

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: April 25, 2025

Hamblen County Health Department Conference Room

Board Members Present: Tom Rush-Chairman, Patrick McGuffin-Vice Chairman, Chris Cutshaw- (Ex-Officio/County Mayor), Dennis Barnes-(Ex-Officio/Director), Mike Bell, Bob Garrett, Tim Horner, Matt Lacy, and Ventrus Norfolk.

Absent: Will Sliger

Others Present: Amy Hemminger, Steve Bostic, Paul Brown, Byron Barton, Joey Barnard, 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 March 21, 2025 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 bond proceeds receivable has not changed since pay application #10 last month. Revenue and expenses account for pay application #10 for just over \$225,000. The fourth quarter of 2024 capital and debt service tipping fees will be transferred to LGIP today. The state surcharge was paid to the State of Tennessee.
2. Mr. Rush stated that the LGIP interest rate is 4.29%, and First Horizon is 2.15%, respectively.

Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. The TDEC inspection has not been done yet.
2. Mr. Barnes stated that a fire in Class III might have been set. On Monday, April 12 we had an explosion and fire in Class III. While attempting to put out the fire with the track hoe, it ran over a soft spot and turned over resulting in damage to the windows. Two weeks ago, there was a fire, and it was tires. They were in the road away from the trash,

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so I speculate this could have been set. Our camera is here and will be set up soon. Mr. Lacy stated that we need to get these fires under control. Maybe we need to get the sheriff's dept to drive by and check on it after hours. After some discussion, the board recommended that a ditch be dug today across the road accessing the area, and no trespassing signs be hung up at the white house on the road.

Engineer's Report: Steve Bostic and Byron Barton

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

Mr. Bostic reminded Mr. Barnes to keep the leachate pump station cleaned out to minimize settleable solids from being discharged to MUS sewers.

Mr. Barton stated that TDEC was on board and had a lot of participation, wanting to push forward with the permit. A new monitoring well must be installed before the permit is ready so TDEC will approve the permit. This is a huge hurdle, so I recommend getting the well put in. I am looking for drillers and so far, I have not had any luck. Mr. Cutshaw stated that something was missing because that well should have already been installed. This well will have to be sampled for a year before TDEC approves the well. Mr. Lacy asked what else we are going to have delayed.

Mr. Bostic stated that he had a meeting scheduled with MUS on Tuesday to discuss the rain flap and storm water runoff as it relates to leachate volume. MUS must issue or revise a permit for usage. MUS does not have the plans for the permit. The board asked to be updated about the meeting with MUS about the permit. TDEC solid waste regulations require 30 days of leachate storage to address the potential that the sewer plant taking the leachate is out of service for 30 days. This requirement is being discussed with TDEC to determine the best path forward for the landfill.

Mr. Barton stated he was trying to locate drillers to get this well dug. Mr. Bostic stated we could use the pass-through that is left to pay for it. This needs to be discussed with Attorney, Chris Capps to make sure that we can do it. Mr. Barton stated this was a path forward with TDEC.

Mr. Bostic stated that ECTL would like a temporary Stop Work order, just a pause. Mr. Barnard with ECTL stated that they will work with us until we can get the permit, but they need that pause for their bonds and bankers. Mr. McGuffin made a motion to issue a Stop Work Order pause to ECTL until we get the permit in hand which will be over a year's time. After some

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discussion among the board members, Mr. Rush asked Mr. Barnes to work with Mr. Capps, Mr. Bostic, and Mr. Barton to save time. Mr. Lacy seconded the motion to issue a Stop Work Order pause until we have a permit in hand with all board members present in favor. Mr. Bostic will write a letter to Stop Work Order pause to ETTL to send to their bond company.

Mr. Rush stated that he would need a motion to request the buffer variance at 3849 Sublett Road, Morristown, TN 37813 and authorization to sign the request letter on behalf of the board. Mr. Horner made a motion for Mr. Rush to request the buffer variance and sign the request letter on behalf of the board; Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.

Mr. McGuffin told Mr. Bostic that some of the board members were upset with him because they have not been on top of TDEC's request.

Unfinished Business: Tom Rush and Byron Barton

1. Mr. Barton stated that they would be working with LDA to finish the year out. We will rework the proposal to have the three wells included for maybe \$10,000 a year and Class III. Mr. McGuffin made a motion to switch to GEOS to take over our ground water sampling and water sampling, to not exceed \$143,720, starting July 1, 2025. Mr. Horner seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.

New Business: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Ms. Hemminger stated that we have the TCRS employer contribution rate certificate to be approved before May 30, 2025. We are currently putting 7.5% in, and TCRS requests at least 1.58%. Mr. Rush asked the board about lowering it to 5% or even 2.5%. After some discussion with the board, Mr. Lacy made a motion to lower the rate to 5%, and Mr. McGuffin seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.
2. Mr. Lacy asked Mr. Bostic about a change order for ETTL since last August. Mr. Bostic said he could prepare a change order to help them out. Mr. Barnard stated that he tried to tell you that we had more dirt than rock, and we are over \$3 million dollars over contract.
3. Mr. Rush asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. McGuffin seconded the motion . All members present were in favor.

Adjournment: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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Tom Rush-Chairman

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Chris Cutshaw-Mayor

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