

Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 2006, 2:00 p.m.

Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Mr. Gordon Bowers, District 7 Representative
Mr. Earl Dietz, Chairman and District 8 Representative
Mr. Gerald W. Stewart, District 9 Representative
Mr. Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Mr. James Minor, Solid Waste Manager
Mr. Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director
Mr. Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Mr. James Williams, MCAS Liaison
Ms. Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator
Ms. Billie Lindsay, Recycling Coordinator
Cpl. Richard Black, Litter Officer SOB
Officer Toni Doyle, Litter Officer NOB
Ms. Susie Fripp Gordon, District 5 Nominee

Absentees: VACANT, District 5 Representative
VACANT, District 6 Representative
VACANT, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
VACANT, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
VACANT, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Mr. Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison

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- Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:02. Introductions were requested for benefit of new members: Mr. Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio) and Ms. Susie Fripp Gordon, District 5 Nominee.
 - Review of September Minutes: Approved
 - Monthly report for August. Accepted
 - Mr. Minor reviewed the monthly reports and reminded guests that as of 7/1/06 the county stopped paying for any commercial waste resulting in significant savings for taxpayers. There was noted savings in hauling from the DOC's because of the 7/1 change in contracting w/Republic plus the landfill being open Saturdays. Recycling revenues/credits were \$53,517 for the first quarter. The DOC's traffic is now over 130,000 visits per month.
 - SC DHEC Annual Report on Recycling was reviewed by Ms. Lindsay. Mr. Minor explained the benefits of participating in the Re-Trac software that would make this reporting task simpler and more accurate.
 - EOI status and exploration of opportunities– Mr. Minor explained the status for benefit of new members.
 - He also noted that discussions were being held with Hampton and Jasper to explore more options as growth is affecting all lowcountry counties. Mr. Minor will be attending the NRC expo in Atlanta to discuss options and process for regional plan.
 - With only 18 years on the life of Hickory Hill Landfill, we must begin to seek other alternatives, one being regionalization. Mr. Minor will also explore the transition from a rural DOC system to curbside collections. Mr. Bowers noted that franchise areas were explored about 10 years ago but council had no will to enact them even though proven to be less expensive than DOC's.
 - Recycling Coordinator's Report was presented by Ms. Murphy noting receipt of \$10,000 WM Think Green Grant for collection of recyclables at events. Splash Day and the GROW workshop were presented in September promoting recycling and water quality education.
 - Cpl. Black, Litter Officer, presented an overview of the Litter Officers duties. He also noted some of problems as they

begin to tackle litter and illegal dumping issues throughout the county.

- Ordinance Review – Mr. Minor distributed a draft ordinance for review by the Board and included ordinances from three other SC counties. One of the biggest problems at the DOC's is the definition of the amount of waste permitted by each citizen because it is difficult to eliminate commercial dumpers the way our current ordinance is written. Fixing that problem would eliminate the majority of problems for attendants. Members are to think long range while reviewing these ordinances and making suggestions for a new county ordinance. This will be discussed at the November meeting.
 - Mr. Stewart would like to see the ordinance contain wording requiring curbside waste collectors to provide curbside recycling.
 - Mr. Minor indicated the importance of having public input in changes to avoid problems in the future.
- Strategic Recycling Plan – Mr. Minor distributed a draft of the Strategic Plan for Recycling to be reviewed at the November meeting.
- The Meeting adjourned at 4:15
- The next meeting will be held November 16, 2:00 pm at the Public Works Conference Room.

Cc: Mr. Gary T. Kubic, County Administrator
Mr. Harold C. Boehm, Deputy Administrator Public Services / Land Management Department
Miss Suzanne Rainey, Clerk to Council