

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: May 16, 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: Paul Lynch, Steve Bostic, Ron White, Paul Brown, Larry Clark, 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. Horner made the motion to approve the April 25, 2025 minutes, and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Financial Report: Paul Lynch and Tom Rush

1. Review of June Financials- Mr. Lynch stated that the Statement of Net Position, Bond Proceeds, Receivables and ETTL Expansion costs were recorded through pay app #11. Accounts Receivable included \$86,000 in government reimbursements outstanding, and Accounts Payable included over \$470,000 of amounts due to local governments. On the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, the balance of Acct 336 Maintenance and Repairs-Equipment included \$19,000 in dozer repairs representing normal wear and tear on the equipment. The Debt Service expense line item was made up of one payment on the 2023 bond to the county.
2. Mr. Rush stated that the interest at LGIP is 4.28% and First Horizon dropped a little to 2.08%.

Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. The TDEC inspection was done and stated we had litter everywhere. We have gotten what we could up, but with the wind blowing all the time, it is impossible not to have litter everywhere.

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2. Mr. Barnes stated we had a fire on the excavator this month which caused some damage to the machine because of the Jones Fiber material. Mr. Barnes suggested that we quit taking it because it is ruining our machinery. After some discussion among the board members, Mr. Lacy made a motion to charge Jones Fiber \$15 a yard because of safety hazard issues with the material and will require a 48-hour notice to prepare the hole for it. Mr. Sliger seconded the motion with all board members in favor.
3. Mr. Barnes stated that digging a ditch to keep people out of the area where fires are occurring would not work, so he is putting up some barbed wire with caution tape and placing tractor tires along there to keep people out.
4. Mr. Barnes stated that the camera for Class III has not been installed.

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 written a "stop/pause-work" letter for ETTL. The board discussed the letter that was written, and Mr. Lacy stated that it was not appropriate and not what ETTL wanted. Mr. Lacy stated that it needs to be re-written and submitted to Attorney, Chris Capps. Mr. Bostic stated that Mr. Barnard from ETTL and himself would re-write the "stop/pause-work" letter.

Mr. Bostic did a change order for the excavation for ETTL. Mr. Sliger stated that we have adjusted one pay item that ETTL wanted. We will table the vote until Attorney; Chris Capps reviews it.

Mr. Bostic stated that he had two meetings with MUS. MUS wants a plan on the ammonia, and the report is due within the next 90 days.

Mr. Bostic stated that we have forever a chemical, PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances used in stain repellents, non-stick cookware, and other products), that the EPA is considering WWTP discharge limits for the majority of the potential treatment methodologies to remove PFAS include a biproduct which is hazardous waste. MUS is watching the progress of the regulations closely. Presently, our limit that we can discharge to MUS is 25,000 gallons of leachate per day. We will need to purchase a tank to put in to capture the water to limit the pump station to 25,000 gallons a day, which we have exceeded three times in the last year. Mr. Sliger asked Mr. Bostic how much the tank would cost. A request is being made to TDEC to allow alternatives to the required 30 days of leachate storage as part of the expansion

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permitting. MUS will likely require a tank to store flow over 25,000 gallons per day, but it would not be as large as the TDEC required tank. The tank is around \$400,000 to store the TDEC required volume of leachate.

Mr. Bostic will do a resubmittal, hopefully next week, when Geos provides their response to the TDEC comments. They have work to do relative to the recently installed monitoring well.

Unfinished Business: Tom Rush

1. Mr. Rush stated that the board budget workshop will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Health Department to review the draft budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Mr. Rush stated that we may need to consider an increase in the tipping fee, which is currently \$50 a ton, to \$55 or \$60 a ton to fund cost increases related to expansion and other capital needs. Larry Clark with the City of Morristown stated that he would have liked to have known this 3 months ago before they made their budget. Mr. Sliger stated that we now have a tank and rain flap to purchase that was not included in the budget.
2. Strate Insurance is still working on our quote because Travelers will no longer cover landfills. They project a 20% to 25% increase on insurance.
3. Mr. Rush stated that the ACH policy will be brought back next month after it has been approved by Attorney, Chris Capps, TN Comptrollers, and accountants.
4. Ms. Clonce has submitted an ACH policy to the TN Comptrollers, Attorney, Chris Capps, Ms. Hemminger and Mr. Rush for changes and will bring that back to the June Meeting for approval by the board.

New Business: Tom Rush

1. Mr. Rush stated that we had an emergency with the dozer repairs. Mr. Barnes received a quote for \$50,000 and needed a motion to get it repaired. Mr. Lacy made a motion to approve the repair and cap at \$50,000, and Mr. McGuffin seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Adjournment: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Horner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

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