

MINUTES

RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

October 13, 2014

George L. Gordon Government Center

Board of Supervisors Chambers

Meeting Convened: A Special meeting of the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) was convened at 7:00pm, Monday, October 13, 2014, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the George L. Gordon Government Center.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Matthew Kelly; Beverly R. Cameron; Gary Snellings; Anthony J. Romanello; and William C. Withers, Jr. Paul Milde arrived at 7:08pm.

Also in attendance were: Bill Hefty, Esq., R-Board Attorney; Keith C. Dayton, Director & Deputy County Administrator; Jason Pauley, R-Board Superintendent; Diane Jones, and Christina Morgan, R-Board Staff.

Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Mr. Cameron, to approve the minutes for August 20th.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea:	(5)	Kelly, Cameron, Snellings, Romanello, Withers
Nay:	(0)	
Absent:	(0)	Milde

Mr. Withers motioned, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to approve the minutes for September 3rd.

By voice, the vote was:

Yea:	(5)	Kelly, Cameron, Snellings, Romanello, Withers
Nay:	(0)	
Absent:	(0)	Milde

Presentations by the Public: The following members of the public desired to speak:

Mr. Bill Johnson expressed the following points:

- Better to implement user fee that than allow an incinerator.
- Some concern over the Fees and what is to hold the fees at \$4.
- Offered comparison in Charlottesville where a sticker identification system is used.
- Hopes they do not charge for recycling.
- Noted he was working with UMW on the CLEAR project.
- Also noted he had been appointed to the Sierra Club Executive Committee.
- Appreciated the difficulty in the decisions the Board had to make but felt it was necessary.

Mr. Milde arrived while Mr. Johnson was speaking.

Mr. Kelly noted:

- That there would be no recycling charge.
- That the Board would look at an equitable pay system for disposal of refuse, so that if 1 person brings 1 bag and another 5 bags, pricing will be fair.
- That the Board would be sensitive to traffic and cars backing up onto Eskimo Hill.

Mr. Dayton introduced the Board's new employee, Christina Morgan, Administrative Specialist.

Report of the R-Board Attorney: Mr. Hefty noted he is working on the amendment to the R-Board agreement. He will have updates to bring to the Board at their November meeting.

Report on Finances: Mr. Dayton Reporting

- Current revenue projections are 10% under budget projections; mainly due to the 33% drop in residential MSW from the one commercial hauler presently serving Stafford customers.
- Commercial revenues still on target.
- The State Litter Grant had been received. It was \$26,000 plus. It is not yet showing on revenues.
- Staff is currently monitoring recycling revenues; return per ton is up markedly, but tonnage is down 22%.
- Expenses are tracking with budget.

Weight & Material Analysis through September 30, 2014

- Monitoring the drop in residential waste collections – may be a data problem.
- Dirt intake up due to receipt from a single project.
- Continue to observe the large decrease in scrap tires.

Unfinished Business:

The R-Board proceeded to discuss Proposed Resolution RB 14-11. Staff advised that the previous R-Board Action authorized a 5% increase in commercial tipping fees at the September 3rd meeting. The 5% increase results in per ton rates that are slightly under even dollar amounts in some categories. Staff suggests that rounding up to the nearest even dollar amount would make the program easier to administer. Staff also wanted to clarify whether the R-Board intended to raise other fees on the fee schedule besides the commercial hauler categories. Staff introduced Proposed Resolution RB14-11, which would adjust fees to even dollar amounts on only our commercial hauler categories.

On a motion by Mr. Snellings, seconded by Mr. Romanello, which carried by a vote of 6 to 0, RB14-11 was adopted.

The vote was:

Yea (6) Kelly, Milde, Cameron, Romanello, Snellings, Withers

No (0)

Resolution RB 14-11 Reads:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW COMMERCIAL TIPPING FEES FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

WHEREAS, the R-Board desires to amend certain tipping fees; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board desires to allow other fees to remain unchanged;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 13th day of October, 2014, that commercial tipping fees shall be amended as follows:

**Commercial Customer (deliveries of under 1,000 tons per month)
\$43 per ton**

**Commercial Customer (deliveries of under 1,500 tons per month)
\$38 per ton**

**Commercial Customer (deliveries of over 1,500 tons per month)
\$36 per ton**

**Commercial Customer (charge for that MSW over 1,500 tons per month only)
\$32 per ton**

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the amended fees be made effective on November 1, 2014.

The R-Board then proceeded to discuss Proposed Resolution RB 14-12. Staff began with a short briefing on recent activity related to addressing financial concerns about landfill operations, and noted the three options discussed at the previous R-Board meeting and included in the staff report, mentioning that these options were presented to both the City Council and County Board of Supervisors. Staff noted that the R-Board had previously adopted the increase in commercial tipping fees, and decided against closing on Sundays.

Staff further noted that the City Council endorsed the option as noted in the table included with the staff report, while the Board of Supervisors Board directed their representatives to consider any option that did not result in a County subsidy or stop litter control efforts.

Staff also suggested that both the residential charges and the increases in City fees, if adopted, will take some time to implement, and recommended an effective date of July 1, 2015 for the increases in City fees, and a date not earlier than March 1, 2015 for the effective date of the residential user fees. It was

noted that if the R-Board desires, it could authorize residential user fees at the equivalent rate of \$4 per visit, with details of the program to be considered at the November 19 regular meeting.

The R-Board was advised that Proposed Resolution RB14-12, provided with the meeting materials for consideration, included the options recommended by the City Council, without the 5% increase in commercial tipping fees previously approved. This option includes a \$34 per ton charge for all City waste, and a charge of \$4 per visit for residents dropping off waste to either of the convenience centers. The residential charges would include discounts for multi-trip and annual passes.

Mr. Cameron motioned, and Mr. Wither's seconded, for Proposed Resolution RB14-12.

Mr. Milde offered a substitute motion for Option 3 in the staff report, which contains the following provisions:

- Increase commercial tipping fees by 5%.
- Raise City tipping fees to \$34 per ton.
- Return the cost of litter control efforts to Stafford County.
- Return the cost to operate the Belman Center to the City.
- Recognize \$200,000 in increased revenue from the recycle materials contract

The combination of these measures is estimate to net \$979,500 in added revenue. Mr. Milde's motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Milde advised that he would not support the motion on the floor, and felt that the City and County should fund the litter control and Belman operations as they had done previously. Mr. Snellings agreed with the concept of the City and County funding these activities, but noted that the Stafford Board of Supervisors previously refused the subsidy. He went on to note that a decision should be made tonight, and felt that the Hartwood District would experience increased dumping as result of residential charges.

Mr. Kelly noted that the R-Board must seek additional revenues, and thanked all the members for their comments. Mr. Milde closed the discussion by commending the City for their leadership in this matter, even to the point of supporting additional fees for their residents.

The R-Board then voted on Proposed Resolution RB14-12.

On a motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Withers, which carried by a vote of 5 to 1, Resolution RB14-12 was adopted.

The vote was:

Yea (5) Kelly, Cameron, Romanello, Snellings, Withers

No (1) Milde

Resolution 14-12 Reads:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING USER FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL DROP OFF SERVICES AND AMENDING TIPPING FEES FOR WASTE DELIVERED TO THE LANDFILL FROM THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

WHEREAS, the financial situation of the R-Board requires that measures be taken to improve financial performance and provide additional funding to restore reserve funds and provide for capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the R-board has determined that implementation of user fees for residential drop off service at the Eskimo Hill Road and Belman Road drop off locations will help meet this goal; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board desires to offer options for discounted rates for residents; and

WHEREAS, increasing tipping fees from the City of Fredericksburg from the current rate of Twenty Dollars (\$20) per ton to Thirty-four Dollars (\$34) per ton will provide additional revenue, while being equitable to charges incurred by other customers of the R-Board; and

WHEREAS, the R-Board desires that ample time for implementation be provided to allow customers to be advised and plan for these increases;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board on this the 13th day of October, 2014, that the tipping fees for solid waste delivered by the City of Fredericksburg be Thirty-four Dollars (\$34) per ton; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the amended fees for the City of Fredericksburg be made effective no sooner than July 1, 2015; and

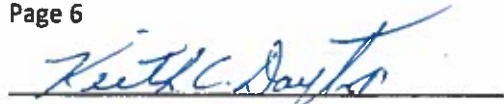
BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that customers using the residential drop off locations on Eskimo Hill Road and Belman Road be charged a minimum rate of Four Dollars (\$4) per visit, with discounted rate of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per year for an annual pass, and Thirty Dollars (\$30) for Ten (10) visits; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the fees for the use of residential drop off centers be made effective no sooner than March 1, 2015

Future Session: The next regular meeting of the R-Board will be held on November 19th at 1:30pm in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the George L. Gordon Government Center.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm by unanimous vote.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keith C. Dayton", written over a horizontal line.

Keith C. Dayton, Director & Deputy County Administrator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Christina Morgan", written over a horizontal line.

Christina Morgan, Acting Clerk