell  
Bob Dick ..... SCS Engineers  
Diane Dodd ..... Region 2000  
Anne Thomas Doyle ..... Concerned Citizen  
Clarke Gibson ..... Region 2000  
Larry Hall..... Region 2000  
Jon Hardie ..... Campbell Resident  
Bill Hefty ..... Hefty, Wiley, & Gore  
Taeseong Kim ..... Campbell County Resident  
Lynn Klappich ..... Draper Aden  
Rosalie Majerus ..... Region 2000  
Dan Miles..... Roanoke Valley Regional Authority  
Scott Pasternak..... Burns & McDonnell  
Nina Thomas..... Campbell County Resident  
Robert L. Thomas ..... Campbell County Resident  
Clif Tweedy ..... Campbell County  
Felicia West ..... Region 2000

#### **1. Welcome**

Chairman Kim Payne welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

## **2. Roanoke Valley Regional Authority Property Value Protection Program**

Dan Miles, of the Roanoke Valley Regional Authority, gave a presentation on their Property Value Protection Program, and how it works. He explained that a reserve fund was set aside for the fair market value of the homes. Fair market value is based on the tax assessment value or an appraisal. If the property is purchased, the Regional Authority then has the option of either keeping the property or selling it. The Authority also works with the Citizens Association to keep a line of communication open. There is a deadline of five years after the landfill closes to make a claim to the property protection fund, and there can be only one claim per property.

Mr. Miles also explained that the fund began with \$400,000, from tipping fees.

The Property Protection Fund is maintained by the Regional Authority Board of Directors, and the Authority Board has two full voting members from the Homeowner's Association.

Kim Payne asked that Mr. Miles send him by-laws and Articles of Incorporation for this program.

## **3. Odor Mitigation Update**

Bob Dick, of SCS Engineering, gave an update on field work done between June 1 and June 12.

Mr. Dick explained that there are two types of landfill odors, landfill gas and working face operations. He added that odor from sludge can be decreased by controlling the times when sludge is received. Also, the ph level in the sludge impacts the odor.

Total cost of the landfill gas collection system proposed by SCS would be approximately 1.8million dollars. Mr. Dick was asked to prepare a task order with a proposal for this system.

## **4. Excess Revenue Discussion**

Burns & McDonnell provided an overview of the history related to excess revenue. Seth Cunningham explained that excess revenue was developed as one method to compensate for the value of the air space. The Total value of excess revenue payments was based on an assumption of annual tonnage, an assumption of market and member rates, and an assumption of how efficiently the airspace was utilized. . This value was never compared to the revenue that each locality could generate on its own. The Board has the option each year, when reviewing the budget, to determine what is done with the excess revenue. Traditionally, it has been distributed to the two localities that have landfills. That will go away in approximately 2022 when the original air space that was contributed by the two localities is consumed. The question moving forward is what does the Authority choose to do with the excess revenue the next budget year, and after 2022 will Campbell County be compensated for the continued operation of the landfill in their community and if so, how will the payment amount and structure be determined?

Kim Payne stated that the question is how much should be paid to the host locality, and what should be done with the excess revenue. This will be addressed when the next budget comes up. Frank Rogers said that he feels that it should continue the same as has been done. Kim closed discussion by stating that the issue would be addressed when the budget process for next year is discussed. Until 2022 the excess fee will be dealt with as defined in the current Member Use Agreement.

Members of the Authority were polled on the question of whether there should be some compensation for the community providing air space. Kim Payne, Frank Rogers and John Spencer said yes. John Spencer commented that he was unsure as to what the appropriate amount of compensation should be. Steve Carter said that he does not support compensation for the community providing air space

Bill Hefty will have to advise if the amendment needs to be amended after 2022. Frank Rogers stated that he thought it was appropriate for the Authority to make some sort of an Expression of Intent as to what the Authority anticipates happening after 2022. Appomattox, Lynchburg are also in favor of this, and join Campbell in voicing the opinion that the host locality should continue to be compensated as the host locality. Kim Payne stated that this will be added to a future agenda. Language for this intent will be addressed at the next meeting.

Steve Carter asked for a definition of excess revenue, as he believes it was changed when Appomattox County joined the Authority. This will be researched.

## **5. Impacts of Reducing/Not Taking Sludge**

Gary Christie reported that one of the Authority's contract customers, Griffin Pipe, has contracted with a private hauler that owns an industrial waste landfill in the Danville area. Frank Rogers added that the Authority may want to focus on relationship building and communication. Kim Payne questioned whether we should consider a discounted rate for contract customers.

Clarke Gibson reported that he has met with a couple of the private haulers, and has committed to having a meeting with all of them this fall to begin the dialog that Frank Rogers suggested. He also has heard that wait time is a big issue, and suggested collecting some data on this. Clarke said that he would add this to his Director's Report.

An overview from Burns & McDonnell was included in the meeting packet that showed the impact of the loss of sludge would be about \$200,000. The total financial impact from the loss of sludge and Griffin Pipe would be about \$540,000. This loss would have to be made up from other revenue sources. Kim Payne added that both the Authority and Lynchburg Wastewater Treatment would need to make a decision about sludge disposal.

Areas that need follow-up:

- 1) Property Value Protection Program
- 2) Landfill gas collection

- 3) Decisions on sludge issue - Mr. Payne will try to get Tim Mitchell to attend the next Authority meeting.
  - 4) Ongoing concerns about customer relations
  - 5) Options after 2029, providing the lateral expansion is approved (Regional recycling programs, Regional composting programs, etc.)
- Mr. Payne suggested a fall planning meeting to discuss these issues.

**6. Discussion on moving the July 22 meeting date to July 29**

By consensus, the July meeting was rescheduled for August 19 at 2:00 p.m. in Rustburg.

**7. Other Business**

Clarke requested authority to purchase a bush hog with an articulating arm, in the amount of \$5,500. Kim Payne advised that this amount is below the amount needed for approval from the Authority.

**8. Adjourn** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50.