

Region 2000 Services Authority

Region 2000 Services Authority Meeting
Campbell County Citizen Services Building
85 Carden Lane
Rustburg, Virginia 24588
August 19, 2015
2:00 p.m.
Minutes

Board Members Present

Steve Carter Nelson County
Kim Payne..... City of Lynchburg
Frank Rogers..... Campbell County
John Spencer (for Aileen Ferguson) Appomattox County

Others

Robert Arthur Region 2000
Don Barnett Campbell County Resident
Delbert Beasley County Waste
Thomas Beman Campbell County Resident
Emmie Boley Region 2000
Bill Carwile Campbell County Resident
Gary Christie Region 2000
Susan Cook Region 2000
Robert Dick SCS Engineers
Anne Thomas Doyle Concerned Citizen
Clarke Gibson Region 2000
Larry Hall Region 2000
Jon Hardie Campbell Resident
Gaynelle Hart City of Lynchburg
Bill Hefty Hefty, Wiley, & Gore
Lynn Klappich Draper Aden
Rosalie Majerus Region 2000
Robert Stafford Campbell County Resident
Nina Thomas Campbell County Resident
Robert L. Thomas Campbell County Resident
Clif Tweedy Campbell County
Ashlie Walter News & Advance
Felicia West Region 2000

1. **Welcome** - Chairman Kim Payne welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
He thanked Frank Rogers, on behalf of the Authority, for arranging a tour of the Campbell County Museum prior to the meeting.

2. **Approval of the May 13 and June 17 Meeting Minutes**

Frank Rogers noted that his recollection when discussing Excess Revenue and asking for an Expression of Intent was that Appomattox and Lynchburg generally indicated support for compensating the host locality. Kim Payne asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that there were three voting members who agreed to this support.

John Spencer also noted that the location of the meeting was incorrect.

The motion was made by Frank Rogers, and seconded by John Spencer, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

- Bill Carwile addressed his odor observations. He stated that the odor observations have improved and are less often, but have not gone away. He records about 20% of the days each month that have odor issues.
- Jon Hardie reported to the Authority that the last weekend has been very disturbing to him and his family due to a strong gas/chemical type of smell. He stated that there seems to be a pattern of strong odors at 7:00 a.m., and there are other times when he is unable to be outside at his home. He added that he appreciates the Authority's efforts to find an odor mitigation that will work, but that what has been put in place is not working.

4. **Odor Mitigation Update**

Robert Dick presented an update on ongoing odor mitigation efforts. This included some of the sludge process adjustments at the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant. Since June 18 the lime stabilized ph has been increased from approximately a ph 9 or 10. This process adjustment has resulted in a reduced moisture content of the incoming sludge and has reduced odors.

Don Barnett asked if the misting product being used is biodegradable and non-toxic; in other words safe for the residents near the landfill; also if misting was only at ground level or at a higher level over the top of the trees? Mr. Dick answered that both SCC and the Authority are comfortable that the product has the proper documentation and toxicity testing that demonstrates that it is suitable for use at the landfill. He also replied that facilities often will apply the misting product at both a low level and at a higher level for wider exposure.

Mr. Barnett also asked if anything will ever be accomplished that will make the landfill a "zero attractant" to birds. Mr. Dick replied that until the landfill is no longer in operation there will always be the potential for vectors.

Clarke Gibson advised that the Authority would need Bill Hefty to look over the contract with SCS and see what can and cannot be done within the existing engineering contract, and more information on the financial alternatives. The Authority may want to consider proceeding with issuing an RFP in the meantime.

Clarke also answered yes, to the question of whether or not we will at some point need a permanent gas extraction system. This will have to be done once the threshold is reached, to meet the Clean Air Act.

Mr. Dick stated that a ballpark range for the ongoing cost of a system like this would be in the \$50-60,000 range as an annual O & M cost, or as much as \$80-90,000 with additional required reporting. This is not in the budget for this year, and the Authority would need to make a budget adjustment or set up another borrowing. There is available funding set aside for closure, but it would need to be replaced. There is also approximately \$1,000,000 in the O & M Reserve.

Kim Payne suggested asking Staff and Bob Dick to proceed with the odor product vaporization project, and asking Bill Hefty to look into alternatives for procuring the gas collection system. Kim added that he is inclined to lean towards accepting an unsolicited PPEA.

Steve Carter stated that his preference would be to get information from Bill Hefty, and input from Clarke, Rosalie and Emmie on how to pay for the project. It was decided to have a special meeting to discuss procurement and financing options. Steve Carter asked for a summary report on what is going to be done, cost, and financing.

5. Financial Report

- Rosalie reviewed the tonnage reports:
 - a) Member tonnage was higher than planned by about 3,000 tons.
 - b) Contract tonnage was less than planned.
 - c) Market rate tonnage was over by almost 2,000 tons.Revenue generating tons were 900 tons more than initially budgeted for.
Total expenses were less than planned.
Clarke added that there were no adjustments in the FY 16 budget.

- On the subject of excess revenue Rosalie reported that air space was budgeted at 1.2 million, but came in at 1.3 million. On an annual basis this is used to determine the amount of excess revenue. Past practice has been to distribute the actual, not the budgeted number.

Frank Rogers made the motion to distribute the excess revenue, in the amount of \$1,301,000. Kim Payne seconded the motion. Frank Rogers and Kim Payne voted in favor of the motion, with Steve Carter and John Spencer opposed.

John Spencer made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator, has asked for more information on the excess

revenue history. Steve Carter seconded the motion. Steve Carter and John Spencer voted in favor of the motion. Frank Rogers and Kim Payne were opposed.

Services Authority will meet with Susan Adams and brief her on the history of the excess revenue distribution.

6. Director's Report

- 1) Clarke reported that a public hearing will be held tomorrow night with DEQ at the Yellow Branch Elementary School. This hearing is being held to receive public comments on the draft permit for the lateral expansion.
If the lateral expansion permit is not issued plans will proceed with the original plan of cell 4 construction. However, he is prepared to move forward with the lateral expansion construction documents in conjunction with the permit, and to prepare a bid packet. The projection is approximately 60 days out for receiving the permit.
- 2) Clarke advised purchasing the wetlands credits. He has the permit for mitigation of the wetlands from the DEQ, as well as the Corps of Engineers permit to mitigate the wetlands. The only condition is to purchase the wetland credits. Reasons for purchasing the credits are:
 - There are pockets of wetlands other than the sections in the lateral expansion area.
 - If there is no lateral expansion, there would be two landfills with a wetland between them.
 - There is a monitoring well that is located in proximity of the wetlands that needs to be abandoned. The wetlands would need to be disturbed in order to abandon the well.The last price that Clarke had was \$27,300. He felt that a current price would be close.

John Spencer made a motion to authorize Clarke to purchase the credits, not to exceed \$40,000. Steve Carter seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- 3) Clarke reported that he has met with staff to come up with some goals for this year. He distributed a list of these goals, and addressed several of them.
 - a) Improve communications between the large customers and the Authority. He proposes to schedule an annual meeting with the customers. This will hopefully be done in October.
 - b) Establish a reasonable and satisfactory safe turnaround time for the drivers. A Liberty University student has been hired and had been working for the past three weeks monitoring traffic and time patterns.
 - c) Improve compliance and safety issues and participating in hauler and staff safety meetings.
 - d) Participate in the DEQ Environmental Excellence Program.
 - e) Improve use of social media.

Clarke reported that an email list has been put together and he is sending out communications to neighbors regarding meeting dates.

John Spencer made a motion to endorse the goals as the Region 2000 Services Authority FY 2016 Goals. Frank Rogers seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

4. Clarke is looking at a couple of ways to install a screening or litter fencing around the property. He will be bringing more information to the October meeting.
5. Clarke reviewed the year end tonnage report included in the meeting packet.

6. Planning Session Follow-up

Kim Payne stated that progress has been made on customer relations and landfill gas collection.

He also informed the Authority that the Lynchburg Waste Water Treatment Plant is in the process of applying for renewing its permit. The permit does address sludge management. It will call for 200 tons land applied, 200 tons going to Amelia, and 200 tons to the Region 2000 Landfill.

The Property Value Protection Program needs to be followed up on.

Options of locating a new landfill site will depend on what happens with the lateral expansion.

7. **Other Business** – There was none.
8. **Next Meeting Date** – Frank Rogers made a motion to continue the meeting on September 9 at 2:00. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Adjourn** - At 4:00 p.m. the meeting was recessed until September 9.

Approved by: _____

Kimball Payne

Date: _____

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