

Hamblen County/Morristown Solid Waste Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: June 26, 2026

Hamblen County Health Department Conference Room

Board Members Present: Tom Rush-Chairman, Patrick McGuffin-Vice Chairman, Chris Cutshaw- (Ex-Officio/County Mayor), Mike Bell, Bob Garrett, Tim Horner, Matt Lacy, Ventrus Norfolk and Will Sliger.

Absent: Dennis Barnes-(Ex-Officio/Director)

Others Present: Amy Hemminger, Steve Bostic, Matt Davis, Mike Richardson, Jeff Wisecarver, Andrew Ellard, Larry Clark, Paul Brown, Stephanie Clonce, Isaiah Pope 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 stated that she did not see anything on the agenda about voting on the SEI landfill. The city and county have both voted yes to allow it. She stated, "I have not heard anything from this board about raising fees or how it will affect you or the impact it will have on the landfill." Ms. Noe told the board that they need to let the public know what is going on and how it will affect the future of this landfill.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Rush

Mr. Lacy made the motion to approve the May 15, 2026 minutes and Mr. Sliger seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Financial Report: Amy Hemminger and Tom Rush

1. Review of May 2026 Financials- Ms. Hemminger stated that the statement of net position includes a balance in grant receivable representing the payments from the county for the tire grant for both January and April 2026. Included in the accounts payable are the county bond payments and the interest on the shredder all due June 1st. On the statement of revenues and expenses, engineering cost of \$54,710 includes UES fees for semi-annual groundwater monitoring and 4th quarter 2025 and 1st quarter 2026 gas monitoring. Expenses also include interest and debt service for the county bonds and interest on the shredder.

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

Manager's Report: Isaiah Pope

1. The TDEC inspection went smoothly. We had two leak outs that have been addressed. We have not received the TDEC report yet.

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 would resubmit the permit next week and it will take TDEC 30 to 60 days to go over it and return it to us.

Mr. Bostic stated that he had gotten TDEC to agree to a 14-day leachate storage instead of the original 30-day one. He stated, "That will save you some money."

Unfinished Business: Chris Capps, Andrew Ellard, and Tom Rush

1. Mr. Capps talked to the board about the SEI Landfill vote. Mr. Capps stated that this had been going on for several months now and both the City and County have voted Yes to allow them to proceed with their landfill. Mr. Capps stated that it was now time for the Hamblen County Regional Authority to vote on this, which will take place at the July 17, 2026 board meeting. We can have an executive session on July 9th to talk and ask questions concerning this matter if necessary.
2. Mr. Ellard presented an example draft of an RFP for Hauling and Recycling. The city would put out the bid and take care of all the paperwork pertaining to the bid process. Westrock plans on going from \$150 a load to \$400 a load, which will cause the landfill to increase the recycling prices from \$45 a ton to \$60 a ton. Mr. Lacy made a motion for the city to do the RFP for Hauling and Recycling for the landfill and Mr. Sliger seconded the motion with all board members in favor.
3. Mr. Rush went over the Recycling grant that the county helped us get. The grant includes the purchase of One (1) Track Hoe w/delivery \$262,776.75, Two (2) 40-YD Open Top Containers w/delivery (\$6,695 ea.) \$13,390.00, One (1) 40-YD Compactor Receiver Box w/delivery \$8,495.00, with a Grant Contract Total of \$284,661.75. The board will be responsible for the additional funding in excess of the grant proceeds in the approximate amount of \$63,164. Mr. Lacy made the motion to approve the Grant Purchase of the Cat

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323 HEX for \$322,940.55 and Mr. McGuffin seconded the purchase motion with all board members in favor.

4. Mr. Horner made a motion to approve the Grant purchase of the Roll off Containers and Compactor for \$24,885.00 including freight in the amount of \$3,000 and Mr. Lacy seconded the purchase motion with all board members in favor.

New Business: Tom Rush

Mr. Rush requested that the board amend the purchasing policy to give the Director emergency purchasing authority up to \$50,000 to make front line equipment repairs without waiting until the board meetings. The Director will have to contact a board member to let them know what is going on before the purchase. Mr. Bell made the motion to amend the purchasing policy so the Director can make emergency purchases up to \$50,000 for front line equipment repairs, and Mr. Norfolk seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Budget Approval 2026-2027: Tom Rush and Chris Capps

Mr. Capps stated that the board is not up to date on the 10-Year plan. Our last plan was made in 2015 and with our expansion and things we need to get that in the budget for approval to get that started.

Mr. Rush asked the board members if they had any questions or concerns about the budget before approving the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Ms. Hemminger stated that we received an estimate from the insurance company for around \$155,754, which could be a little cheaper or higher because they are still working to get the premiums and deductibles down. Mr. Rush stated if no one had any problems with anything pertaining to the 2026-2027 fiscal year draft budget, he would entertain a motion to approve it. Mr. McGuffin made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 fiscal year draft budget, and Mr. Lacy seconded the motion with all board members in favor.

Adjournment: Tom Rush

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

Mr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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Tom Rush-Chairman

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Chris Cutshaw-Mayor

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