



Region 2000 Services Authority

Location

Haberer Bldg.
47 Courthouse Lane
Rustburg, VA 24588

Date | Time

September 25, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present

Susan Adams.....Appomattox County
Steve Carter Nelson County
Frank Rogers..... Campbell County
Gaynelle Hart, Alternate for Bonnie Svrcek.....City of Lynchburg

1. Welcome

Frank Rogers, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

John Hardie voiced his opposition to more waste coming to the Livestock Road Landfill from a neighboring locality.

Judy Doering spoke, also declaring her opposition to Bedford County waste.

3. Approval of July 31, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The motion was made by Susan Adams, and seconded by Steve Carter, to approve the meeting minutes of July 31, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Financial Update

- a) Year to Date Report – Rosalie Majerus reviewed the current financial report.
 - Revenue tonnage is where it should be in the budget, as is the total revenue received to date.
 - Cost of Service is currently \$31.73/ton versus a budget of \$30.25/ton. This is mainly due to a number of one-time costs.

- b) Forgiveness of Late Penalty of \$7,972.21 for First Piedmont Waste Disposal
First Piedmont was late with a payment, but due to being a good customer the Authority was asked to forgive the late penalty in the amount of \$7,972.21.

A motion was made by Steve Carter, and seconded by Gaynelle Hart, to forgive the late penalty. The motion was unanimously approved.

Clarke Gibson presented another account with a late penalty dating back to 2011, with an out of town contractor. He asked the Authority to forgive the late penalty of \$5,867.15.

Steve Carter made the motion to forgive the late charge of \$5,867.15. The motion was seconded by Gaynelle Hart, and unanimously approved.

5. Bedford County Request for a Contract for 15,000 Tons of Solid Waste per Year for Five Years

Gary Christie explained that he has received a formal request from Bedford County for a contract with the Services Authority to bring up to 15,000 tons of solid waste to the Livestock Road Landfill per year for five years, with five one year renewable optional years at the commercial rate. The solid waste would not include sludge, and reciprocal landfill space would not be available.

One month of landfill space would be lost for each year that 15,000 tons were received, while there would be about \$450,000 in additional revenue going into the operation funds at \$30.25/ton. There would also be \$10.00/ton going into the excess revenue account.

Staff recommended moving forward with negotiations of the five year contract at the rate of \$40.25 with \$30.25 going to operations and \$10.00 to excess revenue. Subsequent years would be billed at \$40.25 based on the cost of living, not necessarily fluctuating with the cost of service rate. A clause would be suggested that allows for negotiation or termination of the contract within 12 months, if the loss of a major waste customer (like County Waste) is anticipated. He also suggested tracking this excess revenue as a separate contract, dividing it equally among the jurisdictions who are not receiving excess revenue payments currently.

Frank Rogers reported that this item was taken before the Campbell County Board of Supervisors and they voted unanimously to reject the Bedford County trash.

Mr. Rogers made a motion to decline Bedford County's request for a contract for 15,000 tons of solid waste per year for five years. The motion was seconded by Susan Adams.

The vote was:

Susan Adams – Yes

Steve Carter – Yes

Frank Rogers – Yes

Gaynelle Hart – Nay

Bedford's request was denied.

Mr. Carter made a motion to suggest the Authority correspond with Bedford County requesting membership. Susan Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Distribution of 2018-2019 Excess Revenue

Gary explained that the auditors have determined that the Authority generated \$1,407,595 in excess revenue in 2018-2019. The distribution pattern has been 30.6% to Lynchburg and 69.4% to Campbell County. He recommends distribution of:

\$430,724 to Lynchburg
\$976,871 to Campbell County

Frank Rogers made the motion to approve the excess revenue distribution. The motion was seconded by Gaynelle Hart.

Before the vote was taken, Mr. Rogers addressed those present, reminding everyone that excess revenue has been a topic of conversation for several years. He stated that over time Campbell County and Lynchburg have contributed a great deal of capacity to the benefit of the region. This capacity was paid for over time through the levy of excess revenues. The value of Campbell County's contribution can be equated to an excess of \$24M, of which to date a little over \$8M of the full 10 year term of the arrangement has been received for this capacity. Mr. Rogers hoped the Authority would continue in this practice and affirm the payment of excess revenues again this year.

Susan Adams suggested using some of this money to offset debt service as well as add to landfill closure cost funds. She also suggested using funds toward operational costs by reducing tipping rates.

The vote was:
Susan Adams – Nay
Steve Carter – Nay
Gaynelle Hart – Yes
Frank Rogers – Yes

The vote failed to approve the motion for excess revenue distribution.

7. Authorization to Expend \$45,000 from Closure/Post Closure Funds for the Extension of Components of the Gas Collection System at the Phase IV Cell of the Livestock Road Landfill

At the last Authority meeting staff described the next landfill gas collection system expansion project to be constructed in 1 ½ to 2 years when the third lift in the current operating Phase IV is complete.

Clarke Gibson reported that staff recommends with proceeding with construction of an initial part of this project, which is a permanent phase construction along the southeastern fill slope with a second lift in Phase IV at a cost of \$45,000. He recommended using the available closure funds to fund the project. With approval, this project could be completed by Thanksgiving.

No action was taken at this time.

However, later in the meeting Steve Carter asked to revisit this item. He asked Mr. Gibson to explain the expansion of the gas system at Livestock Road and if it is beneficial to the neighborhood as well as the Authority. Mr. Gibson answered that it is. It will increase the landfill gas collection volumes and will help with odor complaints. Since the first phase of the gas collection system was installed there has been over a 90% reduction in complaints. He assured Mr. Carter that it is cost effective at this time.

The motion was made by Steve Carter to authorize the expenditure of \$45,000 from the closure-post closure fund for expansion of the gas collection system. The motion was seconded by Frank Rogers and was unanimously approved.

Gary Christie suggested having a meeting arranged at the landfill for those interested to see the cell IV and get an update on what is on site.

8. RFP for use of Landfill Gas at Livestock Road

Bob Dick with SCS was available to answer questions on the draft RFP for a Landfill Gas to Energy Development Project at the Livestock Road facility. He advised that this RFP is structured so the Authority retains responsibility for permit design, finance and construction of the gas collection and control system facilities, in accordance with what staff directed. This allows the Authority to stay in full control of maintaining regulatory compliance and odor controls.

Mr. Dick added that Authority staff has advised there would be some slight modifications to the RFP in terms of wordsmithing. They will also convey to private sector proposers that the Authority will aggressively continue to extract the gas for odor control purposes, which will have some detrimental effect on the quality of the gas.

A motion was made by Gaynelle Hart to accept the RFP for landfill gas at the Livestock Road facility. Frank Rogers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

9. Update on Gas Collection at Concord Turnpike

Brendan Hefty reported that his office is working on an agreement with the previous operator of the gas collection system at the Concord Turnpike Landfill to work out an agreement for hiring a third party appraiser to come to a valuation of the above ground equipment.

Clarke Gibson reported that SCS is the Authority's appraiser, and Virginia LandGas has hired an appraiser. The two appraisers got together and a third party was agreed on. A site visit has been made, but a report has not yet been given. He also reported that about \$10,000 has been spent in capital upgrades to the system and \$2500/month in ongoing labor costs.

10. Director's Report

- a) Cost of a Landfill Capacity Survey – Clarke reported that an estimate for another consultant to do a permitting capacity study would be about \$7,500 - \$8,000.
No action was taken.

- b) Solid Waste Management Plan Update Cost – The Solid Waste Management Plan is required to be updated every five years, and the update is due next spring. A task order is being prepared with Draper Aden on the scope and cost and Mr. Gibson hopes to have the final task order ready by December.
- c) Tonnage Chart through August – Tonnage is reported to be on track or above budget projections.
- d) Hazardous Household Waste Collection – October 12, 2019 – The next hazardous waste collection is scheduled for October 12.
- e) CY 2018 Recycling Rate – The approved 2018 recycling rate from the DEQ has been received. The rate was approved at 38% of the waste stream. The mandated recycling rate from the state is 25%.

11. Other Business

- Susan Adams suggested having Authority meetings at the landfill to better help with decision making. Gary Christie advised that at the December meeting the schedule would be set for the next year and locations can be discussed.

12. Adjourn – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm

The next meeting will be on December 4, in the Haberer Building, at 2:00 pm.

Approved

Date