



**Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board  
Meeting  
Thursday February 18, 1999  
3:00 p.m., Public Works Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Mr. Gordon Burke, District 4 Representative  
Mr. Earl Dietz, Vice-Chairman and District 8 Representative  
Mr. Chris Eversmann, Public Works Director  
Mr. Frank Glover, District 1 Representative  
Mrs. Carol Murphy, District 6 Representative  
Mr. Curtis Pauling, Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator  
Mr. Doug Robertson, Chairman and District 9 Representative  
Mrs. Jennifer Tuckwiller, Solid Waste and Recycling Programs Administrator  
Mrs. Evelyn Witt, District 2 Representative

**Absent:** Mr. John Present, District 3 Representative  
Mr. Robert Washington, District 5 Representative

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Chairman, Doug Robertson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Robertson introduced the new Solid Waste and Recycling Board member from the Town of Beaufort, Mr. Chris Eversmann.

Mr. Robertson asked the Board to approve a consultant's fee for a plan consultancy with Thomas, Inc. Mrs. Tuckwiller informed the Board that a meeting was held with project manager, Jennifer M. Tuckwiller, on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was to go over the waste generation data HDR received during the first phase of the plan. Multiple sources of data were received from multiple entities, and HDR wanted the staff to come to the best set of data to use. The meeting was successful, and Jennifer Tuckwiller stated that she will generate some useful population and waste generation data for the plan.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Board presented by Mrs. Tuckwiller for November and December 1998. The Board presented these in the form of transparencies for the Board. The elevated levels of traffic at the Bluffton and Shanklin centers were discussed. Mr. Eversmann had the following comments to add to the discussion:

- 1) Staff has worked on the centers. Increased hours should provide some relief for heavy traffic beginning.

- 2) Ideal statistics for the centers would be to have on average 40 cars or fewer hourly traffic.
  - 3) Staff has requested a proposal from HDR Engineering to produce a conceptual Drop-Off Center design for future construction of County DOC's. HDR should send a response in the next week for staff to consider. The plans will include a conceptual design for updated DOC's, all generic specifications and some cost analyses for final design, design/build services, and construction.
- The Board discussed recent annexations within the Town of Bluffton and the City of Beaufort and the impact these would have on solid waste services in the unincorporated areas were discussed. The Town of Bluffton is studying the possibility of annexing some new areas, to include Simmonsville Road. The Board and staff determined this might help to alleviate some of the traffic at the Bluffton DOC. The annexation of the Air Station by the City of Beaufort will not play a role in operations of any of the DOC's in Solid Waste District 6 (unincorporated Port Royal Island).
  - The Board noted the disposal budget is 57% expended at the midpoint of the fiscal year. Mr. Eversmann noted that staff will watch this item closely as the fiscal year comes to a close.
  - Mr. Dietz brought an idea regarding Waste Management and the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for recycling. He noted the inefficiency of processing recyclable materials and how Waste Management might try to increase costs on new materials due to the poor setup of the recovery facility. Mr. Dietz would like to see more put on Waste Management for better service; Beaufort would like to see a 10% reduction in cost with improved efficiency.
  - The Board reviewed, with interest, the February 1997 *Beaufort Gazette* article about State Representative Eddie Rodgers' experience with the DOC.
  - The Board briefly reviewed statistics presented on the recycling program realized a \$372/ton cost savings to the citizens with no loss in amount of material collected. The statistics will be presented in the monthly informational packet item.
  - Mr. Robertson began the discussion of working sessions. Mrs. Tuckwiller explained that the sessions have not been as productive as they should be. Staff would like to work with Board members in the following manner to establish the agenda. Staff will present the County agenda every month. Board members should contact either a staff member or the Chairman to add an agenda item.

Staff and the Chairman will work to formulate the finalized agenda  
A finalized agenda will be sent out in the information packets

The Board agreed this would be a better use of Board members' and staff time. The meeting schedule will be revised and sent out in the March information packets.

Representation from military installations on the SWRB was brought up for discussion by Mr. Robertson. Mrs. Murphy was asked by Cathy Stiles, a member of the Keep America Beautiful Board, why representatives from the bases were not included on the board. The SWRB charter establishes the representation from the County. The Board could make a recommendation to County Council to change the representation to include the military if that is the desire of the members. After further discussion, Mr. Dietz made a motion to extend an invitation to Cathy Stiles to attend the next SWRB formal meeting. Mrs. Murphy seconded. The results of the vote are as follows:

Mr. Dietz	Yes
Mrs. Murphy	No
Mr. Robertson	Yes

The motion passed. Mrs. Murphy wanted the invitation to be extended to both MCAS and Parris Island.

Additional receptacles for newspaper collection was brought up for discussion by Mrs. Tuckwiller. Mr. Dietz provided information he received from District 3 Representative, Mr. P. [REDACTED] Paper Recycling provides the containers and services the containers with newspapers and magazines for Low Country Recycling Association (LCRA) to collect the materials. Staff met with Gary Davis of Southeast Paper Recycling who provides these same services. Southeast will not provide containers but will provide the service to empty the containers at no charge. Currently, the County would be responsible for the materials. Southeast Paper Recycling demands a fee for the service. They do not want to have newspapers or magazines included with the paper collection. They requested additional locations such as the Lady's Island Fire Station or using the existing container at the packing plant across the street from the Lady's Island Fire Station. They requested writing letters to the editors of all the local papers to ask them to provide newspapers with receptacles for extra paper. Board attendants have discussed the possibility of separating carloads of one specific newspaper from the rest of the newspapers. It is possible to approach the carriers, but the site is not ideal. The possibility of separating newspapers and magazines from the rest of the material program was also discussed. Mrs. Tuckwiller added that the management about additional possibilities for the collection of newspapers.

Beaufort County will sponsor a recycling program for print Publishing and Advertising again this year. Sara Cullen is the Sprint contact who has been in touch with Mrs. Tuckwiller about the program for Beaufort County. During a phone conversation

with Mrs. Tuckwiller, Mrs. Cullen suggested that the time frame be extended to last at least two weeks to increase participation. Mrs. Cullen also will be in touch over the next few weeks to give staff a more accurate delivery date for the new phone books. Mr. Dietz suggested that we use the same locations as were used for KAB's Grinding of the Greens program after Christmas. This way people will identify the locations with special events. Three locations were suggested for Lady's Island, Port Royal and Burton. Mr. Dietz also suggested that we talk to the gated communities and ask to be put on the calendar of events on their local station. Mrs. Murphy added that the KAB Board might be able to gather some volunteers to pick up phone books from hotels and other businesses that the County is unable to service.

- Mrs. Tuckwiller reminded the Board of the next formal meeting on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- Mr. Robertson adjourned the meeting.

