

**MINUTES FOR LANDFILL COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 9, 2012**

**APPROVED**

The meeting was called to order by Joel Street with the following members in attendance: Joel Street, Gebe Ritchie, Steve Lowrance, Richard Renfro, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Charles VonCannon, Pat Hicks.

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved by a vote of 8-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- The state has given approval for the landfill to receive brush, and Mr. Lyons reported that the landfill is now receiving brush for conversion to mulch. Mr. Lewis made a motion to take out a paid advertisement in the local paper in order to inform the citizens of this service. The motion received a second from Mr. Ritchie, but after discussion Mr. Lewis withdrew the motion.
- Mr. Lyons informed the committee that all equipment purchased through the oil recycling grant has been installed and is operational. We have also been reimbursed for the expenses related to the project.
- Mr. Street discussed the long range goals previously adopted by the committee, and reported on those which have been achieved since the goals were adopted.
- Mr. Lyons reported that he is working with Ingrid in order to auction surplus equipment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Lyons reported that the city of Elizabethton is cooperating with the county in regard to our recycling efforts.
- It was suggested that Mr. Lyons and Mr. Street look in to the possibility of placing recycling containers at other locations.
- Mr. Lyons gave a financial report on recycling and noted that last year we saw an increase in recycling revenue amounting to nearly \$35,000. He reported that we had total recycling revenue of \$66,606.20 with \$22,632 coming from mixed paper, \$10,360 from

box rentals, and \$33,614.20 from cardboard. Last fiscal year we showed a profit of \$24,212.95 on recycling.

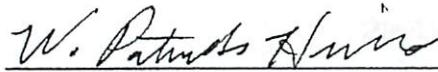
- Mr. Von Cannon made a motion to allow recycling workers the discretion to reject a load which is not properly sorted or has unacceptable refuse. Mr. Lewis gave a second to the motion, and the vote was 8-0 in the affirmative.
- It was announced that AMERICA RECYCLES DAY will be held in November and Mr. Von Cannon will head up the local effort.
- Mr. Lyons reported that he has received state approval for a new convenience center which is to replace the current Elk Mills site. Mr. Lewis presented a petition from those opposed to the move. Mr. Lewis also stated that he thought we were to have a public hearing prior to relocating the site.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Larry Miller, Kevin Reese, Lucinda Greene, and Shane Lambert spoke against relocation of the site. Several committee members as well as Mr. Lyons and County Chairman Bowers spoke of the necessity for relocation of the center. John Lewis said he wished to go on record as being against the move.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion from Sonja Culler with numerous seconds.

RESPECTFULLY SUMMITTED



Secretary



Chair

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