



**Beaufort County Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board Meeting
October 14, 2021, 2:00pm
Port Royal Sound Foundation**

Attendees:

Christopher Campbell, Chairman, District 1
Pamela Floyd, Council District 3
Jeff Althoff, District 4
Carol Murphy, VChair, Council District 5
Joan Gualdoni, Sec., Council District 6
Randy Boehme, Council District 9
Diane Voge, Council District 10

Absentees:

Kamal Wigfall, District 2
Joanie Iaco, Council District 7
Vacant, Council District 8
Jean Fruh, Council District 11

Guests: None

Support Staff:

Cindy Carter, SW&R Director
Caroline Dolbey, AAH Coordinator
Victoria Hoffman, Recycling Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.
 - a. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Campbell requested a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Voge motioned to approve; Ms. Floyd seconded. All approved.
 - b. **Approval of Minutes (08/12/2021):** Chairman Campbell requested a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Voge motioned to approve; Mr. Boehme seconded. All approved
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** None required.
3. **REPORTS FROM BOARD REGARDING MEETINGS WITH COUNTY COUNCIL:**

Mr. Boehme met with Councilman Lawson and discussed litter and mowing schedules.
Ms. Dolbey reported that SW&R is in the process of applying for litter grants. She spoke with Elizabeth Penn-Sanders (SCDOT) regarding crews to pick up litter ahead of mowing schedules. Complaints were received and actions were taken along Hwy 21, 278 and 170. Mr. Boehme proposes that each Board member take a few minutes to discuss the effects of litter at the next County Council meeting. Cindy Carter informed members to sign up to speak at the next Council meeting with Sarah Brock. Ms. Dolbey to forward contact information.
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Beautification Project Updates:** Ms. Voge reported that she is working on a project with representatives from Habersham. Chairman Campbell reported that the McGarvey Oak project completed tree pruning and the next step is to apply mulch. Chairman Campbell inquired about obtaining more beautification project opportunities. Ms. Voge suggested sub-committees to discuss avenues to communicate more with the community regarding needs. Mr. Boehme stated he will invite Beaufort County School Board Chairman, Christina Gwozdz to the next meeting.

- b. Updated Sub-Committee:** Ms. Voge suggested the Board form three sub-committees on the 'off' months to concentrate on specific areas. Ms. Voge proposed this action, Mr. Boehme seconded. Sub-committees to be 1. Education/Litter Enforcement 2. Beautification 3. Legislative. Mr. Boehme suggested an email be sent to board members to volunteer for preferred groups; Ms. Voge to write letter. Mr. Althoff suggested each board member serve on one sub-committee. Ms. Carter informed members that there are stipulations regarding number of Board members approved to meet without making a public notice; will confirm with Clerk to Council.
- c. Veronica Miller Award criteria; nominations:** Ms. Carter provided copies of a draft nomination document created by Ms. Voge and Ms. Murphy. Members to complete nomination forms and submit at the next meeting
- d. SC Energy Grant – Electric UTV (Litter):** Ms. Hoffman updated the Board that awards will be announced by the end of October.

5. New Business:

- a. 2021 SC Litter Association Conference – Awards:** Ms. Dolbey reported that she and Artrell Horne attended the meeting in September. Beaufort County received four awards: Affiliate Recognition, Local Partnership, Local Government and Litter Champion Award (Carol Murphy).
- b. Annual Adopt-A-Highway Meeting Wrap-up** – Ms. Dolbey reported that the event took place on 10/5/2021. Volunteers were congratulated for a job well done and were thanked for their efforts. County Administrator Eric Greenway spoke, as well as Litter Control Supervisor Artrell Horne. Ms. Carter wished to officially recognize Ms. Dolbey's efforts in hosting the meeting and her work in applying for the litter awards.
- c. 2022 Meeting Schedule** – Ms. Dolbey announced that the only change made to the schedule was the meeting time to be held at 1:00pm instead of 2pm.
- d. Reappointment Letters** -- Ms. Carter requested that each Board member sign and return letters at the adjourning of the meeting.
- e. 2022 Palmetto Pride Grants** – Applications Open – Ms. Dolbey reported that SW&R is in the process of applying for grants. Open to suggestions for marketing and a litter slogan. The KSCB grant opportunity closes 11/15. Ms. Carter reported that Mallory Coffey (Palmetto Pride) is to speak to County Council on October 25, 2021 (May River High School). Ms. Dolbey to email Board members a reminder of this event. **[Keep SC Beautiful; Litter Prevention; Litter Crew]** -- Mr. Horne and Ms. Carter are working on obtaining supplies. Actively applying for funds to increase the litter crew or contracting the job out. Ms. Carter noted that SW&R will be applying for a litter enforcement grant. Chairman Campbell reported that he will be applying for a grant on behalf of Sheldon Township.
- f. NC SWANA Conference October 25-28, 2021** – Ms. Hoffman reported that she will attend the conference.

5. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

6. BOARD REQUESTS: Chairman Campbell requested information regarding the price to have litter picked up prior to the mowing. Ms. Dolbey to get pricing. Mr. Boehme suggested to include litter cleanup volunteer hours into the Master Naturalist Program. Ms. Gualdoni suggested Master Gardener program to also include hours.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm. The next scheduled meeting is December 9, 2021, at the Port Royal Sound Foundation, Okatie, SC.