

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on August 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. The purpose of the public hearing was for public input on the proposed R&B Landfill, Inc. Horizontal Expansion.

Members Present:

Chairman Jimmy Hooper
Vice Chairman Charles Turk
Commissioner David Duckett
Commissioner Danny Maxwell
Commissioner Sammy Reece

Staff Present:

Finance Officer Randy Failyer
County Clerk Regina Gailey

Others Present:

Charlie Laws	Waste Management
Gene Barnes	Waste Management
Marla Prince	Waste Management
Richie Deason	Atlantic Coast Consulting
Shirlene Allen	Banks County Citizen
Bob Allen	Banks County Citizen
Tammy Purcell	Banks County Citizen

Ch. Hooper stated the purpose of the hearing was to discuss the recently issued Letter of Site Acceptability issued by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protections Division for the expansion of the R&B Landfill. He also stated that on October 18, 2013 R&B Landfill, Inc. submitted an initial Application for a Solid Waste Handling Permit to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division for the expansion of the solid waste operation known as R&B Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. R&B is located at 610 Bennett Road, Homer Georgia 30547.

He said that in accordance with Section 12-8-32(c), as amended, of the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, on June 25, 2014 R&B Landfill, Inc. received a final Site Suitability Notice from the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the proposed expansion of the solid waste operation known as R&B Municipal Solid Waste Landfill.

He said further in accordance with Section 12-8-32(c), as amended, of the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, Banks County is holding this public meeting to inform affected residents and landowners in the area of the proposed expansion of the R&B Municipal Solid Waste Landfill of the opportunity to engage in a facility issues negotiation process. The Facility Issues Negotiation Process is a legally authorized process established under O.C.G.A. 12-8-32, whereby affected persons have the opportunity to become engaged in the permitting process.

Ch. Hooper pointed out that there are specific criteria that must be met, as outlined in O.C.G.A. 12-8-32, for anyone desiring to engage in the Facility Issues Negotiation Process; and because of

the legal nature of the process, he stated the county is directing anyone who may be interested to contact the Georgia EPD directly.

Charlie Laws stated there were three items the expansion request would address as follows:

1. Expansion of Footprint into the artifact dig site that was separated out of the approval of the original site back in the 1990s. He stated the dig was complete and the site was now available for expansion but that it would not exceed the original footprint.
2. Removal of Terraces from the Central Disposal site to allow further vertical expansion to maximize air space.
3. Garrison Property purchased since the original permit would be used as a buffer zone which would allow expansion onto the original 200 ft buffer along that property line contiguous to the Garrison property.

Shirlene Allen asked about the possibility of a methane facility. Mr. Laws stated they had been working toward a facility to convert the methane into power. He said they now have an interested party. Marla Prince stated this would be a greener process than burning the methane.

Mr. Laws stated they constantly monitor streams and detention ponds in the property for contamination and submit reports regularly to EPD. He stated once a landfill is closed, they are required to monitor the site for 30 years of continuous clean reports.

There was no other public comment.

Comm. Maxwell made a motion to close the public hearing. Comm. Duckett seconded.

Vote: 5-0

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The public hearing ended at 10:37 a.m.

Chairman

County Clerk
