

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Agenda

March 20, 2026

Hamblen County Health Department Conference Room

Meeting Called To Order-Tom Rush

Public Comment/General Public Forum:

Approval of Board Minutes:

Financial Report-Amy Hemminger

1. Review financials

Manager's Report-Dennis Barnes

1. TDEC Inspection

Engineer's Report-Steve Bostic

1. Landfill Project's Progress

Unfinished Business-Tom Rush

1. Budget draft session at HCMSW (Tom Rush, Dennis Barnes, Amy Hemminger, Steve Bostic and Stephanie Clonce) Wednesday, May 13, 2026
2. Board draft budget workshop at Hamblen County Health Department, Friday, June 12, 2026

New Business:

Adjournment-Tom Rush

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Board Members Present: Tom Rush-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.

Absent: Patrick McGuffin-Vice Chairman

Others Present: Amy Hemminger, Steve Bostic, Matt Davis, Ron White, Mike Richardson, Jeff Wisecarver, Tim Hendrick, Paul Brown, Landon Pyle, Greg Jernigan, Greg Farley, Kayla Trachsel, 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

2025 Recycling Annual Progress Report: Tim Hendrick

Mr. Hendrick went over our 2025 Annual Progress Report for Hamblen County and stated that we have a 50.3% diversion rate, which is double the 25% required. An increase in the diversion rate is possible since we have until March 31, 2026 to enter all the numbers. Mr. Hendrick stated that he would need the board's approval to send some signed documents to the State of Tennessee. Mr. Sliger made a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Progress Report to send to the State of Tennessee, and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Rush

Mr. Lacy made the motion to approve the January 16, 2026 minutes, and Mr. Horner seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.

Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Review of January Financials- Ms. Hemminger stated that she appreciated all the thoughts, prayers, and the Lantern that the board sent to her dad's funeral. Ms. Hemminger stated that, on the statement of net position, bond proceeds receivable includes costs through pay app #13. These costs are also included in the expansion costs

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of \$12.7 million. We transferred the \$895,000 insurance proceeds from LGIP to the operating account for the payment of the shredder that burnt. Tipping fees for third quarter of 2025 were transferred to LGIP. Capital expenditures include pay application #13 for the expansion, and the first bill from Geos for just under \$65,000 is shown under engineering expenses.

2. Mr. Rush stated that the First Horizon and LGIP interest rates are at 2.15% and 3.71%, respectively.

Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. The TDEC inspection was completed with some litter violations.
2. Mr. Barnes stated that our equipment is breaking down. We have replaced two oil pumps on machines, the engine on the 320 is in bad shape, and the compactor motor is fine. We may have to invest in a motor for the 320. Mr. Lacy asked if we received the new dozer and how it was doing. Mr. Barnes stated that it was doing good but still working out some bugs. Mr. Norfolk asked how the new shredder was doing and Mr. Barnes stated that it was up and running, and we are getting caught up on everything now. Mr. Barnes stated that TDEC noted moving the compactor from Class I to Class III.

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 they submitted the Class III operation manual and it went into TDEC's new spam folder. It has been resubmitted.

Mr. Bostic stated that LDA will be doing a flyover to see how much air space is left in Class I.

Mr. Bostic stated that it has been 60 days since their last submittal to TDEC for the permit, and he will be contacting TDEC for an estimated date for us to get the results back. Mr. Sliger asked how many days are left on the clock, and Mr. Bostic stated that he would calculate the time remaining and get back with the board. Mr. Sliger stated that if there are one hundred days left that puts us in July. Mr. Lacy stated that we did not need to push it out that far because of E TTL's other jobs, and it would cost us both a lot more money. Mr. Bostic replied that LDA is contacting TDEC on a weekly basis, and we cannot afford to push TDEC too far.

Mr. Sliger stated that he had a discussion with E TTL about the liner, and we have 12 months of storage to pay, with extra costs piling up in the background and air space is filling up too. Mr.

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Bostic stated that he would have spreadsheets before next month's meeting. Mr. Rush asked if we should have the city and county to write letters to TDEC, and Mr. Bostic stated no. Mr. Sliger asked where we are at with the plan for leachate. He asked if we are going above ground and do we have the two 110-gallon tanks ordered? Mr. Bostic stated that he had requested pricing on the tanks and should have that information by the March meeting. The glass lined tanks have been approved by TDEC. Mr. Bostic stated that he would get with E TTL and schedule a meeting to discuss the process.

Unfinished Business: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush stated that we had discussed last month approving the PDS Consulting contract starting March 1, 2026 and decided to hold until this month for everyone to look over and address any questions or concerns they have. The monthly contract will go up 9.29% to the amount of \$1,342.44. Mr. Sliger asked, "shouldn't we check the contract before the budget cycle." Mr. Rush stated that we would replace the equipment quoted for replacement as needed within next year's budget cycle. Mr. Horner made a motion to approve the PDS Consulting contract and Mr. Norfolk seconded the motion with all members in favor except for Mr. Sliger.

New Business: Tom Rush and Greg Jernigan

Mr. Rush stated that we have some information in the packet about SEI Waste, wanting the board to approve their Class III industrial landfill they want to start up in the Lowland area. Mr. Jernigan introduced the panel from SEI Waste he brought to the meeting including Mr. Pyle, Mr. Farley, and Ms. Trachsel and opened the discussion to the board for questions. Mr. Garrett asked them how this landfill would help the City of Morristown. Mr. Jernigan stated that there are sixty plus acres which was part of BASF. This will free up your Class I material and have room for Class III dirt work, provide jobs, and receive an estimated four hundred tons a day. It has an access road off 160. Mr. Rush stated that the City and County are still getting information about everything before a decision is made, and we will add it back to next month's meeting in March. Mr. Jernigan asked if they needed any more information before voting, and Mr. Rush stated that he thought they had everything they needed to decide.

Adjournment: Tom Rush

Mr. Lacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Horner seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.

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Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 9:43a.m.

Tom Rush-Chairman

Chris Cutshaw-Mayor

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Morristown-Hamblen County Solid Waste Board

02/19/2026 3:25 PM

Register: 11130 - Operating Account

From 02/20/2026 through 02/20/2026

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment C	Deposit	Balance
02/20/2026	10305	CANON SOLUTIO...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		80.27		139,054.30
02/20/2026	10306	CITY OF MORRIST...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		10,901.51		128,152.79
02/20/2026	10307	HAMBLENT COUNT...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		11,742.55		116,410.24
02/20/2026	10308	LIBERTY TIRE RE...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		670.60		115,739.64
02/20/2026	10309	NAPA AUTO PARTS	21100 - Accounts Paya...		3,836.72		111,902.92
02/20/2026	10310	PDS CONSULTING	21100 - Accounts Paya...		1,276.20		110,626.72
02/20/2026	10311	PURKEY,CARTER,...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		4,228.00		106,398.72
02/20/2026	10312	ROGERS PETROLE...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		2,754.62		103,644.10
02/20/2026	10313	WITT UTILITY DIS...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		150.00		103,494.10

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From 02/25/2026 through 02/25/2026

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02/25/2026	ACH577...	BOB GARRETT	21100 · Accounts Paya...		200.00		257,213.58
02/25/2026	ACH577...	VENTRUS NORFO...	21100 · Accounts Paya...		200.00		257,013.58
02/25/2026	ACH577...	WILL SLIGER	21100 · Accounts Paya...		200.00		256,813.58

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From 02/27/2026 through 02/27/2026

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02/27/2026	ACH260...	LIBERTY NATION...	21100 · Accounts Paya...		179.76		256,633.82

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From 03/04/2026 through 03/04/2026

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03/04/2026	10314	ACCIDENT FUND I...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		931.40		242,767.18
03/04/2026	10315	AFLAC	21100 - Accounts Paya...		516.96		242,250.22
03/04/2026	10316	BANKCARD CENT...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		376.70		241,873.52
03/04/2026	10317	CAPPS & BYRD, LLP	21100 - Accounts Paya...		157.50		241,716.02
03/04/2026	10318	CINTAS	21100 - Accounts Paya...		458.08		241,257.94
03/04/2026	10319	DAVID BERRY TR...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		4,510.00		236,747.94
03/04/2026	10320	FAIRBANKS SCAL...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		956.00		235,791.94
03/04/2026	10321	FUELMAN	21100 - Accounts Paya...		174.20		235,617.74
03/04/2026	10322	LIBERTY TIRE RE...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		418.60		235,199.14
03/04/2026	10323	MAIN STREET INS...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		1,375.00		233,824.14
03/04/2026	10324	MATT LACY-V	21100 - Accounts Paya...		200.00		233,624.14
03/04/2026	10325	MIKE BELL	21100 - Accounts Paya...		200.00		233,424.14
03/04/2026	10326	NAPA AUTO PARTS	21100 - Accounts Paya...		65.45		233,358.69
03/04/2026	10327	PDS CONSULTING	21100 - Accounts Paya...		1,342.44		232,016.25
03/04/2026	10328	PINEY FLATS GLA...	21100 - Accounts Paya...	PFG	550.00		231,466.25
03/04/2026	10329	ROGERS PETROLE...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		6,351.44		225,114.81
03/04/2026	10330	STOWERS MACHI...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		20,253.98		204,860.83
03/04/2026	10331	SWANA	21100 - Accounts Paya...		255.00		204,605.83
03/04/2026	10332	TIMOTHY L. HOR...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		200.00		204,405.83
03/04/2026	10333	TOM RUSH	21100	931.40 +	200.00		204,205.83
03/04/2026	10334	WESTROCK KNOX...	21100	516.96 +	2,250.00		201,955.83
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From 03/11/2026 through 03/11/2026

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Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment C	Deposit	Balance
03/11/2026	10335	MAIN STREET INS...	21100 - Accounts Paya...		30.851.25		320.274.67

BankCard Center Card Statement



Account Number XXXX XXXX XXXX 0792

BY: Statement for Period: January 25, 2026 to February 24, 2026

CARDHOLDER SUMMARY

DENNIS R BARNES XXXX XXXX XXXX 0792	Previous Balance	Purchases And + Other Debits	Cash + Advances	Finance + Charges	- Credits	- Payments =	New Balance
CardHolder Totals	\$2,264.40	\$446.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.95	\$2,264.40	\$376.70

FINANCE CHARGE SUMMARY

	Average Daily Balance	Monthly Periodic Rate	Corresponding Annual Percentage Rate	Periodic Finance Charge
PURCHASES	\$0.00	1.054%(V)	12.65% (V)	\$0.00

(V) = Variable Rate

GRACE PERIOD

To Avoid a Finance Charge On Purchases, Pay Entire New Balance by Payment Due Date Each Billing Period. Finance Charge Accrues on Cash Advances Until Paid And Will Be Billed On Your Next Statement.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL 1-800-382-5465 LOST/STOLEN CARDS CALL 1-800-382-5465 SEND BILLING INQUIRIES TO BANKCARD CENTER P.O. BOX 1545 MEMPHIS, TN 38101-1545	ACCOUNT NUMBER XXXX XXXX XXXX 0792		ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
	STATEMENT DATE	02/24/26	PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$2,264.40
	CREDIT LIMIT	\$5,000.00	PURCHASES & OTHER CHARGES	\$446.65
	AVAILABLE CREDIT*	\$4,623.00	CASH ADVANCES	\$0.00
	PAST DUE	\$0.00	CASH ADVANCE FEES	\$0.00
	OVERLIMIT	\$0.00	LATE PAYMENT CHARGE	\$0.00
	DISPUTED AMOUNT	\$0.00	FINANCE CHARGE	\$0.00
	AMOUNT DUE	\$25.00	CREDITS	\$69.95
	PAYMENT DUE DATE	03/21/26	PAYMENTS	\$2,264.40
			NEW BALANCE	\$376.70

* Amount reflected in whole dollars only

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BANKCARD CENTER
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MEMPHIS TN 38101-1545

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AMOUNT DUE \$25.00
NEW BALANCE \$376.70

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 P.O. BOX 385
 MEMPHIS TN 38101-0385

AMOUNT ENCLOSED
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 MORRISTOWN SOLID WASTE
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Statement Date	02/24/26	Credit Limit	\$5,000.00	Cash Advance Balance	\$0.00
Payment Due Date	03/21/26	Available Credit	-\$4,623.00	Amount Due	\$25.00
New Balance	\$376.70				

STATEMENT MESSAGES

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01-25	01-22	OFFICE DEPOT #1214 800-463-3768 GA	\$119.97
01-25	01-24	Amazon.com*S35MJ2DH3 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$64.59
01-26	01-25	RTK MOBILE RTKMOBILE.COM UT	\$25.00
01-27	01-26	FTD* MILDREDS FLORIST 423-587-0500 TN	\$66.99
01-27	01-26	Amazon.com*EU9LD9QW3 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$20.95
01-30	01-30	Amazon.com*3W10X6XL3 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$14.21
02-09	02-09	PAYMENT - THANK YOU MEMPHIS TN	-\$2,264.40 PY
02-15	02-13	FTD* MILDREDS FLORIST 423-587-0500 TN	\$69.95
02-15	02-13	FTD* MILDREDS FLORIST MORRISTOWN TN	\$64.99
02-15	02-13	FTD* MILDREDS FLORIST MORRISTOWN	-\$69.95 CR



Stephanie Clonce

From: Tom Rush <trush@newportfederalbank.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 3:03 PM
To: greg@jerniganenv.com
Cc: Chris Capps; Chris Cutshaw; Dennis Barnes; Stephanie Clonce; Rush Thomas
Subject: SEI Proposed Landfill
Attachments: SEI Response Letter March 2026.pdf

Mr. Jernigan,

Attached is a response letter related to the proposed SEI Landfill.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,

Tom Rush
EVP
Newport Federal Bank
170 W. Broadway
Newport, TN 37821

NMLS 762955
(423) 623-6088
trush@newportfederalbank.com

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March 16, 2026

Greg Jernigan, PG
President
Jernigan Environmental Services, LLC
14320 Virtue Road
Lenoir City, TN 37772

Via Email: greg@jerniganenv.com

Re: Proposed SEI Waste Landfill
4999 Enka Highway (SR 160) (Entrance)
Morristown, TN 37813

Dear Mr. Jernigan:

Based on additional information obtained after our February 20, 2026, board meeting, it has been determined that the Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board has no supervisory or approval authority related to the proposed landfill referenced above.

Accordingly, there will be no additional consideration of this matter at our upcoming March 20, 2026, board meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Rush".

Tom Rush
Board Chair

Cc: Chris Capps, Board Attorney
Chris Cutshaw, Hamblen County Mayor



JASON E. MUMPOWER
Comptroller

February 25, 2026

Board of Directors
Hamblen County - Morristown Solid Waste Disposal System
3849 Sublett Road
Morristown, TN 37813

Board of Directors:

We have reviewed the annual financial report of the Hamblen County - Morristown Solid Waste Disposal System for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, as audited by Clearpoint CPAs, PC. As a result, this report has been filed as part of the public records of the State of Tennessee.

The audited financial statements are the responsibility of management. The following was observed during the review of the financial report.

1. The amount reported in note 2 to the financial statements (page 18) for carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and investments at June 30, 2025, could not be reconciled with the amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position. The notes to the financial statements should be consistent with the financial statements.
2. The following incorrect captions were noted throughout the financial report:
 - a. The Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position included "Other Financing Sources." This should be "Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses" or other similar caption.
 - b. Note 5 to the financial statements captioned the capital asset schedules as "governmental activities."

Responsible officials should ensure that future reports submitted to our office address the above items.

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If you need to contact our office, please call 615.747.8807 or email Bethany.Wilson@cot.tn.gov. You may also send a response to this letter to the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Local Government Audit, Cordell Hull Building, 4th Floor, 425 Rep. John Lewis Way North, Nashville, TN 37243.

Sincerely,

Bethany Wilson

Bethany Wilson, CPA, CMFO
Contract Audit Review Specialist
Division of Local Government Audit

cc: Clearpoint CPAs, PC