

Solid Waste Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 20, 1998

Robert Washington, Jennie Bauer, Frank Glover, John Present and Chris Eversmann were not in attendance.

Chairman, Doug Robertson, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Robertson introduced Marilyn and Ted Bazley. They wrote a letter of concern to Councilman, Emmett McCracken about the County's decision to end curbside recycling. They were encouraged by Mr. McCracken to attend a Solid Waste Board meeting to reassure them these issues are discussed and solutions are investigated.

Solid Waste Coordinator, Curtis Pauling, presented Drop-Off Center Activity reports for May and June 1998. A total of 113,354 tons of solid waste were disposed in Fiscal Year 1998 at a cost of \$4,072,154 (budget 98% expended). The hauling budget was approximately 8% over the budgeted amount of \$444,736 for FY 98.

Miss Minor presented an update on the new recycling program. Figures presented showed a net increase of 80 tons through the Hickory Hill MRF. Records are still being reconciled between Waste Management and the County. A finalized report for July will be presented at the September meeting. Copies of all correspondence from editorials in the paper were attached in the mailing packets. A review of all advertising during the first two months of the program was given by Miss Minor.

Mr. Pauling informed the Board of SC DHEC's intent to close a drop-off site at the Hickory Hill Landfill. This is used by residents in the Callawassie/Chechessee areas and by residents in Jasper County. The County has no intentions of building a new DOC in this area.

A request for proposal for a Solid Waste Master Plan for Beaufort County was distributed for an opening date of Friday September 18. The specifics of the plan were included in the mailing packets to the Board. The staff would like 2 representatives from the Board to participate in the review of proposals as well as interviews of prospective firms. Please talk with Mr. Robertson if you are interested in this project. Mrs. Murphy indicated her interest to participate during the meeting.

Mr. Fred Trask was in attendance at this meeting to discuss the Lady's Island DOC property. He

owns land adjacent to this site and expressed an interest in working with the County to buy the property if and when it becomes available. Mr. Trask also mentioned the idea of “trading” another piece of property which would be more desirable for a DOC site on Lady’s Island.

Mr. Robertson introduced some projects for the future the Board might want to research and present its findings. These projects included curbside pilot programs, pay-as-you-throw programs, etc. These ideas might be helpful for discussions in the upcoming Master Plan research.

Miss Minor informed the Board of the County’s desire to explore the possibility of a composting site on Shanklin Road. 3 staff members will be attending a conference in September regarding this subject.

FY 1998 data presented was tonnage from the final year of curbside recycling in the unincorporated areas of the County. Approximately 1300 tons of material and 225,600 bins were collected during FY 98. The Annual Progress Report of Solid Waste Management for DHEC will be discussed during the September meeting.

The Town of Port Royal will send another representative to the Board as soon as possible. Kent Bishop resigned from the Board as an ex-officio member.