

**MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY OF VIRGINIA**

January 7, 2020

A meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Regional Board Room at the Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia. The following members were in attendance or as noted:

Mr. John Kish	(CH)	Mr. Richard Pippin	(CH)
Mr. William Raye Moore	(FR)		
Mr. Richard Schwarting	(IW)		
Mr. Willie Barnes	(NO)	Ms. Kim Y. Sudderth	(NO)
Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky	(PO)	Mr. Vernon Tillage (<i>absent</i>)	(PO)
Mr. John Bunch	(SH)	Ms. Denise Wlodyka	(SH)
Ms. Ellen Cobb	(SU)		
Mr. Andrew G. Baan	(VB)	Mr. Eric Nielsen	(VB)

* Indicates Late Arrival

** Indicates Early Departure

(CH) Chesapeake; (FR) Franklin; (IW) Isle of Wight; (NO) Norfolk; (PO) Portsmouth, (SH) Southampton County; (SU) Suffolk; (VB) Virginia Beach

Others present at the meeting included SPSA Executive Staff, Ms. Liesl R. DeVary, Executive Director, Mr. Dennis Bagley, Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Tressa Preston, Executive Administrator, SPSA Board Chair, Mr. John Keifer and Vice Chair, Mr. C.W. "Luke" McCoy, and Mr. Bob Hely and Mr. Joel Rubin of Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc. in Portsmouth.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Baan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ms. DeVary welcomed the Committee and reviewed the agenda for the evening's meeting. With the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee having been distributed and members given time to review before the meeting, Chairman Baan entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Nielsen moved, seconded by Mr. Schwarting, to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes of the Citizens Advisory Committee as presented. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

2. REVIEW OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2019 MEETING

Ms. DeVary reviewed the information and discussions from the previous meeting. Starting with the slide comparing various alternative landfill options, she reminded the Committee that the significant factor would be number of transportation miles and their correlating increases to staff, equipment, and operating costs.

Moving on to discussion points from the previous meeting, Ms. DeVary reiterated that there are no known locations in the member service area for siting a new landfill. That being the case, the question becomes whether to haul to an alternative landfill, as previously discussed, or expand the current landfill.

At the November 19, 2019 meeting the Committee discussed their economic, environmental, practical, and community concerns about hauling to an alternative landfill site versus expanding the Regional Landfill. These discussions gave rise to a motion for the Committee to recommend expansion of the Regional Landfill. This motion was deferred to the current meeting. Additionally, there was a motion for the Committee to make their recommendation to the SPSA Board of Directors in the form of a letter. This motion was also deferred to the current meeting.

3. GROUP DISCUSSION AND FORMULATING THE RECOMMENDATION

Chairman Baan opened the floor for continued discussion and encouraged the Committee to share any new thoughts or concerns. Ms. Sudderth informed the Committee that she has spoken with colleagues who work with wetlands about the potential impact of expanding the Regional Landfill and was told that within the wetlands community there is not a great concern about negative effects. With her remaining concerns about the disturbance of wetlands addressed, Ms. Sudderth is comfortable moving forward with the recommendation to expand the Regional Landfill.

Noting that there was no movement toward further discussion among the Committee, Chairman Baan returned to the deferred motions.

At the November 19, 2019 meeting, Mr. Nielsen moved that the Committee recommend the expansion of the Regional Landfill to cells VIII and IX. Mr. Schwarting seconded. Mr. Geduldig-Yatrofsky moved to defer Mr. Nielsen's motion to the January meeting. Ms. Sudderth seconded. The vote on the motion to defer was unanimous.

Chairman Baan brought Mr. Nielsen's motion that the Committee recommend the expansion of the Regional Landfill to cells VIII and IX back to the Committee for a vote. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

At the November 19, 2019 meeting, Ms. Cobb moved that the Committee submit their recommendation in the form of a written statement to the SPSA Board of Directors. Mr. Barnes seconded. Mr. Pippin moved to defer Ms. Cobb's motion to the January meeting. Mr. Moore seconded. The motion to defer was opposed by Mr. Barnes with all other members of the Committee present voting in favor. The motion passed.

Chairman Baan brought Ms. Cobb's motion that the Committee submit their recommendation in the form of a written statement to the SPSA Board of Directors back to the Committee for a vote. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Baan reiterated that the minutes from each of the three CAC meetings would be included with the recommendation letter as evidence of the rigor of the Committee's process.

As requested by the Committee, SPSA staff composed a draft recommendation for the Committee to discuss and edit as they saw fit. The draft recommendation read as follows:

In order to meet SPSA's disposal needs for the next 20 to 40 years, the SPSA Citizens Advisory Committee recommends continued expansion of the Regional Landfill as the preferred landfill option. After careful consideration of economic and environmental factors, the Committee has determined that expansion of the Regional Landfill is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound solution.

Please refer to the CAC meeting minutes of October 29, 2019, November 19, 2019 and January 7, 2020 for information and discussions that led to this recommendation.

Chairman Baan encouraged the Committee to suggest any changes they may think necessary. Seeing that there was no objection to the language or suggestion of changes, Chairman Baan requested a motion.

Mr. Pippin moved that the language of the draft recommendation be accepted as presented. Mr. Schwarting seconded. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

The question was raised as to whether the entire Committee would prefer to sign the recommendation or would they prefer the Chairman sign on behalf of the Committee. Chairman Baan asked for comments on the subject. Mr. Geduldig-Yatrofsky took the opportunity to thank the Chairman for his service and formally offer his proxy to Chairman Baan.

Mr. Schwarting moved that the recommendation be signed by the Chairman. Ms. Cobb seconded. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Ms. DeVary raised a final consideration for the Committee. With the meeting minutes serving as a portion of their recommendation, she asked the Committee whether they would prefer to meet again to approve the minutes of the January meeting, or they could elect to have Chairman Baan alone review and approve the minutes. Ms. DeVary reminded the Committee that if they elect to have Chairman Baan approve the minutes they would only be distributed after his approval, as earlier distribution would constitute an online meeting.

Ms. Cobb moved that Chairman Baan review and approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting. Mr. Moore seconded. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Geduldig-Yatrofsky inquired as to whether there was an expectation that Committee Members would write a report about the CAC's process to present to their individual communities. Ms. DeVary responded that a report would not be necessary. When the recommendation is presented to the SPSA Board of Directors, those community representatives who recommended each of the CAC members for their service on this committee, will report back to their individual communities.

The question of when the recommendation would be presented to the Board of Directors was raised. Ms. DeVary responded that the next Board Meeting is taking place on January 22, 2020. She invited the Chairman or any member of the Committee to attend if they wish. Chairman Baan stated that with the Committee voting to present via letter he is comfortable with Ms. DeVary discussing the recommendation without a Committee Member present. Ms. DeVary responded that staff will complete the minutes of this meeting before the Board Meeting and the recommendation and full minutes will be included in the Board Agenda for the January meeting.

Ms. DeVary took a moment to introduce the additional people attending the meeting: SPSA Board of Directors Chair, Mr. John Keifer, and Vice Chair, Mr. Luke McCoy, and representatives from Wheelabrator Technologies, Mr. Bob Hely and Mr. Joel Rubin. Ms. DeVary also offered her sincere thanks to the Committee for all of their efforts.

Chairman Baan asked Ms. DeVary if the Committee is released from their charge and permitted to meet in groups larger than two in the future. Ms. DeVary confirmed that the Committee has fulfilled its obligation. However, Mr. Bagley added that the Committee has performed such excellent work that the Board may seek their service again in the future.

Chairman Baan expressed his gratitude for this learning experience and thanked the staff and members of the Committee.



AGENDA AND EXPECTATIONS FOR TODAY

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes
2. Review of the November 19, 2019 Meeting
3. Group Discussion
4. Formulating the Recommendation

SUMMARY OF ALTERNATIVE LANDFILL SITES

	Regional Landfill	Atlantic Waste Disposal	Bethel Landfill	Brunswick Waste Management Facility	Shoosmith Landfill
Operator	SPSA	Waste Management	Waste Management	Republic Services, Inc.	Shoosmith Brothers
Location	Suffolk	Waverly	Hampton	Lawrenceville	Chester
Estimated Life	19 years*	74 years*	80 years*	72 years*	30 years*
Transportation Miles	1,137,234	3,056,447	1,607,625	4,480,791	4,684,657
Tipping Fee (per ton)	\$25-30	\$40-50	\$40-50	\$40-50	\$40-50

* Life estimates taken from the 2019 Annual Solid Waste Report for CY 2018. Prepared by VDEQ

DISCUSSION POINTS FROM NOVEMBER

- No Known Locations for Siting a New Landfill
- Economic Factors – Total Hauling Costs versus Construction and Mitigation Costs
- Environmental Factors – Carbon Footprint and Wetlands Mitigation
- Practicality Concerns – Timeliness and Current Operations
- Community Factors – Safety and Awareness

DEFERRED MOTIONS

- Motion that the Committee recommend the expansion of the Regional Landfill to cells VIII and IX.
- Motion that the Committee submit their recommendation in the form of a written statement to the SPSA Board of Directors.

DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR RECOMMENDATION

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5. ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Citizens Advisory Committee, Chairman Baan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sudderth moved that the meeting be adjourned and Ms. Cobb seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Andrew G. Baan
CAC Chairman

Submitted by: Tressa Preston, SPSA Executive Administrator