

# Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: May 17, 2024

## Hamblen County Health Department Conference Room

**Board Members Present:** Tom Rush-Chairman, Pat McGuffin-Vice Chairman, Dennis Barnes-(Ex-Officio/Director), Mike Bell, Bob Garrett, Matt Lacy, Ventrus Norfolk and Will Sliger.

**Absent:** Bill Brittain- (Ex-Officio/County Mayor) and Tim Horner

**Others Present:** Amy Hemminger, Steve Bostic, Reuben Robertson, Stephanie Clonce and Public.

### **Meeting Called To Order: Tom Rush**

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

### **Public Comment/General Public Forum: Tim Neely**

Mr. Neely stated that he had come to the landfill on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, and went to Class III. As he pulled up to dump his garbage, the County Brush Truck 454 driven by Robbie Rhea was dumping brush that had some containers with paint mixed in with it. Our compactor driver, Mr. Miller, ran over the paint containers as he was pushing the brush up causing paint to splash all over Mr. Neely's truck and his person. Mr. Miller then took a pressure washer and rinsed the paint off Mr. Neely's truck. Mr. Neely then noticed that the pressure washer had taken a spot off his truck. Mr. Neely asked the board for a safety manual for the compactor. Mr. Lacy told him that did not exist, but we have an operations manual approved by TDEC. Mr. Neely asked the board why the operators could not wait until everyone was gone before they pushed the garbage up to prevent this. The board stated to him that was not feasible because there is someone always here dumping garbage, and it must be pushed up so that it does not pile up. Mr. McGuffin asked Mr. Barnes to talk to his operators about not getting close to the customer when pushing up the garbage. Mr. Rush told Mr. Neely to send the pictures to us and to get an estimate to fix the piece of paint that was washed off and we would have it fixed for him.

### **Approval of Minutes: Tom Rush**

Mr. Lacy made the motion to approve the April 19, 2024 minutes, and Mr. Bell seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

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### Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Review of April Financials- Ms. Hemminger stated that the LGIP Debt Service Account was set up for the shredder. Ms. Hemminger reported that the LGIP Debt Service Account for bond debt servicing received transfers in the amount of \$1 million each from the LGIP General and Capital accounts. The third and fourth quarter tipping fees were deposited in the LGIP general fund account. Ms. Hemminger stated that 84% of our budgeted revenue had been met.
2. Mr. Rush stated that First Horizon interest rate was at 2.14% while LGIP had dropped a little to 5.31%.

### Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. TDEC inspection for April went well and TDEC has not inspected this month yet.
2. Mr. Barnes stated that the fire/smoldering at Class III is still going on. Mr. Barnes stated that they are going to have to cap off where the fire is and cover it up completely. They will need to go out of it and open another part of the cell to get rid of the fire.

### Engineer's Report: Steve Bostic

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

Mr. Rush told Mr. Bostic to take the \$10,000 needed to replace the two groundwater well pumps out of his pass-through budget for this year.

ETTL is drilling holes for blasting but cannot blast until TDEC approves their plans.

Mr. Robertson stated that the long-term maintenance will go from 30 years to 50 years.

### Unfinished Business: Tom Rush

1. Mr. Rush stated that our RFP for Financial and Compliance Audit Bids did not get any bids back. Mr. Rush asked Ms. Hemminger if she would be able to contact Rodefer Moss and see if they would be able to continue their services for us since they are familiar with our business already. Ms. Hemminger will report back to the board. Mr. Lacy made a motion to allow Ms. Hemminger to talk to Rodefer Moss on the board's behalf, and Mr. Garrett seconded the motion will all board members in favor.

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2. Mr. Rush reminded the board of the draft budget work session with himself, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Bostic, Mrs. Hemminger and Mrs. Clonce that will take place at the Landfill Office on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 to prepare for the board to look at.
3. Mr. Rush also reminded the board that we would have a Special called meeting on June 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Morristown City Center, Training room to review and revise the draft budget which will be presented to the board at the June 21, 2024 board meeting for consideration and approval.

### New Business: Dennis Barnes

Mr. Barnes stated that the rental house that was evicted has been left in bad shape, with holes in the walls, doors ripped off the hinges, trash everywhere and the heat and air pump is torn up. Mr. Barnes stated the repairs that would need to be done would run the board around \$10,000 to fix to rent. Mr. Barnes said he had talked to a man that would rent it for \$500 a month and fix the damages. We would not be responsible for any repairs, and he would take care of it for not charging him the first and last month's rent and damage deposit. Mr. McGuffin made a motion to let him rent it for \$500 a month and he does all the repairs and clean up; Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members in favor of.

### Adjournment: Tom Rush

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

Tom Rush-Chairman



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Bill Brittain



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