



Approved  
Chairman  
Joel K. Street

**LANDFILL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2014**

**APPROVED**

The meeting was called to order with the following present: Joel Street, Sonja Culler, John Lewis, Ronnie Trivette, Buford Peters, Bobbie Dietz, Pat Hicks, Steve Lowrance.

Sonja Culler moved to accept both the minutes from the previous meeting and the agenda for the current meeting after the agenda was amended to include an RSVP to a request for bids on hauling solid waste from the city of Elizabethton. This received a second from Steve Lowrance and passed 8-0.

Mr. Street reported that he and Mr. Lyons had met with representatives from the cities of Elizabethton and Watauga in order to determine interest in applying for a three entity recycling grant. The initial response from each was positive. John Lewis made a motion that we give county attorney Bowers permission to draft an agreement to be entered into by the three entities. This received a second from Sonja Culler and was approved 8-0.

Mr. Street and Mr. Lyons reported that the required recycling survey of business is going very well. Mr. Lyons also reported that the landfill will be required to make reports to the state electronically rather than by paper. He feels this will be an improved reporting process which will lead to more accurate and comprehensive reports.

It was reported that the city of Elizabethton had requested a bid proposal for the hauling of solid waste. Attorney Bowers gave an opinion as to this might be done legally. After discussion, John Lewis made a motion to grant Mr. Lyons the authority to submit a bid to the city of Elizabethton for the removal of solid waste contingent upon commission approval and acceptance of the bid. Ms. Culler amended the motion to state that should we receive the bid from Elizabethton and it comes after the landfill committee has met in regular session then that acceptance of the bid could be presented to the full commission directly. After the amendment was accepted by Mr. Lewis Ms. Culler gave the required second and the motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Lyons informed the committee that Waste Management has shown an interest in delivering recyclables from Unicoi to our site rather than transport them to Kingsport. This would be at no cost to us, and we would be able sell the recyclables. Ms. Culler made a motion to allow Mr. Lyons the authority to enter into an agreement with Waste Management to receive recyclables from Unicoi. Mr. Lowrance made the second and the motion was approved 8-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to take money coming to the landfill from the general fund to complete the Elk Mills project. The motion received no second.

It was announced that the household hazardous waste collection will take place April 12 from 9 until 2. The meeting was adjourned on an 8-0 vote after a motion from John Lewis with a second from Steve Lowrance.

Submitted by W. Patrick Hicks