



Region 2000 Services Authority

Location

Haberer Bldg.
47 Courthouse Lane
Rustburg, VA 24588

Date | Time

May 24, 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

Robert Arthur Region 2000
Emmie Boley Region 2000
Gary Christie Region 2000
Susan Cook Region 2000
Seth Cunningham..... Burns & Mc Donnell
Clarke Gibson Region 2000
Larry Hall..... Region 2000
Gaynelle Hart City of Lynchburg
Brendan Hefty Hefty, Wiley, & Gore
Lynn Klappich Draper Aden
Rosalie Majerus Region 2000
Candy McGarry Nelson County
Alice Rockefeller Appomattox County
Alyssa Smith News and Advance
Felicia West Region 2000

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of March 22, 2017 Minutes

Steve Carter made the motion, seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to approve the minutes of March 22, 2017 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Jon Hardie spoke, expressing regret that the citizens were not allowed to have representation on the board. However, he expressed appreciation for the installation of the landfill gas collection control system. He also stated that the citizens expect the landfill to be operated at a level that does not impact their quality of life. Mr. Hardie hoped that a plan for property value protection would be presented at this meeting. He is also looking forward to hearing about the plan for waste management beyond 2030.

Rick McGee spoke on the proposal by Hyland Heights to use the Bennett property for youth and outdoor ministry.

4. Public Comment on Rate Increase

Clarke Gibson summarized the rate change in the FY18 proposed budget. There is an increase in the current commercial rate of \$1.50 per ton, which brings it up to \$40.25 per ton.

The public hearing was opened at 2:10 p.m. There were no comments from the floor, and the public hearing was closed at 2:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Bonnie Svrcek to approve the rate increase. The motion was seconded by Frank Rogers. Vote was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

5. Financial Review and Consideration of the 2017-2018 Budget

Rosalie Majerus reviewed financials and the proposed 2017-2018 budget.

Susan Adams suggested that going forward the Authority receive three to five years of budget history.

Frank Rogers asked that there be a dedicated work session to go over the budget going forward.

Bonnie Svrcek made the motion to approve the budget, with a second by Frank Rogers. The vote follows:

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

The motion was not approved.

The decision was made to continue the meeting at a later date, after staff provides a three year history and summary of any anomalies that would be helpful.

6. Property Value Protection Program Update

Frank Rogers reported that the Authority had discussed, and was not interested in adopting a program based on appraised value. They had received some proposals from the citizen's group and had some preliminary discussion concerning those. A concurrence of the majority of the Authority agreed to consider a program based on assessed value. Mr. Rogers and Susan Adams have developed a program based on assessed value, and the program, as proposed, would include the following elements:

- 1) Would include properties within one mile of the working trench of the landfill
- 2) Would only be available for properties owned or purchased prior to 2012
- 3) Requires that the property must be residential in nature – not income-generating
- 4) Applies only to properties that are owner occupied
- 5) Applies only once per parcel
- 6) Is not transferrable
- 7) Provides up to \$20,000.00 to seller if the property is sold below the most recent county assessed value
- 8) Is subject to available funds of the Authority
- 9) Would be open for a period not to exceed three years from date of adoption
- 10) Region 2000 Services Authority will maintain a database to track eligible properties/participation

Mr. Rogers stated that he would like to have discussion on this plan today and ask for a vote to endorse the conceptual design, and direct staff to fully vet it and bring it back to the next meeting for final adoption.

Steve Carter asked if Campbell County had purchased any vacant properties that would pertain to this plan. Clif Tweedy replied that three or four lots in the Poplar Ridge subdivision had been purchased as a buffer.

Susan Adams made the motion to endorse the conceptual design and direct staff to finalize for a formal vote of adoption at the next meeting. This would allow time for the citizens to review. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Svrcek. The vote followed:

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

The motion was approved.

7. Use of the Bennett Property by Hyland Heights Baptist Church

Clarke Gibson explained that he had previously presented a request from Hyland Heights Baptist Church to utilize the Bennett Property for their youth ministry. The church was asked to inform the citizens group of their proposed use of this property. A letter was received from Jon Hardy, President of the Concerned Citizens group, supporting their mission. Mr. Gibson stated that over the next several weeks he would be meeting with the church again to iron out some of the details. They have submitted a proposal, and this proposal will be discussed with legal counsel.

Steve Carter added that an agreement with the church for the use of the property needed to include a termination point.

Bonnie Svrcek suggested this item be added to their work session, so the church would not have to wait until the next meeting for a decision.

A report will be presented at the July meeting for discussion and possible action.

8. Director's Report

- 1) Tonnage Report – Tonnage is tracking a little lower than expected, and adjustments have been made in the FY18 budget.
- 2) Mr. Gibson explained that at a previous meeting the Authority had approved offering the Willow Lake residents a \$2,000.00 contribution to assist with some expenses in dredging the forebay of their lake. This offer has not been accepted as yet by the Willow Lake residents. He will continue to keep the dialog open with them.
- 3) Operations – Mr. Gibson reported that during the winter months they were operating on the eastern side of the landfill, and they have reached near capacity at that end. At that time they will be transitioning into Phase IV.
- 4) In regard to the visual buffering at a private property, suggested at the last meeting, Mr. Gibson explained that staff has visited the property, and the only practical way to screen the landfill area would be to plant trees on that particular piece of property.

9. Other Business – There was none.

10. Election of Officers

Gary Christie explained that the Services Authority officers are elected every year, but typically remain in office for two years.

The motion was made by Steve Carter to keep the current slate of officers for another year. The motion was seconded by Susan Adams and was unanimously approved. The officers elected for FY 2018 are:

Chair – Frank Rogers
Vice-Chair – Bonnie Svrcek
Treasurer – Susan Adams
Secretary – Gary Christie

11. Break

The Authority stopped for a short break before a presentation by Draper Aden and Burns & McDonnell.

12. Presentation by Draper Aden and Burns & McDonnell on reports coming from the Solid Waste Management Working Group and Greenfield Landfill cost estimate

Seth Cunningham and Lynn Klappich gave a presentation from the Solid Waste Management Working Group. This presentation can be found at:

<http://www.solidwastemanagement2030.org/uploads/4/4/7/9/44790795/region2000boardmtg-052417.pdf>

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Steve Carter, and seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to continue the meeting on Thursday, June 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the Haberer Building. The motion carried unanimously.