Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: April 19, 2024

Hamblen County Health Department Conference Room

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

Absent: Ventrus Norfolk

<u>Others Present:</u> Amy Hemminger, Steve Bostic, Reuben Robertson, John Burgin, Ron White, Larry Gibson, and Stephanie Clonce.

Meeting Called To Order: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment/General Public Forum: None

Approval of Minutes: Tom Rush

Mr. Lacy made the motion to approve the March 15, 2024 and March 22, 2024 minutes and Mr. Bell seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.

Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

- 1. Review of March Financials- Ms. Hemminger stated that the LGIP Funds do not reflect the transfers that were approved at the last board meeting. Those were made this week but will not show until April financials. The Income Statement shows maintenance and repair of equipment for around \$17,000 which includes shredder parts of \$16,800. Office repairs and maintenance are for the new heat pump installed. Income shows just under \$115,000 after depreciation for March and for the year is approximately \$326,000.
- 2. Mr. Rush stated that the First Horizon interest rate is 2.14% and LGIP is at 5.32%.

Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

- TDEC inspection conducted with a minor leachate issue that has been fixed.
- 2. Mr. Barnes stated that he bought some of the wear parts for the shredder to have on hand. If the wear keeps going like it is, we should not have any more expenses for this machine except for oil changes for the next two years.

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- **3.** Mr. Bell told Mr. Barnes that he had received some complaints about getting flat tires over in Class III. Mr. Barnes stated that he had not had any complaints, but he would check into them further.
- 4. Mr. Barnes stated that the renters are now out of the house and when he gets a chance, he will assess the damage. The house will also need a new heat pump installed before it can be rented out. The board discussed getting some quotes on a heat pump and asked Mr. Barnes to bring some quotes back to next month's meeting. The board also decided not to pursue the renters for the back rent that was owed to us.
- **5.** Mr. Barnes stated that the damage to the compactor may not be as bad as first thought. The biggest expense will be the suppression system recharged. The board decided to still turn it in on the insurance for payment.

Engineer's Report: Steve Bostic

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

Mr. Bostic stated that he would be taking the contract for the expansion to attorney, Chris Capps, after the meeting today for his review.

Mr. Bostic stated that there would be a meeting with ETTL next week before they get started.

Mr. Bostic stated that he would notify TDEC when the groundbreaking is started. TDEC has approved the Hydro Geological part. TDEC is requiring a Global Stability Analysis to be added to the previously submitted Slope Stability Analysis, which was an unexpected requirement. Mr. Rush stated that communication is key to every project, so these things do not happen.

Mr. Bostic stated that on the tire grant he has been working on that we would have to pay for the track hoe up front and they would reimburse us. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Bostic will be doing some test pads to show that the tire shreds can be used on the roads for drainage.

Unfinished Business: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush discussed the RFP for the Financial and Compliance Audit with the board because we must bid it out now since Rodefer Moss declined our counteroffer. Mr. Rush recommended putting in the Citizen Tribune, The Knoxville News Sentinel, and the Greenville papers. Mr. Brittian stated that he would send a list of auditors that we could send the RFP to also. Mr. McGuffin made a motion to advertise the RFP and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.

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New Business: Tom Rush

- 1. Mr. Rush discussed with the board opening a separate fund at LGIP to pay for the shredder. The ongoing amount to be funded would be Tire Disposal Grant and Tire Disposal Revenue less Tire Recycling Fees. The current fiscal year net proceeds of approximately \$62,000 could fund it initially. It will be called the LGIP shredder debt service fund. Mr. Lacy made a motion to approve setting up and funding a LGIP separate account to pay for the shredder and Mr. Sliger seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.
- 2. Mr. Rush stated that we could transfer \$62,000 out of the LGIP general account to the LGIP shredder debt service fund from the fiscal year-to-date net tire grant and tire revenue proceeds. Mr. Horner made a motion to transfer \$62,000 to the LGIP shredder debt service fund from the LGIP general account and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.
- 3. Mr. Rush stated that there would be a Draft Budget Meeting at the landfill office on May 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Bostic, Ms. Hemminger, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Clonce, and himself to prepare for the Special Called Draft Budget Work Session on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hamblen County Health Department.
- **4.** Mr. Barnes stated that Mr. Brittain and himself had gone to visit Mr. Jackson and presented him with a plaque and knife for his 40 years of service on the board.

Adjournment: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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