



**Region 2000 Services Authority**

**Location**  
Electronic Meeting - Zoom

**Date | Time**  
September 16, 2020  
2:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present**

Susan Adams.....Appomattox County  
Steve Carter ..... Nelson County  
Frank Rogers..... Campbell County  
Reid Wodicka.....City of Lynchburg

**1. Welcome**

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

Steve Carter welcomed Reid Wodicka, and the Authority wished him well in his role as Interim City Manager.

Frank Rogers noted that this is an electronic meeting authorized by the General Assembly of the Services Authority. He encouraged guests who wish to speak in the public comment section to sign up using the chat feature on the Zoom meeting platform.

**2. Public Comment**

Chris Amos of 83 Berringer Drive, Rustburg, encouraged the Authority to disburse the Excess Revenue funds from FYs 2019 and 2020. He noted that Campbell County is responsible for more of the maintenance and impact of the landfill than other localities, including increased traffic and wear and tear on roads. Mr. Amos noted that as a host community, Campbell County should receive some of the Excess Revenue funds in accordance with the Member Use Agreement.

**3. Approval of the June 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Steve Carter, seconded by Susan Adams, the minutes of the June 10, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### 4. Financial Report

- a. **2019-2020 Year End Financials:** Rosalie Majerus reported that market rate tonnage was below budget for the year. Even though municipal tonnage was above budget, the year ended with a net cost of service increase of \$0.10 over budget, which impacts the Excess Revenue and Operation and Maintenance fund. Clarke Gibson noted that expenditures were well below budget for FY 2020 and that market rate tonnage is on the increase again.
- b. **2019-2020 Excess Revenue Report:** Gary Christie reported that \$1,137,807 in Excess Revenue has been received and asked the Authority for direction on what to do with the funds.

Frank Rogers offered a motion to distribute both the FY19 and FY20 Excess Revenue funds. Steve Carter asked for clarification per Robert's Rules of Order on the limitations of motions by those who voted against distributing the funds. Bill Hefty offered that those who voted for the motion to distribute the funds can bring the motion back up again.

Frank Rogers made a revised motion to distribute the FY20 Excess Revenue funds, which was seconded by Reid Wodicka. The vote was:

Susan Adams – Nay  
Steve Carter – Nay  
Frank Rogers – Aye  
Reid Wodicka – Aye

The motion failed.

- c. **2020-2021 Year to Date Financials:** Rosalie Majerus reported that several once-per-year expenditures in the early months of FY21 have caused the Cost of Service to be above budget, although these were expected and considered usual expenditures.

#### 5. Proposed Bonuses for Employees

Clarke Gibson requested the Authority use \$26,683 from contingency to provide one-time bonuses to nineteen Services Authority employees who have continued to work through the pandemic and shutdowns. This bonus is intended to mirror the actions of several localities such as Lynchburg and Campbell County. Steve Carter recommended revisiting this proposal later in the year, which was agreed upon by the other members of the Authority.

#### 6. Gas to Energy Proposal at Livestock Road Landfill

Clarke Gibson reported that INGENCO is ready now to begin contract negotiations on utilizing the Livestock Road landfill gas for conversion to electricity. Clarke noted that under a complicated reimbursement formula, the Authority could earn between \$100,000-\$200,000 in additional revenues. He noted that there are additional permitting issues to work out, including a special use permit for Campbell County.

Steve Carter asked whose contract would be considered by the Authority, and Bill Hefty explained that it would be the Authority's contract.

By consensus, the members of the Authority agreed for staff to continue working on the contract and bring it back for the Authority with sufficient time to consider.

**7. Position of the Authority on a proposal to include a statewide fee on all solid waste disposed in Virginia**

Clarke Gibson and Bill Hefty reported that the General Assembly is considering legislation that would call for a study on the impact of a \$5 per ton fee on solid waste.

Steve Carter made a motion, seconded by Reid Wodicka, that the Authority send letters to the Governor and members of the state legislature opposing the study and fee. The motion was unanimously approved.

**8. Resolution of appreciation for Bonnie Svrcek**

Gary Christie presented a draft resolution of appreciation for Bonnie Svrcek for her service on the Authority. Frank Rogers thanked Susan Adams for her suggestion to prepare the resolution.

On a motion made by Susan Adams, seconded by Frank Rogers, the Authority unanimously approved the resolution and offers its most sincere appreciation to Bonnie Svrcek for her work as a member and leader of the Region 2000 Services Authority.

**9. Director's Report**

Clarke Gibson reported that tonnage for last year was slightly below budget with tonnage for the first two months of 2020 above last year's numbers. Frank Rogers asked if the chart provided could show FY19 numbers as well.

Mr. Gibson also reported that only two complaints have been received in September regarding odor, both of which were from the same address. Four complaints were received in August from two addresses.

Mr. Gibson asked the Authority to consider waiving a \$16,000+ late fee for County Waste, as they were only a few days late while converting their payment system to a new platform. On a motion made by Reid Wodicka, seconded by Susan Adams, the Authority unanimously agreed to waive the described fees.

**10. Other Business from staff or Authority members.**

A new system is being installed that will accept credit cards for landfill services. Card holders will be responsible for credit card fees.

Susan Adams asked that Clarke Gibson follow up with Chris Amos about the operational problems he mentioned in the citizen comment portion of the meeting.

- 11. Closed Session for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, specifically LandGas of Virginia, LP v. Region 2000 Services Authority, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the Authority.**

Upon a motion by Reid Wodicka, seconded by Susan Adams, the Authority unanimously approved the following motion:

“I move that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2.-3711 (a) (7) of the Code of Virginia for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, specifically LandGas of Virginia, LP v. Region 2000 Services Authority, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the Authority.”

After coming out of closed session, Steve Carter made the following motion, seconded by Frank Rogers that certified no business was conducted except for the business stated in the original motion to enter a closed session:

“I move that the Board return to open session pursuant to Section 2.2-3712.D and certify that only those business matters lawfully identified in the motion to go into closed session and exempt from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in a closed session.”

- 12. Adjourn** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.