

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Solid Waste Management Authority Board Meeting March 20, 2019 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner (SWMA Member), Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin (SWMA Member), Mary-Ann Carp (SWMA Member), Robb Leatherwood (SWMA Member) and Lt. Sean MacDonald (SWMA Member). Board Member Flora Marie Myers was absent. Also present were Jeff Metarko (Director of Transportation and Development), Commissioner Felicia F. Warner, Nathan Parrott (Landfill Manager), Josh Lawson with Jacobs Engineering, Mayor of Lovejoy, Bobby Cartwright and Brenda B. James (Clerk).

ABSENT: Board Member Flora Marie Myers (SWMA Member).

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Turner entertained a motion to adopt the November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Terry Baskin, second by Sean. McDonald to approve the November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

LANDFILL BOUNDARY SURVEY:

Josh Lawson of Jacobs Engineering gave an overview regarding the landfill boundaries. He stated in the boundaries update they found there were many land swaps that had not been recorded and there are two types of wells. The methane monitoring and ground water wells. He further said there is no interest in moving the wells or boundaries. He said what has been discussed with the EPD is an Assurance Letter. This letter must be signed by the chairman and two statements must appear. They are the assurance of commitment to human health safety and in the event contaminants are discovered the County must assurance that they will take care of those areas.

After the discussion Terry Baskin (SWMA) made a motion for the assurance letter to be sent to the Board of Commissioners to be approved and signed by the Chairman. Sean McDonald (SWMA) provided the second. The motion carried unanimously.

TASK ORDER WITH JACOBS – LANDFILL COMPLIANCE FOR FY20:

Jeff Metarko Director of Transportation and Development explained the agreement with Jacobs Engineering and how the Task Orders are provided. The same cost and scope of work is in the task order that has been in them for the last two years. He explained the only change is the dates and these must be approved by the Solid Waste Management Authority.

After discussion Mary Carp (SWMA) made a motion to approve the Task Order #6 with Rob Leatherwood providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER STATION DISCUSSION:

Josh Lawson of Jacob Engineering said after the last meeting they issued an RFI with a list of questions to get information back regarding the landfill. He said they were sent to the four largest vendors, Waste Industries, Waste Management, Republic and Stantac and there was only one responder, Waste Industries. He further explained that some items requested were location, cost, host, low cost disposal options and recycling. He said the next step would be an RFP where the particulars would be spelled out. They would need to know the location, zoning requirements, and other specifics the county would require. Also, days of the week, how odors are handled, per bag, discounts for county departments and a host of other details.

Commissioner Warner inquired into the hours and fees and how they related to other facilities.

Chairman Turner asked where the preferred area Waste Industries had given them before and it was on Moreland Avenue across from the Walker site. Josh Lawson presented a copy of the Fayette County Transfer Station and said they did a price survey. Waste Management is \$48.00 a ton and Waste Industries is \$48.50 a ton.

Mayor Bobby Cartwright of Lovejoy said Waste Industries was a good group of people and a great organization. Chairman Turner said the only problem he would have is the timeline. He also asked if the county would purchase the land or would Waste Industries purchase it. Josh Lawson said Waste Industries did not have a preference, however if the county owned the land and get the permit from EPD, Waste Industries would work under the permit of the county. So if the County owns the land you can authorize Waste Industries how you would like the facility to operate. If they own the land there is a risk, and is they were not performing in the manner the County like that could be an issue. Chairman Turner said at this point legal should be involved and we need to know the cost of the at least 10 acres of land. Commissioners Warner said often there are developers who want to donate land and maybe we should look into that. Jeff Metarko said there are many questions that need to be answered before the start of the RFP process. Chairman Turner said his recommendation is the get with the County Attorney, look for land for sale and have the Attorney and information available at the next meeting.

KEEP CLAYTON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL DISCUSSION:

Josh Lawson of Jacobs Engineering said they were tasked last year to look into the frame work to reinitiate Clayton Beautiful. They said in 2018 they interviewed several programs and put together some information. They found the salary for an Executive Director was between 65,000-75,000 a year, and the need of two support staff. He said there is a one-time 4000 certification fee. He said the first year budget should be about \$150,000.00. Robb Leatherwood gave an overview of how Augusta started. Sean McDonald questioned what exactly would the Director and staff do? Chairman said they will work along with the program that Corrections already has. Mr. McDonald said they do a clean- up in all areas. Chairman Turner said the Executive Director will be the point of contact for the Commissioners. Mr. Leatherwood said Keep Georgia Beautiful has already done the plan and we do not have to reinvent the wheel. Commissioners Warner said the Keep Clayton County Beautiful needs to start with the Commissioners and work together for the entire county. She also spoke on the ability of the nonprofit to find grants and the educational piece.

REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF LOVEJOY:

Mayor Bobby Cartwright requested the Solid Waste Authority dedicate the park adjacent to the landfill to the City of Lovejoy. The City of Lovejoy would maintain the park. Nathan Parrot, Landfill Manager said the buildings on the park are used for storage. Jeff Metarko said this part of the park is on the buffer of the landfill and the county would need to speak with EPD. Mayor Cartwright and Chairman Turner discussed an MOU or IGA for the park. Commissioner Warner said this was the first discussion and she needs more time.

After much discussion Commissioner Warner made a motion to bring the item back to another Solid Waste Authority Meeting. Terry Baskin provided the second. Chairman Turner said the MOU would have to be approved by the Board of Commissioners so he did not see a problem with moving forward. Mr. Baskin said he still has some questions. The motion to bring the item back to another Solid Waste Authority meeting carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22am with Sean McDonald providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

