



Region 2000 Services Authority

Location

Haberer Bldg.
47 Courthouse Lane
Rustburg, VA 24588

Date | Time

January 30, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present

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

1. Welcome

Bonnie Svrcek welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

There were none.

3. Approval of the November 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Susan Adams, seconded by Steve Carter, the minutes of the November 28, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

4. Financial Update and Audit Report

Mrs. Majerus introduced Matt McLearen from Robinson, Farmer, Cox to give a presentation on the audit.

Mr. McLearen reviewed the audit and reported that there were no significant deficiencies found in their audit.

Rosalie Majerus gave an overview of the financials. She reported that market tonnage revenue is 5% above budget. This is impacting cost of service. At the end of December, actual cost of service was \$29.12, vs. the budget of \$30.25.

5. Discussion on Proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station in Appomattox County

Gary Christie explained that the Appomattox County Planning Commission is considering a transfer station. He reported effects that a transfer station could have on the Region 2000 Services Authority:

- Cost of service would increase up to the \$38.00 to \$39.00 range and if Appomattox County tonnage was removed also it could increase into the \$40.00 range.
- Would reduce excess revenue by \$500,000/year.
- Would increase landfill life by Approximately 5 years.
- There will be another meeting of the Planning Commission on February 13, and a public meeting at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on February 19.

Susan Adams stated that County Waste Tonnage versus Appomattox County tonnage are two separate items, and that the commercial side of County Waste would be lost whether or not Appomattox County proceeds with the transfer station.

6. Report from Staff on Meeting with County Waste

Clarke Gibson reported that County Waste advised that they intend to begin construction on the transfer station in Appomattox County when they receive approval from the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, and hoped to have it completed by the end of the calendar year. However, they do not plan on transferring any waste out of the region until the Cumberland County Landfill is completed and accepting waste, which they estimate to be around 2021. They also stated that they would not transfer any waste from the Lynchburg area to the Botetourt Landfill they are currently operating.

Mr. Gibson said County Waste was asked if they would consider continuing to dispose of solid waste that they collect in this region at the Livestock Road Landfill if they were offered volume based discounts. County Waste replied that they would consider continuing to do so if it was more economical to bring it to Livestock Road than to take it to Cumberland County.

Mr. Gibson also asked County Waste if they had customers in the Bedford County, Forest area, and was told that they do, and do bring this waste to the Livestock Road Landfill.

Frank Rogers added that the question is whether or not Appomattox County will seek to leave the Region 2000 Services Authority if the County Waste transfer site is approved by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors. Susan Adams stated that this conversation would come after seeing what the Board of Supervisors decides. Steve Carter stated that he felt it is important that the Authority have a contingency plan for preventing the significant loss of commercial waste.

Bonnie Svrcek suggested that further discussion on this topic be delayed until the March 27 Services Authority meeting, following the Appomattox Board of Supervisor's meeting and decision on the transfer station.

7. FY 2020 Budget Initial Presentation

Gary Christie began by stating that if there is an increase in the tipping fee, there will need to be a public meeting, which is typically done in May.

Clark Gibson reviewed the proposed budget:

- He began by proposing a cost of service increase of \$.75, from \$30.25 to \$31.00/ton for the member rate. The market rate would be \$41.00/ton.
- The proposed budget also includes a 2% performance based employee salary adjustment.
- The suggestion had been made to not show payments for excess revenue, on Schedule 2, but show it as an expenditure. He suggested having discussion on this to see how the Board wants to show it in the report.

- Haul road expenses have been increased by about \$20,000.
- Line item for fuel has been increased.
- Software needs to be upgraded for scale operation.
- \$25,256 has been added to reserves.
- There is a slight reduction in the billing to Campbell County for maintenance and inspection services.
- The tonnage projection is not being changed from FY 2019.
- Total revenue \$6,994,229.00, which is a 2% increase.
- Operating expenses are \$5,824,468.00, which is a 2.5% increase.
- Excess revenue is estimated at \$1,169,761.00. \$357,947.00 is proposed to be distributed to the City of Lynchburg, and the remaining \$811,814.00 to Campbell County.

Frank Rogers expressed concern with paying off the internal loan if commercial tonnage drops in 2021. Rosalie Majerus explained that additional life of the landfill, if this should happen, would help to pay off the loan.

Mr. Rogers also stated that he would like to see a couple more scenarios showing how different tonnage amounts would affect the revenue. Steve Carter agreed with this request.

Bonnie Svrcek expressed concern with the additional \$20,000.00 for the haul road, wondering if it would be enough. Mr. Gibson replied that it is only an estimate, but he feels good about it.

8. Director's Report

- a) Update on Annual Recycling Report – Mr. Gibson will be sending out the surveys within the next week or two to begin collecting data from each locality. The report is due to the DEQ on April 30th.
- b) Update on Road Improvements – Mr. Gibson explained that there are two roads – the perimeter road and the haul road, which is in the fill-face. Upgrades to the perimeter road are scheduled for spring.
- c) Hazardous Household Waste Advertising and Voucher System for Appomattox and Nelson Counties – In response to questions about the hazardous household waste advertising and voucher system for Appomattox and Nelson Counties, Mr. Gibson explained that when the Authority was formed a couple of policies were continued that had been followed by the City of Lynchburg at the Concord Turnpike Landfill. At this time, Amherst, Appomattox, and Nelson Counties were offered vouchers for citizens to bring hazardous waste to the landfill. The municipalities were then charged for the service. When a citizen from Lynchburg or Campbell County comes to the landfill with hazardous waste a form is filled out, the data is compiled, and each locality is billed for their share of hazardous waste collected. In the past the hazardous household waste collection days have been advertised in the News and Advance, which is paid by the City of Lynchburg. It is also advertised on the city's website and the Authority's website. Steve Carter asked that the vouchers be discontinued for Nelson County, and citizens can fill them out at the landfill. Susan Adams expressed that Appomattox County may wish to do the same.
- d) Tonnage Report – Mr. Gibson reported that the Authority is trending about last year's tonnage and he expects it to continue through this year.

9. Other Business – There was none.

10. Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.
The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, at 2:00 pm in the Haberer Building, Rustburg.