

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: April 17, 2026

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, Matt Davis, Ron White, Mike Richardson, Jeff Wisecarver, Paul Brown, 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: Linda Noe

Ms. Noe commented on the proposed SEI landfill to be considered by the board. Ms. Noe suggested that the board make the community aware of this and what it could do to the existing landfill operated by the city and county. Ms. Noe said "Go to the county commission meetings and the city council meetings and speak to be heard on this subject. You really need to get the community involved and get this voted down because we do not need another Class III landfill, not to mention what it will do to your business."

Approval of Minutes: Tom Rush

Mr. McGuffin made the motion to approve the March 20, 2026 minutes, and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.

Mr. Horner made a motion to approve the April 10, 2026 Executive and Special Called meeting minutes, and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members present in favor.

Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Review of March 2026 Financials- Ms. Hemminger stated that on the statement of net position, transfers have been made to LGIP for the 4th quarter 2025 capital, debt-service and shredder tipping fees. On the income statement, repairs for just under \$35,000 for a new motor on the Cat 320 are included in equipment repairs and maintenance.

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2. Mr. Rush stated that the interest rates at First Horizon and LGIP are 2.15% and 3.64%, respectively.

Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. According to TDEC we still do not have enough equipment on the working face. We have four pieces of equipment down right now. This has been mentioned in the TDEC inspection report three times and if it continues, there is a possibility this will be considered a violation by TDEC. The inspector from TDEC told Mr. Barnes that the compactor at Class III needs to be taken to Class I for more compaction to save space, and Mr. Barnes agreed to move it. Mr. Barnes stated that we are still having litter issues and being written up for it.

Engineer's Report: Matt Davis

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

Mr. Davis stated that LDA is still working on all the questions from TDEC. Mr. Davis commented "We are going to see if we can get a meeting to go over all the questions before submitting them again for approval. We are trying to get a meeting on April 27, 2026 with Rob Burnette in Chattanooga, but he will not return our calls". Mr. Rush asked Mr. Barnes if he could contact Paula Plont in the TDEC, Knoxville office and see if she can help Mr. Davis with LDA contact Rob Burnette with TDEC in Chattanooga. Mr. Barnes said that he would contact her.

Unfinished Business: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush asked Ms. Hemminger, Mr. Bostic, Mr. Barnes and Ms. Clonce if we could change our May 13, 2026 draft budget workshop to May 6, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. instead due to a schedule conflict. Mr. Bostic stated that he could attend but would have to leave around 11:00 a.m., and all agreed to reschedule the workshop accordingly.

New Business: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush stated that we would be having a Public Hearing on April 24, 2026 regarding the request from SEI for a new Class III landfill.

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Adjournment: Tom Rush

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

Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Tom Rush-Chairman

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Chris Cutshaw-Mayor

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