



Region 2000 Services Authority

Location
12th Fl, 828 Main St.
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Date | Time
June 12, 2019
2:00 p.m.

**Services Authority Work Session
Minutes**

Board Members Present

Susan Adams.....Appomattox County
Steve Carter Nelson County
Frank Rogers..... Campbell County
Bonnie Svrcek, *Chair*..... City of Lynchburg

1. Welcome & Introductions: Chair Bonnie Svrcek welcomed the committee and introductions were made with staff, visitors and support folks on the telephone.

2. Emerging Issues and Background

A. Consideration of Bedford County bringing Waste to Livestock Road at the Commercial Rate

Gary Christie reported that Bedford County has asked the Authority if they would be willing to allow the disposal of Bedford County solid waste in the Livestock Road landfill at the commercial rate.

Gary noted that, based on conversations with County Waste, staff believes that loss of County Waste commercial waste is inevitable when County Waste opens their landfill in Cumberland. This could reduce our waste stream by 50,000 tons per year and expand the life of the landfill to 2033. Taking Bedford solid waste would likely reduce the life of the landfill by one year and help offset some of the loss of revenue from County Waste saving the Authority \$3.47 per ton for FY 20.

There was discussion among the Authority members as to what might have changed at the Bedford Landfill that they would now be interested in using the regional landfill. Even though Bedford County is seeking proposals for hauling and disposal of waste, the Authority will not be responding to the RFP but entering into separate, independent negotiations

Several Authority members offered suggested parameters for the discussion with Bedford County:

1. Our capacity in the permitted area is finite and we should only negotiate for an amount of solid waste that will consume no more than a year's worth of capacity at our facility.
2. We look for Bedford County to pay the commercial rate for this solid waste.
3. We would like the County's assurance that, if a new cell is built, the Region 2000 Services Authority could have access to an equal amount of airspace at a rate to be satisfactorily negotiated. This would be similar to a reciprocal agreement that we now have with the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority which allows us to take solid waste to Roanoke if needed and them to bring waste to us if they need to.
4. We do not want to accept any sludge from Bedford County as part of the waste stream.
5. The Services Authority is interested in understanding what other options Bedford County is considering for disposing of the solid waste.
6. The Services Authority would like to know what percentage of the solid waste comes from the Town of Bedford.

B. Appomattox County Transfer Site Timeline and Potential Impact on the Services Authority

Susan Adams reported that there was no new information at this time regarding the County's transfer site. The Authority asked staff to circulate the Botetourt County agreement with County Waste.

Lynn Klappich noted that County Waste's Cumberland Landfill was likely about 4 years away from starting. She noted that the Appomattox County Transfer site would come before that.

3. Process for the Dissolution of the Authority or a Member leaving the Authority

Bill Hefty reported by telephone that VA Code Section 15.2-5109 and 15.2-5112 governed the dissolution of the Authority or the withdrawal of a member. He noted that all localities have to adopt concurring resolutions and resolve outstanding bonds. He noted that one scenario is to stop operations but keep the Authority in existence for closure/post closure activities.

Frank Rogers received clarification that dissolution or a member exiting required unanimous consent of the other members. It was also clarified that determining the buy-out for a member leaving is a local process and not prescribed by state code.

4. Discussion Regarding Excess Revenue

Steve Carter suggested using excess revenue to lower our member costs. He noted that the R.W. Beck report of January 9, 2009 and the SAIC report of December 2011 said that we were paying Campbell and Lynchburg for the airspace. Seth Cunningham, the report's author, noted that it was a poor choice of words, but that the payments made to Campbell and Lynchburg did not include the value of the airspace.

The Authority asked if the financial policies, which set an excess revenue distribution of 75% Campbell and 25% Authority, required annual approval by the Authority or if it was an automatic distribution. Gary indicated that he would check.

5. Meeting Location Options

The Authority discussed:

- Meeting at the PDC offices
- Meeting at the Landfill in the Services Authority offices
- Rotating the meeting among jurisdictions
- Internet video streaming of meetings
- Keeping the meeting in Campbell County

The Authority also heard from Mr. Jon Hardie who encouraged the meetings to be accessible to the neighborhood around the landfill.

No consensus was reached to change the meeting from the current location.

6. Update on Concord Turnpike Gas Collection System Discussions

Bill Hefty and Bob Dick from SCS reported that they are working with the gas collection system owner at the Concord Turnpike Landfill to identify a third party appraiser to develop a value for the equipment. Three appraisals will be averaged and both parties can decide whether they agree with the outcome.

Bill reported that the system owner would not be allowed to take equipment before this appraisal process was completed. It may be 30-60 days before the appraisal process is completed. Clarke explained that we are now maintaining the system to keep extracting the gas, which is currently being flared off.

There is a gas line from the landfill to RockTenn but it is unknown if there is an easement for that line.

7. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.