# SERVICES AUTHORITY

# **Region 2000 Services Authority**

Location
Haberer Bldg.
47 Courthouse Lane
Rustburg, VA 24588

**Date | Time** July 31, 2019 2:00 p.m.

# **Minutes**

# **Board Members Present**

Susan Adams	Appomattox County
Steve Carter	
Frank Rogers	•
Bonnie Svrcek, Chair	1

#### 1. Welcome

Bonnie Svrcek, Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meet at 2:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment** – There were none.

# 3. Approval of May 22 and June 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The motion was made by Frank Rogers, and seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to approve the meeting minutes of May 22 and June 12, 2019. The motion carried, with Steve Carter abstaining.

# 4. Financial Update

Rosalie Majerus reviewed the financial report in the agenda packet. She reported that the disposal fee revenue was budgeted at \$4,708,000. The revenue received was \$4,994,000 due to increased tonnage, which was 8,692 tons greater than planned. This caused the cost of service to be less than budgeted at \$30.25, and came in at \$28.88.

Net cost of expenses are right on budget.

### 5. Update on Bedford County Solid Waste Disposal

Clarke Gibson stated that at the last board meeting there was discussion concerning a request from Bedford County to consider allowing some out of region waste into the Livestock Road Landfill. Clarke added that he was asked to come up with a figure that would roughly equal one year's worth of capacity at the landfill. His calculation was 150,000 tons of waste.

Other negotiating points brought up during the last meeting were sent to Robert Hiss, the Bedford County Administrator. Mr. Hiss, along with Mike Dorsey, Bedford County Solid Waste Director, were present to address these negotiating points. They have said that they would like to look at approximately 12,000 tons/year for 12 ½ years, paying the market rate which is currently \$40.25/ton. They understand that this rate, along with the cost of service rate, can vary over the next few years.

Frank Rogers asked what Bedford's timeline is, and strategy going forward. Mr. Hiss advised that within the next six months they need to know where they will be putting their trash, and will also need to make long term decisions, as to whether or not they want to add another cell to their landfill.

Steve Carter asked if Bedford County would consider joining the Authority, and suggested using Bedford's landfill as part of the operations. Mr. Hiss answered that he has not heard much from the Bedford County supervisors about joining the Authority. The preference of the majority seems to be remaining a non-member and paying the commercial rate.

Bonnie Svrcek explained to Mr. Hiss that the Authority would need a formal request from his Board of Supervisors if they are interested in transferring waste into the Livestock Road Landfill.

Steve Carter stated that he would be more likely to vote in favor of Bedford if there was a reciprocal arrangement, allowing the regional waste to be deposited in the Bedford County facility at a future date. Mr. Hiss answered that his board has not discussed this yet, and would have to be discussed in further detail.

Susan Adams asked what the time frame is to have interviews for the RFP and to respond to them. Mr. Hiss replied that they are currently in negotiations and hopes that in 60 to 90 days they will be able to iron out details. He added that the RFP covers both transfer and disposal.

# 6. Update on Concord Turnpike Gas Collection

Mr. Gibson advised that LandGas had said in March that they were going to turn the system over to the Authority on a set day. On that day we assumed operational responsibility for the gas system. The system was in disrepair, and required about \$10,000 to get it operational. About \$15,000 of repairs also need to be done. In the meantime, they are keeping it running. It is there mainly for compliance purposes, and they are maintaining compliance with their air permit and DEQ permits. SCS appraised the above ground equipment for \$25,000 which is basically salvage value. Currently, SCS and the LandGas appraiser are discussing hiring a third party appraiser. Costs incurred in keeping the system running will be raised in negotiations.

Gary Christie informed the Authority that all of the gas is being flared off currently, from this location.

Susan Adams asked if there is a rough estimate of incurred costs to operate the system. Clarke advised that now it is mostly labor, staff and maintenance. Once this issue is settled, he would recommend replacing the entire system with a flare system to what is at Livestock Road.

Susan Adams asked that the information on the ongoing costs at Concord Road be sent to the Authority.

### 7. Update on Livestock Road Gas Wells Lift and Wall System

Mr. Gibson explained that in Phase 3 a permanent collection system was installed, which improved gas collection and the odor situation tremendously. There are currently two lifts in Phase 4. Last winter they put the next phase of landfill gas collection into Phase 4, by hooking up the leachate collection underdrain system, to begin collecting gas off of Phase 4. A hybrid horizontal/shallow vertical well system will be installed in the third lift. They are looking to fund this in the next budget year, and ready for engineering and construction in the FY 2021-2022 period. The next phase of the collection system will be about \$250,000.

# 8. Update on RFP for Livestock Road Landfill Gas Usage

Clarke reported that the Authority approved an RFP and projection study for the gas at the Livestock Road Landfill. SCS has been working on this, and expects to have the RFP document for review on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will likely be advertised sometime this fall.

# 9. Briefing on use of Bennett Property Soils

Mr. Gibson reported that he asked Draper Aden to look at the value of the soil that is being used off of the Bennett site over the last couple of projects. They reported a savings of \$1.4M. After building Phase 5, and closing Phase 4 and Phase 5 he expects the savings to well exceed the purchase price of the property, which was \$2.1M. The property has also been a valuable source of operational soil for cover and building the slopes.

# 10. Director's Report

- a) October Hazardous Household Collection This will be on October 12, and will be the last one of the year.
- b) Tonnage Report Tonnage has been above projections.

#### 11. Other Business – There was none.

# 12. Adjourn – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm

The next meeting will be on September 25, in the Haberer Building, at 2:00 pm.