

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: September 20, 2024

Hamblen County Health Department Conference Room

Board Members Present: Tom Rush-Chairman, Patrick 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: Amy Hemminger, Steve Bostic, Reuben Robertson, John Burgin, Larry Gipson, Andrew Ellard, Paul Brown, Tyler Overbay, Chris Cutshaw 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: John Burgin

Mr. Burgin stated that his drivers were complaining that they could not get up the hill at the Class I location. He said that they were spinning and sliding around especially when it was wet. Mr. Barnes stated that this was the first time that he had heard a complaint, and to fix it at this point he would have to construct a new road, which is not realistic at this time.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Rush

Mr. Lacy made the motion to approve the August 20, 2024 minutes and Mr. Sliger seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Review of August Financials- Ms. Hemminger stated that she had sent Mr. Cutshaw the financials and Ms. Clonce had sent him the packet, but his email is not up and working yet. Mr. Cutshaw advised that he would be getting with the IT department after the meeting to get that corrected. Ms. Hemminger stated that she would send the financials to him going forward.
2. Ms. Hemminger stated that in the August financials the revenue showed the sale of the excavator and side-by-side, and the expense included the purchase of a ford pickup truck.
3. Mr. Rush stated that LGIP interest rates are going down some but holding at 5.27% and First Horizon is at 2.15%.

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Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes & all board members

1. The TDEC inspection had no violations other than issues with moving the working face and flagging in certain areas that have been taken care of.
2. Mr. Barnes stated that he appreciated all the board members with which he had worked. We lost Mr. Jackson a couple of weeks ago due to passing away, and we are losing Mr. Brittain this month to retirement. They both have done a lot for us.
3. Mr. Barnes stated that the insurance claim was in the packet for the board to review. The insurance company has sent a check for \$16,799.50 against the claim to start repairs on the compactor. Once the repairs are complete, we will send them the bill and they will pay more. Although we are not sure how much, we should receive additional insurance proceeds with part of the repairs paid out-of-pocket.
4. Mr. Barnes presented Mr. Brittain with a plaque and a knife for his retirement. Mr. Barnes stated that he appreciated Mr. Brittain and all the help he had given to the board. Mr. Brittain was thankful.
5. Mr. Barnes stated that in honor of Mr. Jackson he would like to put a sign up with his name on it since he started the landfill and took great interest in having an operating landfill for the community, including helping push the expansion through currently. Mr. Barnes stated that it would cost around \$500 to \$600 dollars and put it on the building with our other sign. After some discussion with the board members, they agreed to put a sign up in Mr. Jackson's honor and asked Mr. Barnes to take care of it. Mr. Brittain suggested the sign to say R. Keith Jackson Maintenance Building. Mr. McGuffin made a motion to purchase the sign and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members in favor.
6. Mr. Barnes stated that the expansion ground removal was going faster than expected and it will be done before we get our permit. Mr. Lacy asked how long it would be before we got our permit, and Mr. Barnes stated that it could be a year. Mr. Lacy stated that will put us in a bind. Mr. Barnes stated that his suggestion would be to slow ETTL down for now. Mr. Lacy asked Mr. Bostic for the status on the permit, and Mr. Bostic stated that he had submitted the permit application documents to TDEC in Knoxville in December, February, June, and September. We (LDA) addressed all the comments four times and sent them back. We received the Notice of Completeness on September 19, 2024 from Knoxville, so now they are sending the permit application documents to TDEC in Nashville for their approval. Nashville asked LDA to give them some time to go over it, and then they will call a meeting in Nashville to go over everything. The clock says 270

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days, and you must add time back for the weather, change orders, verbal comments and time lifted for ETTL. We are closer to the liner, but we cannot put that in until we have the permit. Mr. Lacy stated that we need to stop ETTL's time now and slow them down some. Mr. Barnes agreed that it would allow the permit to catch up with ETTL, and the liner cannot be installed now until after next spring. Mr. Lacy wanted ETTL to understand we are pulling the time limit for them so they will not have to pay for the extras, such as overtime. Mr. Robertson stated that TDEC would have a workshop to discuss and review which could be anywhere from 6 to 8 months, and that would put us a little ahead of schedule. Mr. Lacy asked Mr. Barnes how we are doing on air space for 8 months, and Mr. Barnes stated that we should be fine. Mr. Brittain stated that TDEC will review the permit application documents, then there will be a public notice and comment period that will take 30 days which puts us at least 120 days minimum out. It went to Nashville officially last night. Mr. Sliger asked if there was something else we could do. Mr. Brittain stated that any work done is at our risk because it has not been approved by TDEC yet, and they will only let us do so much. Mr. Robertson stated that the risk factor is if something unexpected happens, and we need Part I approved before we go any further. Mr. Bostic stated that TDEC would notify the state geologist to evaluate but had not heard anything from them. ETTL is about two feet from the clay buffer. Mr. Rush stated that the meeting would be in 60 to 90 days and for LDA to keep on top of that. Mr. Robertson stated that he would push for the meeting in 30 days. Mr. Bostic stated that the leachate pump and another pipe may have the capability to be used as a second one if needed. Mr. Rush asked LDA to keep the board informed of all that is happening with everything. Mr. Lacy made a motion for LDA to write a letter stating to lift the time limitation on ETTL and expand the expansion project time limit to 8 months for ETTL. Mr. McGuffin seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

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 the well at the Class III road may as well be abandoned.

Unfinished Business: None

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New Business: Dennis Barnes & Tom Rush

1. Mr. Barnes stated that he found a couple of rules that Jefferson County Landfill was using and asked the board if it would be possible for us to implement something like this here. We have the same certain people that come in at the last minute daily and ones that strow trash all over the roads. Mr. Rush asked Mr. Barnes to do some more research to see if it is legal for us to do it and how we would be able to implement it.
2. Mr. Rush stated that if nobody had anything else that we would adjourn. Mr. Rush stated to Mr. Brittain that we would miss him, and we wished him well on his retirement.

Adjournment: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Tom Rush-Chairman



Chris Cutshaw


