



Region 2000 Services Authority

Location

Haberer Bldg.
47 Courthouse Lane
Rustburg, VA 24588

Date | Time

March 27, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present

Susan Adams.....	Appomattox County
Steve Carter	Nelson County
Frank Rogers.....	Campbell County
Bonnie Svrcek, <i>Chair</i>	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 January 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Steve Carter, seconded by Frank Rogers, the minutes of the January 30, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected, to show the following statement by Susan Adams, concerning the proposed solid waste transfer station in Appomattox County:

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.

4. Financial Update and FY 2020 Budget Discussion

Rosalie Majerus reported that cost of service is currently under budget, which is \$0.45 better than planned. Expenses are over budget, with several items causing this, including the haul road, increase use of diesel fuel, and weather increasing leachate costs.

Clarke Gibson reported on changes to the proposed budget.

- Tonnage projection has been increased by 5,000 tons, based on current trend
- Increase in operating expenses of \$10,336.00

- Extra tonnage increases the excess revenue total by \$50,000.00
- Equipment replacement reserve has been reduced by \$45,280.00
- Personnel costs are reduced due to lower than anticipated health insurance costs
- \$5,000.00 has been added to the software support budget to cover an update to the scale software
- Engineering monitoring services are increased
- Another increase was made to the haul road expenses

The recommendation was made that the tipping fee not be increased. The excess revenue total is \$1,219,761.00, with \$373,247.00 going to Lynchburg, and \$846, 514.00 to Campbell County.

Susan Adams asked if any thought had been given to paying off some of the debt service. Clarke Gibson explained that when the landfill reaches capacity in approximately 2030 the debts will be paid off based on the amortization cycles that were set up.

Rather than vote on the budget at this meeting, Steve Carter stated that he would rather wait until the May meeting.

Susan Adams suggested using some of the excess revenue towards paying off some of the debt service.

Frank Rogers advised that the plan post 2021 had been built in to direct what had formerly been the portion of excess revenue paid to Lynchburg for the capacity they brought, would be directed to the Authority's internal loans and some Service Authority operational expenses.

More information on terms of the debt will be brought to the May meeting, prior to voting on the budget.

5. Concord Turnpike Landfill Gas Collection System Update

Clarke Gibson has been notified by the operator of the gas system at the Concord Turnpike Landfill location that he will be turning over the system to the Authority. Bill Hefty is reviewing all of the legal documents and existing contract to see if he can actually can do this. The Authority has already taken over the operation of it because of the necessity to keep the system running, due to compliance issues and also to maintain the pressure of the vacuum on the landfill itself. A letter received from Virginia Land Gas states their intention to terminate the existing contract between Land Gas and the Authority. The customer of Land Gas has notified them that they would not be accepting any more gas from this system because it was unreliable and very poor quality. Clarke advised that this is because the system isn't functioning properly. He has reached out to the customer and they are willing to talk with him about the possibility of continuing a relationship with the Authority. SCS is evaluating the system to determine a value of the remaining above ground equipment. Clarke stated that he feels that it is in the Authority's best interest to assume control and ownership of the system.

He also understands that the City of Lynchburg is interested in a project to convert their refuse collection fleet over to natural gas. They have expressed interest in a putting in a natural gas station and potentially purchase the gas from the Authority.

Frank Rogers asked where this resides in the budget. Clarke advised that it would come out of the closure funds.

Susan Adams questioned if Lynchburg placed a natural gas station at the landfill if enough revenue would be generated to pay for the system and selling it to the customer. Clarke responded that the first option would be to try to reestablish the relationship with the current customer, and then explore other options for a beneficial use for the gas.

6. Proposal to Issue an RFP for Beneficial Use of Landfill Gas at Livestock Road Landfill

7. Annual Contract with Dominion Power for Disposal of Wood Ash from Altavista

Clarke informed the Authority that he was contacted by Dominion Power, looking for someone to take some or all of their wood ash. Their current disposal option is the industrial landfill in Danville. They would like to operate under an annual contract, for 3,000 to 11,000 tons per year of additional market waste tonnage. The material has been inspected, and DEQ has been contacted and advised that it is an acceptable solid waste for a MSW landfill. They would be considered a business in a member locality. Clarke stated that he recommended considering accepting the wood ash from Dominion Power.

Following discussion, it was decided to see if Dominion would be willing to pay more than market rate for disposal, and bring back to the May meeting.

8. Director's Report

- a) Livestock Road Landfill Partial Closure Project Update – Contractors have been re-grading the Phase III slopes that will be closed. The Phase IV gas collection system has been completed.
- b) Update on Annual Recycling Report – Clarke reported that the annual recycling report is due on April 30 to the DEQ. He is currently collecting data.
- c) Update on Road Improvements – By the next Authority meeting this project should be completed.
- d) Reminder about April Hazardous Household Materials Collection – Hazardous Household Materials Collection days are scheduled for April 13, June 8, and October 12, from 8:00 to 12:00 pm at the Concord Turnpike convenience center. Ads will be placed in the News and Advance on the Tuesday before each event. Each locality will get charged for disposal.

9. Other Business – There was none.

10. Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 29, at 2:00 pm in the Haberer Building, Rustburg.