

Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board
Meeting
Thursday December 16, 1999
2:00 p.m., Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Mr. Doug Robertson, Chairman and District 9 Representative
Mr. Earl Dietz, Vice-Chairman and District 8 Representative
Mr. Gordon Bowers, District 7 Representative
Mr. Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison
Mr. Eddie Bellamy, Solid Waste and Recycling Superintendent
Mr. Chris Eversmann, Public Works Director
Mrs. Jennifer Tuckwiller, Administration Manager

Absentees: Mr. Frank Glover, District 1 Representative
Mr. Al Mascaro, District 2 Representative
Mrs. Carol Murphy, District 6 Representative
Mr. John Present, District 3 Representative
Mr. Gordon Burke, District 4 Representative
Mr. Robert Washington, District 5 Representative
Mrs. Alice Howard, MCAS Liaison
Mrs. Kathy Stiles, MCRD Liaison

- § Chairman, Doug Robertson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- § Mr. Robertson asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. A motion was made and seconded. Minutes were adopted as written.
- § District 7 representative, Gordon Bowers, brought up a discussion regarding the role of the Solid Waste and Recycling Board (SWRB) as viewed by the charter of the organization. Mr. Bowers said that he did not feel that the Board is not really contributing to the Public Works Department (PWD) or County Council as it operates now. Mr. Eversmann replied that solid waste and recycling issues are not easy concepts to grasp. For the first year and a half, the PWD staff focused on educating the Board to these issues. Mr. Eversmann stated that the Board has been asked for their concurrence on all major issues in the last fiscal year, including the new recycling program. Mr. Eversmann explained that the PWD staff will be looking for SWRB concurrence on the FY 2001 operating budget and the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Once the SWMP is approved, then the SWRB will have more issues to discuss and decide if they will support. The framework that will be provided by the SWMP is necessary before the

SWRB can actually achieve what the charter of the organization dictates.

§ The monthly reports were presented for October 1999. The reports were presented on overheads and the new format of the reports were discussed. Mrs. Tuckwiller informed the SWRB that these reports are a “work in progress”. Her job focuses on streamlining the data collection and reporting effort for all divisions in the PWD, including the solid waste and recycling division. The data collected is filtered through the Benchmarking program for the department and reports are generated from there. She is striving to consolidate the reporting for the Public Works Committee of County Council and the SWRB into one report. She also asked for comments or suggestions on what improvements can be made to the reports.

§ Mr. Bellamy reported on two training / educational trips. Mr. Bellamy visited three sites in Richmond, VA in conjunction with GrindAll. He said he was impressed and pleased by what he saw during the visit. Discussion about the possibility of a public / private partnership with GrindAll continue to take place. Mr. Bellamy also attended the Rural Recycling Conference in Rock Hill, SC. He said he found that the majority of the attendees were Recycling Coordinators, and that there was no indication that anyone was cost conscience about their programs. He felt that we were in line with other communities / counties, if not doing better than some. He also discussed the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) programs beginning in some areas of the state. There are two conditions under which the PAYT program will work:

§ Curbside service is the major type of service level.

§ Illegal Dumping must be under control and enforced by local authorities.

§ Mr. Robertson asked for announcements.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, January 20, 1999 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room.

§ Mr. Robertson adjourned the meeting.