

**ROANOKE VALLEY RESOURCE AUTHORITY**  
**Tinker Creek Transfer Station**  
**1020 Hollins Road, N.E.**  
**Roanoke, Virginia 24012-8011**  
**Minutes**  
**June 24, 2020**

The Roanoke Valley Resource Authority met electronically this day, Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. at the Tinker Creek Transfer Station, 1020 Hollins Road, N.E., Roanoke, Virginia, the sixth meeting for the calendar year 2020.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Hiner called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The roll call was taken.

**Members Present:** Broaddus Fitzpatrick, Joey Hiner, Rob Light, Dan O'Donnell, Rebecca Owens, Jeffrey Powell, and Mike Tyler

**Members Absent:** Timothy Martin and Dan Webb

**Guests:** None

**Staff Present:** Dan Miles, Chief Executive Officer; Steve Barger, Director of Operations, Peggy Bishop, Board Secretary; Mark Popovich, Esq.

**Requests to Postpone Add to or Change the Order of Agenda Items**

Mr. Miles requested that Agenda Item II C. Recognition of Juneteenth Holiday be added to the Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing on Rate Schedule for FY 2020 – 21.**

At the April 22, 2020 Board meeting, the Board authorized the posting of new rates for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 which included the following proposed changes to the Authority's published Rate Schedule:

- (i) Municipal Waste fee remains the same at \$53.50/ton;
- (ii) Contract Municipal Waste fee remains the same at \$57/ton;
- (iii) Increase the Commercial Waste Fee from \$61.50/ton to \$62.75/ton
- (iv) Increase the STS Surcharge: Non-Compacted  $\geq 20$  CY Loads fee from \$7.75/ton to \$8.00/ton.
- (v) Increase the tires from \$120/ton to \$155/ton
- (vi) Tires mixed with waste fee remains the same at \$5.00/tire

There were no public comments.

On motion of Mr. Light to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick and carried by the following roll call and recorded voice vote:

AYES: Broaddus Fitzpatrick, Joey Hiner, Rob Light, Daniel O'Donnell, Rebecca Owens,  
Jeffrey Powell and Mike Tyler  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Timothy Martin and Dan Webb

**Contract Amendment #4 – Railroad Inspections and Routine Trace Maintenance,  
Bradshaw Spur, Elliston, VA**

This Amendment # 4 to the Contract allows for FRC: 1) to continue the monthly track inspections, 2) to conduct the annual drainage and bridge inspections, 3) to maintain vegetative control, and 4) to replace approximately 250 cross ties along the spur and to minimize water standing along the track and to address some minor erosion and sediment control along the spur.

On motion of Mr. Powell to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Light and carried by the following roll call and recorded voice vote:

AYES: Broaddus Fitzpatrick, Joey Hiner, Rob Light, Daniel O'Donnell, Rebecca Owens,  
Jeffrey Powell and Mike Tyler  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Timothy Martin and Dan Webb

**Recognition of Juneteenth Holiday**

Most of the Authority's Member Communities are recognizing the Juneteenth Holiday (June 19<sup>th</sup>) by closing offices on June 19<sup>th</sup> or July 2<sup>nd</sup> for an extended July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday as an additional holiday for employees. In the event employees must work, they are being provided with the option of a floating holiday during the remainder of the calendar year.

Staff requested the Board's consideration to amend its CY 2020 Holiday Schedule including: close the Authority's administrative offices on July 2, 2020 for a paid holiday; open and operate the Authority's facilities as a regular work day on that same date; and add a paid, floating holiday for Authority employees required to work on July 2, 2020 that must be observed in CY 2020.

On motion of Mr. O'Donnell to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick and carried by the following roll call and recorded voice vote:

AYES: Broaddus Fitzpatrick, Joey Hiner, Rob Light, Daniel O'Donnell, Rebecca Owens,  
Jeffrey Powell and Mike Tyler  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Timothy Martin and Dan Webb

**CONSENT AGENDA**

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE RESOLUTION IN THE FORM OR FORMS LISTED BELOW, IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

- A. Approval of minutes –May 27, 2020 Board Meeting
- B. Contract Extension #4 to Landfill Gas Monitoring Contract – Amendment #4
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> Extension to Bush Hog Services for Rutrough Road Landfill
- D. Contract Extension #3 to Waste Hauling and Trailer Maintenance (Amendment #3)
- E. Amendment #2 to Contract for the Commercial Sale and Removal of the Mulch generated at the Tinker Creek Transfer Station
- F. Amendment #2 to Smith Gap Regional Landfill – Residential Drinking Water Sampling and Analysis

On motion of Mr. O'Donnell to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Light and carried by the following roll call and recorded voice vote:

AYES: Broaddus Fitzpatrick, Joey Hiner, Rob Light, Daniel O'Donnell, Rebecca Owens, Jeffrey Powell and Mike Tyler  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: Timothy Martin and Dan Webb

**REPORTS**

**Financial Report**

Ms. Owens reported Cash Balance at the end of May is \$15.9 million. Revenues slightly higher from municipal waste and Operating Expenses at the transfer stations are trending as expected but Smith Gap is slightly above. At the end of May it looks like we are going to end positive \$53,291. We have about \$12.4 million in Reserve Funds.

Mr. Miles is looking at the end of year projection on two different methodologies. First, going line item by line item staff came up with about \$300,000 net positive. On a straight line basis, on a percentage basis, we are looking at about \$250,000 net positive.

**Waste Tonnage Report**

Mr. Miles reported that total tonnages year to date for the first eleven months are about 14,000 tons above what was budgeted. Commercial tonnages are still remaining above what we had projected for this year. We are looking at losing \$1 million from the loss of our First Piedmont commercial customer. In addition, lost revenues from County Waste and potential other commercial waste could be very problematic. We are a business and as such you either decrease your costs or increase your revenues. Most of our costs are fixed costs and the only way to increase revenues is to bring back our commercial haulers. Mr. Tyler commented that when County Waste opens a transfer station in Cloverdale, we could lose Affordable Container's business if we cannot stabilize our rates.

Mr. Powell asked whether flow control was an option. Mr. Miles has been involved with flow control over the last couple of decades. It is a small group that is able to implement and operate under flow control. The Montgomery Solid Waste Authority had a couple of its members that voted to move forward with flow control but the Town of Christiansburg voted it down. Any time one of the member communities elects not to participate, it spells the demise of

the flow control. The Montgomery Solid Waste Authority announced they are closing e-waste collection facilities, laying staff off and taking a number of measures in anticipation of not being able to move forward with flow control. If we continue with rail transportation, it does not make sense for the commercial haulers to use us. To attract the commercial waste, we could provide direct access to the landfill for them to bring their waste by tractor trailer, by-pass our transfer stations and provide them with an attractive rate to get their business back.

### **Project Status Report**

Mr. Miles reported there are no project status updates.

Mr. Powell moved the Reports be received and filed. All those in favor, Aye. None opposed.

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Gondola Update**

Mr. Barger discussed the condition of the gondolas, needed repairs and negotiating with Norfolk Southern as to who is responsible for the repairs. RVRA has spent about \$57,000 year to date on repairs total.

#### **Leachate Disposal – Emergency Haul 2020**

On May 25, 2020, Mr. O'Donnell issued a "Declaration of Emergency" for May 25<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> to allow the Authority to use road tankers to haul leachate. The emergency declaration was ultimately extended through June 5, 2020 due to continued high leachate levels in the storage tanks.

Staff predicts it will be the end of August 2020 until Tank 1 can be taken out of service for scheduled repairs. Staff did not receive any complaints from the public regarding the added tanker truck traffic during the nine-day Emergency Declaration period.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS RECEIVED**

None.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Light reported Roanoke County has received a draft report from AECOM on the rail conversion. Mr. O'Donnell said there is no question we cannot keep going with gondolas but we need the best path to get out of that situation.

Mr. Tyler and Ms. Owens have been working with FMR on how to get rail to the Salem Transfer Station and negotiating for Norfolk Southern's best and final offer. Mr. Tyler, Ms. Owens and FMR are meeting tomorrow to discuss a rate that has been given to them by Norfolk Southern. We can then have discussions with the Board and compare apples to apples.

Discussion among the members to try and schedule a special called meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 12:00 noon to hear the reports from FMR, AECOM and HDR regarding the two transportation options.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At around 1:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy L. Bishop  
RVRA Board Secretary