

# Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: June 21, 2024

## Hamblen County Health Department Conference Room

**Board Members Present:** 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, Ventrus Norfolk and Will Sliger.

**Others Present:** Paul Lynch, Steve Bostic, Reuben Robertson, John Burgin, Joey Barnard, Ron White, 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 May 17, 2024 minutes and Mr. Sliger seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

### **Financial Report: Paul Lynch and Tom Rush**

1. Review of May Financials-Mr. Lynch stated there was not much activity in May. There were two bond payments made and a \$18,000 interest payment for the tire shredder. The D6 rebuild cost was just over \$65,000. The month of May had a quiet of bit of loss due to the bond payments and rebuild.
2. Mr. Rush stated that the First Horizon interest is at 2.14% and LGIP interest is at 5.32%.

### **Approval of the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget: Board**

1. Mr. Rush stated that the TCRS Employer Contribution recommended rate is 6.51%, but we currently are contributing 10.00%. It was recommended following the budgeting process to lower the contribution rate to 7.50%. Mr. Bell made a motion to change the rate from 10.00% to 7.50%, and Mr. Horner seconded the motion with all board members in favor.
2. Mr. Rush stated that Rodefer Moss had given us a contract and proposal bid for audit services for one year in the amount of \$15,000. Mr. McGuffin made a motion to

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approve the contract and proposal in the amount of \$15,000 for audit services, and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

3. Mr. Rush stated that Strate Insurance had given us an updated contract quote for insurance in the amount of \$139,258.87 for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year. Mr. Lacy made a motion to approve the contract and Mr. Sliger seconded the motion with all board members in favor.
4. Mr. Barnes presented a quote from Stowers Machinery to repair the undercarriage on the D6T for \$39,320.82 with us doing the labor. The board ask Mr. Barnes to check on the price for Stowers to install and what the labor would be and bring back next month to see if they want them to install. Mr. Barnes also requested that the tracks be replaced on the 320 by Stowers Machinery for \$15,589.55. Mr. Lacy made a motion to approve the replacement of the tracks on the 320, and Mr. McGuffin seconded the motion with all board members in favor.
5. Mr. Barnes stated that our CAT 330 had a lot of hours on it and is constantly needing repairs. Mr. Barnes asked the board if they would consider putting it in the next auction to sell it. Mr. Barnes told the board that he had been looking for a replacement for the 330 to use at Class III to load the tire shredder with and has found several options that were enclosed in the packet for review. Mr. Barnes recommended the used 2016 Komatsu from Power Equipment for \$136,990. After some discussion among the board, they decided to rent the machine until next month to see if we liked it and if it will do what we need it to. It would be paid for out of the 2024/2025 budget, we will also drop the proposed 2024/2025 budget for this equipment from \$200,000 to \$150,000. Some of the rent will go toward the payment of the machine. Mr. McGuffin made a motion to rent the 2016 Komatsu for \$15,200 (at least \$10,000 should go toward the purchase) to try out before buying the equipment and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members in favor. Mr. Lacy also made a motion to purchase the equipment if it is what we need, and Mr. McGuffin seconded the motion with all board members in favor.
6. Mr. Barnes discussed moving our fuel tank because of the expansion, ours cannot be moved because of the age, so we will have to purchase a new one. Mr. Barnes stated that he had talked to some petroleum companies about pricing, but only got one quote. The board suggested that Mr. Barnes get some more quotes and bring that back next month for a decision and approval.
7. Mr. Rush asked the board if they had any questions about the budget or wanted any changes before voting on it. Mr. Horner made a motion to approve the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

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### Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. The TDEC inspection was completed, but we do not have the copy yet. The only complaint the TDEC inspector had was that she had seen a spot on the Old City Landfill.
2. Mr. Barnes stated that the new renter had been cleaning out the house to rent.

### 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 had received from E TTL the change order for Class I, Phase 2 closure. They lack the seeding, erosion control and a ditch before being done. The final payment is \$132,670.53. Mr. Bostic stated that the field preparation, retainage, and interest owed to E TTL is \$117,000. Mr. Bostic stated we need to approve the change order and get our account cleared out before June 30, 2024. Mr. Lacy made a motion to approve the change order and Mr. Sliger seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Mr. Barnard with E TTL has requested the board enter into an escrow agreement regarding the retainage for the construction contract. He stated that it was just a formality that he uses. The retainage is set aside in the LGIP account as an escrow. The attorney, Mr. Capps, may need to draw up something about this.

Mr. Bostic stated that the pay request is outstanding.

Mr. Bostic stated that LDA would be doing a flyover to make sure it is all done, \$345,000 for mobilization and erosion control and \$17,250 for retainage.

### Unfinished Business: Tom Rush

1. Mr. Rush stated that a separate account at LGIP had been set up for the Tire Shredder funds.

### Adjournment: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

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**Tom Rush-Chairman**



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**Bill Brittain**



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