

Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board
Meeting
Thursday April 20, 2000
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
Mrs. Carol Murphy, District 6 Representative
Mr. Gordon Bowers, District 7 Representative
Mr. John Present, District 3 Representative
Mrs. Kathy Stiles, MCRD Liaison
Mr. Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison
Mr. Chris Eversmann, Public Works Director
Mrs. Jennifer Tuckwiller, Administration Manager

Absentees: Mr. Frank Glover, District 1 Representative
Mr. Al Mascaro, District 2 Representative
Mr. Gordon Burke, District 4 Representative
Mr. Robert Washington, District 5 Representative
Mr. Eddie Bellamy, Solid Waste and Recycling Superintendent
Mrs. Alice Howard, MCAS Liaison

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- § Chairman, Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- § The Board reviewed minutes from the January 20th and the March 9th meetings. Two corrections were made to the minutes from March 9th. Mr. Bowers and Mr. McCormack attended the March 9th; they were listed as absent on the minutes. Both sets of minutes were adopted as corrected.
- § A final copy of the December meeting minutes was distributed to the Board.
- § Mr. Eversmann introduced the next topic for discussion – Approval of the Beaufort County Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Bowers made a motion to approve and Mr. Dietz seconded the motion. Mr. Robertson asked for any discussion on the topic. The following comments were made:
- § Mrs. Murphy expressed some concern about the County's willingness to get into the "landfill business" and about the availability of land to build such a facility.

Mr. Eversmann replied that the intent of this section of the Solid Waste Management Plan (Section 11.7) was to have all of our options available for consideration. Other board members agreed that the investigation would be good leverage to use with Hickory Hill Landfill in the next contract negotiations.

§ Mr. Robertson said his primary concern was about the costs of implementing some of these new practices. Mr. Eversmann assured Mr. Robertson that any action requiring an increase in cost of service to the citizens would be brought before the Board.

§ At this time, Mrs. Murphy excused herself from the meeting to attend a prior obligation.

§ Mr. Bowers said that overall, the plan was good and the County got their money's worth.

§ Mr. Dietz had the following comments to make:

Page 4-7: The recycling rate for the Lady's Island Drop-Off Center does not adequately portray tonnage from Lady's Island. It also includes tonnage from St. Helena Island.

Page 5-9: The \$/Household/Month for disposal in Unincorporated Areas is 4 times greater than in Incorporated Areas. Hauling costs are included in this total for unincorporated areas; this explains the difference in costs.

Page 11-3: Mr. Dietz expressed concern about the term collection franchise. He said the term sounded like this would be a voluntary option for citizens. Mr. Eversmann explained that staff had never viewed the option of a collection franchise as voluntary.

Page 11-18: The costs associated with the construction and operation of a County Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) seem to be extremely high.

Page 11-21: Mr. Dietz likes the idea that further investigation regarding the County's disposal options will be occurring. He restated that this will be our only leverage in contract negotiations with Hickory Hill Landfill.

Page 11-33: Mr. Dietz asked for clarification on what construction & demolition (C&D) debris the County pays for. Mr. Eversmann explained that the County pays for C&D debris generated by private homeowners.

§ Mr. Robertson asked for additional comments and then re-stated the motion. The motion

was made to approve the Beaufort County Solid Waste Management Plan and recommend it to County Council for adoption. The three voting members in attendance unanimously approved the motion.

- \$ The next item for discussion was the Compost / Grinding RFP. Mr. Eversmann informed the Board that staff is working on an RFP to be released for the composting / grinding of yard debris from the County. Mr. Eversmann stated that the RFP is still in the working phase and is not complete. However, the agreement will be structured around the County providing property for the operation to a contractor. In return, the contractor will process all yard waste delivered by the County at no charge and that the County would realize a portion of the revenue generated by the contractor's commercial customers. The Board agreed that this is a worthwhile effort and gave support of the release of the RFP.
- \$ Mr. Eversmann briefly discussed the FY01 SWR Budget. He stated that the budget review is its initial stages. The issues that are still included in the budget at this time:
 - \$ DOC employees from Part Time status to Regular Part Time status
 - \$ An additional Equipment Operator I to pack the other 40 hours per week that Edward does not work but the Drop-Off Centers are open.
 - \$ Two part time maintenance workers to keep the DOC areas clean.
- \$ Mr. Robertson asked for announcements.
 - Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2000 at 2:00 pm.
 - Mrs. Tuckwiller reminded the Board of the Annual National Public Works Week celebration on Thursday, May 25, 2000.
- \$ Mr. Robertson adjourned the meeting.