

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: May 15, 2026

Hamblen County Health Department Conference Room

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 and Chris Capps.

Others Present: Amy Hemminger, Steve Bostic, Matt Davis, Mike Richardson, Jeff Wisecarver, Greg Jernigan, Landon Pyle, Ron White, 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. Lacy made the motion to approve the April 17, 2026, minutes and Mr. Horner seconded the motion with all board members voting in favor.

A transcript of the April 24, 2026 Public Hearing was enclosed for review but did not need to be approved.

Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Review of April 2026 Financials- Ms. Hemminger stated that the LGIP dozer account remains with a balance of \$6.43; we are trying to get that closed out. Included in accounts payable is the bond payment due to the city for just over \$344,000 that is due June 1, 2026. On the statement of revenue and expenses, preventive maintenance contracts include bulk lubricant/oil of \$5,780, which is included in the \$7,200. Included in the debt interest expense and debt service last month is the city's bond payment due of \$344,000.
2. Mr. Rush stated that the interest rates are 2.15% at First Horizon and 3.65% at LGIP.

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Manager's Report: Dennis Barnes

1. Mr. Barnes stated that the TDEC monthly inspection has not been done this month yet.
2. Mr. Barnes told the board that he appreciated the thermal camera which is functioning effectively. Mr. Barnes stated that he would not be at next month's meeting, but he would be sending his field manager, Mr. Isaiah Pope, who is attending with me today to get him ready for it.

Engineer's Report: Steve Bostic

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

Mr. Bostic told Mr. Barnes that the settleable solids needed to be cleaned out of the well.

Mr. Bostic stated that UES will remove what they do not need on the well at Sublett property.

Mr. Bostic stated that he has not been able to get a hold of Rob in Chattanooga to go over some questions on the permit. We are probably looking at the permit in September/October 2026.

Mr. Bostic stated that he got a quote on the 240,000 gallon/14 days storage tanks for the new landfill, which will run around \$1.7 million for everything.

Unfinished Business: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush stated that he had prepared a summary worksheet captioned "Income Stress Scenarios for Possible Lost Class III Tonnage" to illustrate possible what-if scenarios for lost tonnage ranging from just over 3,000 tons annually up to 25,000 tons annually in 2,500 ton increments. Based on this range of stress scenarios, potential revenue losses ranged from approximately \$200,000 annually to \$1.5 million annually.

New Business: Amy Hemminger

Ms. Hemminger reviewed the TCRS Employer Contribution Rate Certification for the upcoming 2026-2027 year. Ms. Hemminger stated that in previous years TCRS had required a contribution rate to go by, but this year they are not requiring a contribution rate because of being fully funded in our account. Therefore, Ms. Hemminger indicated the board is not required to contribute. Mr. Rush called for a motion to keep contributing at 5% like we did last year, so we do not get behind and stay ahead. Mr. Lacy made the motion to keep the TCRS contribution

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rate at 5% for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and Mr. Norfolk seconded the motion with all board members present voting in favor.

Mr. Rush noted that just as a reminder for June's meeting we will be meeting later in the month because of the holiday on June 19th. Our meeting is June 26th at the health department. We will have to identify an alternate meeting location before July or August. We have been invited to use the Morristown Public Works training room by Mr. Paul Brown, so we will start using that with the August meeting. We will run a public notice in the paper to change the location of the meeting, but we will keep you informed.

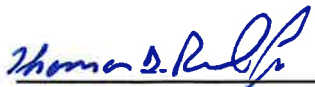
Mr. Barnes wanted to thank Ms. Barbara Horton at the county grant office for working on the recycling grant that she secured for us. We will be able to get a new track hoe, a new compactor box and two new container boxes for the public. The total grant is \$284,661.75, which is a no match grant, however, the board will be responsible for costs exceeding the grant amount.

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.

Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Tom Rush-Chairman



Chris Cutshaw-Mayor

