

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Dietz at 8:40 PM

Roll call: Commissioners Acuff, Dietz, Hill, Miller, Simerly, VonCannon and Ward were present.
Commissioner McQueen sat in representing District 8

Approval of minutes of previous session and agenda:

Motion by Hill, seconded by Ward to approve the agenda passed by acclamation.

Motion by Hill, seconded by Simerly to approve minutes from previous session passed by acclamation.

Public Comments: None were brought forth.

Old Business:

Commissioner VonCannon updated the committee regarding a solar panel manufacturing facility he brought up at the February meeting. He stated that the facility looks increasingly likely to be establishing nearby and expressed wishes to revisit the possibility of glass recycling. He reiterated that a percentage of recycled glass called "cullett" was needed for the manufacturing process, and would create an opportunity to sell recycled glass. Director Lyons stated that until a market for the used glass was actually created, it would not be feasible to collect and store glass, but that he would investigate the possibility should market conditions change as a result of the solar company establishment.

New Business:

The Chair informed the committee that the State Household Waste Event will be May 7 from 9am-1pm at the recycling center. She gave each committee member two posters promoting the event and asked that they be prominently placed within each district.

Director Lyons' Report:

Director Lyons informed the committee of confirmation that we have been awarded the grant for recycle tubs, and that we have received a request for more information regarding the used oil grant and potential safety trip hazards that a required secondary containment system might create.

There was also some discussion about the Carter Pride initiative and potential ways identified to incorporate Mr. Ed Jordan's ideas into existing Landfill Department projects. Commissioner VonCannon raised concerns about costs exceeding recycle grant and TDOT reimbursements, and stated that the Commission needs to make some allowances to keep the Landfill department from "eating" costs associated with cleanup.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Miller spoke about how cleanup and rash disposal costs would be reduced significantly through increased recycling efforts.

Director Lyons spoke about roadside cleanups using two people, one to collect recyclables and another to collect non-recyclables. He also reported that he had given all full time employees raises up to \$10 per hour to curb the increasing trend of landfill employees leaving for similar jobs with better pay rates. Part time employees are now making \$8 per hour. Also, revenue from the Elk Mills Convenience Center is better than ever before for that area. More people seem to be using the new site, possibly because the trash service in the area went out of business. The new Landfill Department truck will be arriving in a week, and 30 bicycles were collected for the prison program.

Commissioner VonCannon shared a humorous recycling experience.

Commissioner Ward thanked Benny Lyons for making the city/county recycle program work. He also discussed TDOT adopt a highway policies.

Adjournment:

Motion by McQueen, seconded by Simerly to adjourn.

submitted by Mike Hill, Secretary

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