

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: March 21, 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, Ventrus Norfolk and Will Sliger.

Others Present: Amy Hemminger, Steve Bostic, Ron White, Paul Brown, Tim Hendrick, 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 February 21, 2025 minutes, and Mr. Bell seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Review of February Financials- Ms. Hemminger stated that, on the statement of net position, bond proceeds receivable include activity through pay app #9 (which has been paid). Information through pay app #10 (which has been submitted) will reflect in next month's statement. The expansion cost listed at the bottom fixed assets is also through pay app #9 of nearly \$11.9 million. On the statement of revenue and expenses, maintenance and repairs-equipment includes \$2,700 to Stowers for the D62, other charges/miscellaneous includes unemployment benefits paid to the state in the amount of \$1,500 for Leonard Miller, and bond interest expense is \$77,000 paid in February on the \$6.2 million bond.
2. Mr. Rush stated that the First Horizon and LGIP interest rates were at 2.15% and 4.34%, respectively.

Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. The TDEC inspection was conducted, but we have not received our copy of the report yet. There was an area of concern about litter everywhere, an inadequate maintenance

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of run on/run-off system that I will discuss with her, and unsatisfactory cover. All of these are being addressed and corrected.

2. Mr. Barnes told the board that we were having fires at Class III landfill, and they are getting out of hand. We have had eight fires in three months, and they keep getting worse. We put dirt on them, but they are moving around to different spots. We need a camera that can detect fires before they break out, and we could keep them under control. I am asking for suggestions on what to do, because I am at a loss on this. I have done everything I know I need to do, and it does not seem to help. Mr. Lacy suggested a trail camera or solar camera. Mr. Barnes stated he thinks that batteries are causing some of it or think someone may be starting them. We need something that has thermal heat detection and notifies us that a fire is happening. Mr. McGuffin made a motion to get a camera that would detect fires and get what we need with a cap at \$2,500 to resolve this issue, and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members in favor.
3. Mr. White of GFL told Mr. Barnes he may have an axle for the compactor. Mr. Barnes is getting a quote for one. Mr. Rush stated to keep compacting it tightly. Mr. Lacy asked how the shredder was doing, and Mr. Barnes said great.
4. Mr. Cutshaw stated that twenty tons of residential tires were collected on Saturday.

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 Mr. Barnes should clean out the leachate pump station wet well every 3 to 4 months to minimize settleable solids being introduced into the MUS sewer system.

Mr. Barnes will be collecting stormwater samples and putting them on ice for LDA to pick up and send off. This will be more efficient and economical than LDA trying to time a rainfall event and pond discharge.

Mr. Bostic stated we are waiting for a response from TDEC on the responses to the expansion plans submittal comments from TDEC that was sent on Monday after the meeting.

Mr. Bostic stated that we received approval from the City of Morristown on the variance to do some grading at the right of ways.

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Mr. Bostic reported that the protective soil layer contract amount is \$198,000 and the estimated cost for a synthetic rain flap (cover) is \$350,000 and will add 19,000 tons of available air space.

Mr. Bostic stated we are \$3 million over the current bid at this point which does not include contingency.

Mr. Bell asked Mr. Bostic if the boring had been done. Mr. Bostic stated that they had discussed the bores with the geotechnical engineer (GEOS) and a plan was included in the response to TDEC. GEOS recommended not doing the additional borings until TDEC agreed with the plan.

Unfinished Business: Tom Rush, Steve Bostic and Will Sliger

1. Mr. Rush stated that we are checking with different entities regarding the ACH policy, and we are still working on it and will bring it back next month.
2. Mr. Rush requested an update on the GEO Services pass-through that we pay LDA Engineering.
3. Mr. Bostic updated the rain flap in the engineering report.
4. Mr. Rush stated that after reviewing the quote that GEO Services prepared, we would also need to include Class III and have them to rebid the whole thing. We have the benefit of saving money and free up LDA Engineering's time to put toward getting our permit. We would like to start the bid July 1, 2025 and add to next fiscal year's budget. So, we will bring this back next month with the revised quote from GEO Services.

New Business: Tim Hendrick and Tom Rush

1. Mr. Hendrick went over our 2024 Annual Progress Report for Hamblen County and stated that we have a 57.8% diversion rate, which is a slight increase from last year, which is great. Mr. Hendrick stated that he would need the board's approval to send some signed documents to the State of Tennessee. Mr. Lacy made a motion to approve the 2024 Annual Progress Report to be sent to the State of Tennessee and Mr. Horner seconded the motion with all board members in favor.
2. Mr. Rush stated that we have the Rodefer Moss Audit contract to review and approve for 2025, 2026 and 2027. Mr. Lacy made a motion to approve the Audit contract for \$18,500 per year, for the next three years. Mr. McGuffin seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

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3. Mr. Rush stated that we need to schedule a draft budget session at the landfill office with Amy, Steve, Dennis, Stephanie, and himself. The meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
4. Mr. Rush stated that we would need to schedule a draft budget work session with the board members. The board decided on June 6, 2025 at the Health Department at 9:00 a.m. This will be posted in the public notices in the Citizen Tribune.

Adjournment: Tom Rush

Mr. Lacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Sliger seconded the motion.

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

Tom Rush-Chairman

Chris Cutshaw-Mayor

 