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Nate, per your request.

Per your request concerning the timeline of the landfill project. My notes are based on discussions, meetings, dates, and documentation. I went back and reviewed my calendars, meetings, agendas, notices, and contracts to ensure I didn't miss something.

End of March 2022 (Not on calendar - attended after phone call) - Brief meeting between BOS Chairman, Legal Counsel, RCR, Frank Kilgore, and County Administrator. RCR proposed an economic development of MOSS III property for post reclamation use. The discussion included a wide range of possibilities from partnering with Dominion Power(ODP) converting/processing the refuge/coal, lightweight aggregates, rare earth minerals, wind or solar energy, and landfill. These multiple opportunities were introduced the same way the methane concept was in Richmond as a possibility for the site. At this point, the project was very conceptual but we had to treat it as a proposed economic development project for the moment. Legal Counsel recommended contracting an environmental specialist to conduct a fatal flaw analysis for the site due to the environmental issues. The County receives many economic development proposals and treats them all as viable projects but many do not materialize.

5/2/22 - BOS Regular Board Meeting - Closed session held to discuss the Moss III Property for potential economic development. Legal counsel requested a closed session to discuss the proposed Moss III Property for lightweight aggregates, rare earth minerals, solar, coal fines, and possible landfill, but still not enough detailed information concerning the property. The discussions were very broad in scope at this point, but the one point of concern by the board was no matter what project was being proposed, based on the site, there would be environmental concerns. **The board approved an advertisement for an environmental specialist to assist the board in evaluating this property with these engineering and environmental concerns.**

6/6/2022 - BOS Regular Board Meeting - Closed session held to discuss the Moss III Property. Update on progress only. The Moss III property was discussed but still a conceptual project with environmental concerns.

6/6/2022 - RFQ for Engineering/Environmental Services (Closed) at 3 P.M.

7/27/2022 - Interviewed Thompson & Litton and Potesta. The County Administrator did not want to award contact before more information from the developer. Did not want to pay engineering costs before needed.

9/12/2022 - RC BOS approved the Potesta Environmental Services Contract to focus on the landfill proposal. Legal Counsel presented the Environmental Consultant Contract and the BOS approved.

12/01/2022 - RC Solar Technical Advisory Committee met to develop the County Solar Ordinance

12/05/2022 - Virginia Energy Meeting to advise the Solar Committee on developing the County Solar Ordinance

12/13/2022 - Solar Committee met to develop the County Solar Ordinance

12/16/2022 - Potesta emailed the Feasibility Report. The report In summary stated, at this point, POTESta has not identified any issues that make this site "unpermittable" for use as a landfill.

1/3/2023 - BOS Regular Board Meeting - Closed session held to discuss the Potesta Feasibility Review. More information needed from John Matney concerning the Moss III Property.

1/12/2023 - Solar Committee met to develop the County Solar Ordinance

1/15/2023 - Solar Committee met to develop the County Solar Ordinance

3/6/2023 - BOS Regular Board Meeting - Closed session held to discuss the Moss III Project and Potesta Feasibility Review. Potesta Landfill Feasibility Information Report reviewed again. More information still needed from RCR concerning the Moss III Property.

3/16/2023 - Solar Committee met to finalize the County Solar Ordinance

4/3/2023 - BOS Regular Board Meeting - Closed session held to discuss the Moss III Project and Potesta Feasibility Review. Potesta Landfill Feasibility Information Report reviewed again. More information still needed from RCR concerning the Moss III Property. **BOS Regular Session - Passed the County's Solar Ordinance**

5/1/2023 - BOS Regular Board Meeting - Closed session held to discuss the Moss III Project and Hire Special Counsel. The County Attorney presented hiring a Special Counsel for the legal aspects of the proposed project.

8/7/2023 - BOS Regular Board Meeting - Closed session held to discuss the for NOVA Moss III Landfill Presentation. RCR/NOVA presented the Moss III Landfill Project to the BOS and IDA with plans to develop a landfill, lightweight aggregate, and coal fines plant.

3/8/2024 - BOS Landfill Public Hearing Scheduled.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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