

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: January 19, 2024 Postponed
January 26, 2024 Rescheduled

Hamblen County Health Department Conference Room

Board Members Present: Tom Rush-Chairman, Keith Jackson-Vice Chairman, Bill Brittain- (Ex-Officio/County Mayor), Dennis Barnes-(Ex-Officio/Director), Mike Bell, Bob Garrett, Tim Horner, Matt Lacy, Pat McGuffin.

Absent: Ventrus Norfolk

Others Present: Amy Hemminger-PCCSC, Steve Bostic, Jim Albert, Jimmy Albert, Reuben Robertson-LDA, Curtis Morrison, Hee Ying Loy-Rodefer Moss, Stephanie Clonce and Public.

Meeting Called To Order: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Rush stated that Mr. Norfolk was absent because of his brother's passing and to please remember him in your prayers.

Public Comment/General Public Forum: Linda Noe and Gwen Holden

Ms. Noe thanked Ms. Clonce for sending her an email to let her know that the meeting had been postponed last Friday. Ms. Noe also asked that the board consider putting their agenda and minutes on the front page instead of having to look under the tab for the board meetings.

Ms. Holden thanked Ms. Clonce for sending her an email to let her know that the meeting had been postponed last Friday for the weather.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Rush

Mr. Lacy made the motion to approve the December 15, 2023 minutes, and Mr. Bell seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Review of December Financials-Ms. Hemminger stated that some adjustments to the financial statement related to the bonds will be made after the audit is approved. Mr. Morrison has reversed the numbers, and our office will do the same. On the statement of revenue, capital expenditures other expense of approximately \$17,000 consisted

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primarily of \$11,500 in closing costs for the shredder and \$6,000 was for an expansion fee. We show a loss due to the capital expenditures and bond interest.

2. Ms. Hemminger stated that our auditors are here from Rodefer Moss to go over our audit today.
3. Mr. Rush stated that the interest at First Horizon is at 2.15%, and the LGIP rate has gone down some to 5.38%.

Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. The TDEC inspection for the Class I was good, and the Class III has a well loose, will have to be stabilized by welding and having anchors attached to it when weather permits.

Engineer's Report: Steve Bostic, Rueben Robertson, Jim Albert, and Jimmy Albert

Mr. Bostic updated the board on the engineering projects going on at the Landfill (see attachment).

Mr. Bostic asked what the correct legal name of our facility is. He needs it for the public notice we will be putting in the paper for TDEC. Mr. Capps had stated to us that our name is Hamblen County-Morristown Solid Waste Disposal System and that is the name he would use.

Mr. Jimmy Albert presented the drone flyover to the board that was done last month showing that more airspace was found for around 200,000 tons of garbage. This will allow for up to 3 or more years left in our current airspace being used, however, some of it will be hard to get to. This will give us more time for getting the expansion approved by TDEC.

After some discussion about the sludge and the trouble we are having getting it up the slopes to spread, Mr. McGuffin stated that he could bring us some sawdust to mix with it to help dry it up and see if that would work. Mr. Barnes told him to bring it and they would try it.

Mr. Robertson went over the expansion for Class I. Mr. Robertson stated that they have up to four contractors that are interested in the bid. The mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2024 at the HCMSW site for questions and information regarding the expansion. The bids will be opened on February 13, 2024 at the HCMSW site and will be gone through for errors, corrected, and presented to the board for the February 16, 2024 meeting for approval. Also, the updated quotes for the expansion will be presented to the board.

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Unfinished Business: Tom Rush

1. Mr. Rush stated that Mr. Horner had been working with Mr. Sargent at PDS trying to get the contract worked out so that all involved would be satisfied. We have not gotten anything settled and are still working on the confidentiality and liability clauses. Hopefully, we can have something by the next board meeting.
2. Mr. Rush stated that he had been in contact with Mr. Capps about the GFL Land Purchase and we are still waiting for GFL attorney Mr. Reams to give us a closing date. TDEC has sent a letter stating that they are ready to transfer the permit to us, and we are just waiting for the land purchase to take place.

New Business: Curtis Morrison, Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Mr. Morrison went over some of the audit with the board and stated that Rodefer Moss had issued an unmodified opinion in the audit. Also, there were no findings in our internal control and compliance report. The Statement of Net Position shows an increase from \$5.5 million to \$6.8 million in investments and other current assets. Operating revenues were up \$300,000 and operating expenses were down. The new standard regarding Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) had no impact.
Ms. Hemminger assured the board that the audit had been thoroughly reviewed and discussed with Rodefer Moss to make changes and adjustments. It is a clean report. Mr. Lacy made a motion to approve the June 30, 2023 audit and send it to the State of Tennessee. Mr. McGuffin seconded the motion with all board members attending in favor.
2. Mr. Rush discussed the Director's salary, stating that he would like to entertain a motion to increase Mr. Barnes' annual salary from \$75,000 to \$80,000, which would be a \$5,000 increase for the year. Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the proposed increase in salary of \$5,000 a year to total salary to \$80,000 a year, and Mr. Garrett seconded the motion with all board members attending in favor. Mr. Jackson then made a motion to amend the previous motion to start the raise as of January 1, 2024. Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members attending in favor of the amendment.
3. Mr. Lacy asked how the shredder was doing and if it had any problems. Mr. Barnes stated that one tooth had broken off, but we fixed it. Mr. Bell asked how many days we were using it and Mr. Barnes stated that we use it a couple of days a week.

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Adjournment: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Tom Rush-Chairman



Bill Brittain


