

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Landfill Committee

June 7, 2021, 6:00 PM

Members:

Sonja Culler - present

Layla Ward - present

Nancy Brown - present

Gary Bailey - present

Mark Tester - present

Mark Blevins - absent

Jerry Proffitt - absent

Kelly Collins - present

I. Call to Order

The Landfill Committee was called to order by Chairman Gary Bailey at 6:00pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to accept the amended agenda was made by Mark Tester, second by Nancy Brown. All in favor, motion carried.

III. Acceptance and Approval of February minutes

A motion was made to accept and approve the minutes from the May meeting by Layla Ward, second by Kelly Collins. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Old Business

a. Building Update

Director Lyons updated that the building is on the ground, but the installer has not called yet with a time to put it up. Chairman Bailey asked if the installer can be called to see if that can be done. Mr. Lyons stated that they have 10 days to contact him after delivery so if he hasn't heard from them in 10 days, he will call them.

b. Baler Update

Director Lyons stated that the delivery and installation has been put off again to the 28th. The installer will be there when it is delivered and has said that it will take him about three (3) days to get it installed and tracking.

c. Tow-Motor for Recycle Center

Chairman Bailey stated that with the money that is left over from the purchase of the Baler he would like to purchase a tow-motor with a bale clamp. The leftover money was approx. \$60,000 and the tow-motor with the clamp is a about \$52,000. With this type of baler, the tow-motor with clamp is part of the baler. Mr. Lyons stated that when he was looking for the baler all the places he visited they all had this tow-motor with clamp. It would streamline the process.

Motion by Mark Tester, second by Sonja Culler, to send this to budget to see if we can get the money appropriated to purchase the tow-motor with the bale clamp.

Roll Call:

Layla Ward - yes

Kelly Collins – yes

Nancy Brown – yes

Mark Tester – yes

Gary Bailey – yes

Sonja Culler – yes

d. Cardboard at city drop off

Chairman Bailey stated that people have been putting cardboard inside the dumpsters. Director Lyons stated that they have to go into it and get it out. He is taking pictures and sending it to the city daily. Mark Tester informed the committee that he has spoken to Mr. Estes, and he said that he was going to have the employees watch the dumpsters to try to catch these people. Mr. Estes said that he would report this to the police as well. Mr. Lyons stated that cameras, like trail cameras, when they get full, they are no good, if the batteries die, they are no good. Chairman Bailey stated that if the city isn't going to help catch and prosecute these people the recycle stations will have to close. We can't have someone spend hours pulling things out of the dumpsters that are not recyclable. Mr. Tester asked if Mr. Lyons would contact Mr. Estes about the cameras. Director Lyons stated that he would continue to take pictures and send them. Nancy Brown stated that she would like to give them a month to help fix this issue. Mr. Lyons stated that he could ask the city to put a trash dumpster there, that may help.

Motion by Nancy Brown, second by Mark Tester to give the city one more month to put a stop to the non-recyclables being dumped.

Roll Call:

Layla Ward – yes

Kelly Collins – yes

Nancy Brown – yes

Mark Tester – yes

Gary Bailey – yes

Sonja Culler – yes

All in favor, motion carried.

Director Lyons stated that when they start doing plastic, he will have to put out the things that will be taken and things that won't. Ms. Collins stated that if they have to close it and then want to open it when he starts taking plastics, you're going to have the same problem. She would not like to see this affect the

VI. New Business

None

VII. Directors Report

Director Lyons thanked the committee for bring the pay raises for the truck drivers to the commission. He added that he is still looking for a class A truck driver. His report is attached.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Nancy Brown thanked Director Lyons for all the work he does.

Kelly Collins stated that she has had some people call complaining about the gravel at the landfill. Mr. Lyons stated that they have changed from the top of the hill to the bottom. They have put rock on it, but it is going to take time for the rock to pack in. Everyone seems to like what has been done. Ms. Collins stated that one of the complaints was sliding in the mud.

Ms. Collins also stated that they have been talking about finding land for a new or expanding the landfill. Mr. Lyons stated that it does need to be addressed quickly because it takes about five (5) years to get a landfill open. There is a piece of land behind the landfill that has been logged and it connects the back of the landfill. Mr. Lyons stated that there is a lot that has to be done. He stated that another option would be to build another larger transfer station and truck everything out. Blountville has a 75-year landfill. Mr. Culler asked Mr. Lyons to do a cost analysis for the landfill expansion or larger transfer station. Mr. Lyons stated that it may be in our best interest to do a class 1 landfill for household trash only. Ms. Culler aske if they should have Kim Rie to come to the next meeting.

Chairman Bailey stated that the next meeting would be changed from the first Monday (July 5) to the first Thursday (July 1) and have the Highway meeting at the same time.

Mr. Tester asked how the new rates are going? Mr. Lyons stated that it was going well, he is comfortable with what they are doing. Mr. Tester also reminded the committee that they just raised the rates, but that increase didn't include money for closing the landfill or maintaining it once its closed. Ms. Ward asked if the owners of the land behind the landfill could be contacted to see if they would like to sale the land. Mr. Lyons stated that he would reach out to them.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Sonja Culler. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Gwen Crowe