

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: August 15, 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, Matt Davis, Mike Richardson, Chris Capps, 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: None

Approval of Minutes: Tom Rush

Mr. Horner made the motion to approve the July 18, 2025 minutes, and Mr. Norfolk seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Review of July Financials- Ms. Hemminger reminded the board that the first quarter of 2025 tipping fees were transferred at the end of June, the first of July so those are all reflected in the balances of LGIP. The debt service fees were not transferred because the payment made in June on debt service was in excess of the tipping fees. The board was reminded that adjustments for audit have not been made and will be made in the coming weeks.
2. Mr. Rush stated that the interest rates at First Horizon and LGIP are 2.15% and 4.28%, respectively.

Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. The TDEC inspection was done by our new inspector, Lew Haynes, with little to no complaints.
2. Mr. Barnes stated that our equipment is getting critical. We have four machines down at this time, and they cannot be fixed overnight. The parts and equipment are worn out,

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and it is going to cost a lot to repair it to get us by. The new dozer is still about 5 months or more out.

3. Mr. Barnes stated that we had a fire in Class III this month, and the cause was a vape battery. The fire was taken off the dump surface to contain.

Engineer's Report: Steve Bostic & Matt Davis

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

Mr. Bostic stated that Mr. Barnes needs to get the pump station wet wells cleaned out to attempt to keep the suspended solids down.

Mr. Sliger asked Mr. Bostic what date would come into play for the fourth new well-sample. Mr. Lacy stated that everything should be done before the last well sampling is taken. Mr. Bostic stated that maybe January 2026 we would have a meeting with TDEC to find out the date that the permit will be issued. Mr. Bostic and Mr. Davis stated that a couple of items connected to the leachate, future PFAS treatment and required storage. Morristown Utilities also requires storage that will maintain the maximum daily permitted flow into their system. An area can be graded that could be used for future treatment facilities adjacent to the storage tanks. If we do this, we will have the basics done. Mr. Sliger stated that we have 10 to 14 days, the rule is 30 days but try 14 days to hold leachate storage. Mr. Bostic stated that the storage tanks would also be used to limit the flow to MU to the max discharge, help with settle solids concentrations and an aerator could be added to one of the tanks to help with the ammonia concentrations. We will share the cost for the tanks with the board members when available. Mr. Sliger stated that he questions why TDEC is questioning tying the new leachate line into the French drain.

Unfinished Business: Tom Rush

1. Mr. Rush stated that all the board members had been given a copy of the new ACH/Credit disbursement to fill out if they would like their checks deposited directly into their account.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Tom Rush

Mr. Lacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Sliger seconded the motion will all board members in favor.

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Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Tom Rush-Chairman

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Chris Cutshaw-Mayor

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