

Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting
Thursday, September 20, 2001
2:00 p.m., Public Works Conference Room

Attendees:

Mr. Earl Dietz, Chairman and District 8 Representative
Mrs. Carol Murphy, Vice – Chairman and District 6 Representative
Mr. Gordon Burke, District 4 Representative
Mr. Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Mr. Gordon Bowers, District 7 Representative
Mr. Joe Pesacreta, District 9 Representative
Mr. Eddie Bellamy, Solid Waste and Recycling Superintendent
Mr. Robert Sabota, Administration Manager

Absentees:

Mr. Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison
Mr. Frank Glover, District 1 Representative
Mr. Al Mascaro, District 2 Representative
Mr. John Present, District 3 Representative
Mr. Robert Washington, District 5 Representative
Mrs. Alice Howard, MCAS Liaison
Mr. Chris Eversmann, Public Works Director

- § Mr. Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.
- § Minutes from the August 16, 2001 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were corrected by noting that Alice Howard is the MCAS Liaison and not MCRD as reflected in the attendance roster. The remainder of the minutes was then approved.
- § Mr. Bellamy reported that in July the disposal costs were higher because of the increased rates at the Hickory Hill land site. Hauling costs also increased significantly with the new contract, but it is also a more accurate depiction of our activities as compared to the previous contract. Recycling tonnages are up and it is directly reflected in the cost increase.
- § Mr. Bellamy fielded several questions regarding the Grind-All operation. It takes approximately 10 cubic yards of yard waste to equal a ton. In July we did not haul any yard waste from the DOC's. Overall, the county yard waste tonnage includes waste that citizens haul to the landfills and the City of Beaufort. We cannot take yard waste to Hickory Hill because it is a lined site and DHEC prohibits this activity. Although we can take C&D to Hickory Hill it is more expensive so we do not take our waste there.

- \$ Mr. Bellamy gave the board an update on the DOC status for Districts 5 and 8. We are currently looking at another site in District 5 on Stroban Road. We have sent a letter to the owner expressing our interest in the property but have not received a response. We are finding it extremely difficult to find a suitable available site near Big Estate and Sheldon. We may need to reconsider our position on creating a new site and upgrade our current unmanned drop off centers. Currently we are opposed to this because there is very low activity at these sites and the public desires 7 day a week coverage. Mr. Dietz requested a financial analysis so the board may make a position statement supporting a new drop off center. Mr. Bellamy acknowledged that he will provide this information and appreciated the board's support on this matter. The proposed site in District 8 is currently undergoing negotiations with the owner. \$70,000 has been offered and the owner has countered with an asking price of \$190,000. One of the reasons for this large variance is the fact that the owner would lose a \$500/month revenue from rental proceeds on a radio tower that is on this property.
- \$ A general discussion ensued on the present and future concerns of the Grind-All operations. It is felt that the economics just may not be there for this company, mainly because of transportation costs. It also may be that there are greater dollars to be made outside of Beaufort County. As of the time of this meeting Grind-All keeps promising to come out, but they have not been processing material as they stated in the contract. These concerns are being monitored continuously.
- \$ Mr. Bellamy shared with the board the findings of our recent OSHA inspection. A serious violation was cited due to the presence of fall hazards into the containers. Our remedy is to install a 42" high fence at all drop off center openings and this work has already been started. Several extension cords were found to not have a ground prong and although they were discarded immediately a serious violation was cited. The inspection revealed that we are required to provide hot water to all manned drop off centers. The violation was categorized as other than serious. The board had a general discussion on possible options to satisfy this requirement including the providing of water and the disposal of the same.
- \$ The meeting was adjourned at 3:0 PM. The next meeting will be held at the Public Works Conference Room on Shanklin Road at 2:00 on October 18, 2001.

Cc: Mr. John J. Kachmar, County Administrator
Mr. Harold C. Boehm, Deputy Administrator of Development and Services
Miss Suzanne Rainey, Clerk to Council