

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting

February 18, 2021

PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey E. Turner (SWMA Member), Edie Young (SWMA Member), Robb Leatherwood (SWMA Member), Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin (SWMA Member), Mary Ann Carp (SWMA Member), and Vice-Chair Gregory (SWMA Member).

ABSENT: Captain Sean MacDonald (SWMA Member).

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Metarko (Director of Transportation and Development), Josh Lawson with Jacobs Engineering, Brenda Harrison (guest constituent), Mickey Garber (guest constituent), and two other guests; and Courtney Rushin (Assistant County Clerk).

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. ADOPTION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2020 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Mary Ann Carp, second by Edie Young to approve a motion to adopt the November 5, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion carried with one abstention from Vice-Chair Gregory (not SWMA Member during time of last meeting).

III. LANDFILL LEACHATE SYSTEM UPDATE:

Josh Lawson of Jacobs Engineering gave a brief update on the Landfill Leachate System. He showed an aerial view of the landfill and explained the leachate system including the excessive liquids. There are also stability issues and the operational status, blockage systems, ongoing maintenance. In conclusion, they are just monitoring and maintaining status right now.

Robb Leatherwood asked about the classification of the landfill and is it considered dry; Mary Ann Carp asked is it costly. Mr. Lawson answered them both, clarifying that by design, the landfill is not intended to be of wet environment and that of the \$50,000.00 task order, we only spent about half of the amount.

IV. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM DISCUSSION:

Chairman Turner stated that the board has been tasked with the option of picking mandatory trash pick-up; he received input and poll results the Board of

Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners agreed collectively to not include this on the tax bill.

Josh Lawson gave a brief PowerPoint presentation “North/South Option Evaluation” (same presentation for the BOC Work Session next week)

Mr. Lawson continued by explaining how this new plan option would include the concept that involves a mandatory collection. He spoke about program fundamentals, the number of possible districts, and billing responsibility. The board then discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having two districts as well as potential alternatives and disposal options. Also discussed were the benefits to having the hauler as the biller and how all non-payers would answer to Code Enforcement by adhering to their compliances – in which additional staff would be needed.

In reference to flow control to the planned new transfer station, more revenue would result, and it would be franchise free. There was further discussion on Option #5 of the PowerPoint Presentation, Code Enforcement changes, possible homeowner concerns, and a possible RFI (later decided collectively to oppose).

In conclusion, Chairman Turner stated that he will work with Mr. Lawson, Jeff Metarko, and use the input of the Board of Commissioners at the next business meeting to help provide additional framework to move forward.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION:

Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin asked what happened to the KCCB Program and Chairman Turner clarified that it was abolished by the Board of Commissioners at a previous board business meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Mr. Mickey Garber of Unincorporated Rex, Clayton County, Georgia spoke about the hard work of the board’s efforts to clean the county up, how he is in favor of the transfer station, but that focus is currently being lost – especially with the abolishment of the KKCB Program and the rebranding of the county.
- 2) Brenda Harrison reiterated Mr. Garber’s disagreement with abolishing the KCCB Program and mentioned the cleanliness of the county and the failing of the school system; the county received a Grade D from the state).

VII. ADJOURN:

Chairman Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin providing the second at 3:23 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Courtney Rushin
Assistant County Clerk