

# Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

## Thursday, March 15, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

### Public Works Conference Room

**Attendees:** Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Susie Fripp Gordon, District 5  
Gordon Bowers, District 7 Representative  
Earl Dietz, Chairman and District 8 Representative  
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison  
George Potts, District 9 Representative  
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director  
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager  
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator  
Cpl. Richard Black, Litter Officer SOB

**Absentees:** David R. Uehling, District 6 Representative  
VACANT, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison  
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison  
Billie Lindsay, Recycling Coordinator  
Officer Toni Doyle, Litter Officer NOB

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- Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:05.
- A quorum was present so the minutes from the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. Special meeting minutes from January 11<sup>th</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup> will be approved at the April meeting.
- Monthly report for January was reviewed
  - Recycling tonnage up from 400 tons in 2005 to 600 tons in 2007
  - Budget is online at 58% for hauling and 53% for disposal
  - Recycling Services at 66% and diversion at 33%
  - Traffic is at 130,000 with Simmonsville and Hilton Head each at 25K
  - The recycling revenue chart was reviewed noting that the monthly credit from Waste Management is anticipated at \$9,000 as well as, \$4,000 from S&P for newspaper. Another \$529 was included for recycling of scrap signs.
  - Mr. Dietz commented that the Lady's Island was used by City of Beaufort residents for bulky and weekends
  - Mr. Bowers noted that plastic bags could go in yard waste to Barnwell Resources
- FY08 Budget Review and Recommendations
  - Mr. Minor reviewed copies of the FY08 budget line by line, explaining how it was divided by solid waste districts. It is anticipated that Waste Management will raise the tip fee in FY08, already at 48.32, the highest in the south east. Hauling costs were down because of Republic contract and use of compaction truck and new compactors
  - There was a significant increase in professional services that included 120k for two haz/mat collections, 50k for consulting support for the solid waste plan update and 100k for consulting services for hurricane disaster planning.
  - New positions included: 3<sup>rd</sup> shift foreman, Information Analyst Coordinator and 3 part-time positions to manage the white goods areas of Shanklin and Simmonsville.
  - Mr. Dietz motioned that the Solid Waste and Recycling Board reviewed the FY08 Budget Request of the SWR section and finds that the request is reasonable and appropriate. Mr. Bowers seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the recommendation.
- Capital Improvements
  - Mr. Bellamy discussed the issue of the Lady's Island DOC being too small, over utilized and unsafe with the traffic level. There has been great difficulty finding an alternative site that would pass zoning and be 5 acres in size. Different configurations of the existing site were discussed.

- Curbside is actually the most sensible solution to this urbanizing area. There is also talk in Northern Regional Plan meetings of allowing the City to annex Lady's Island which would solve this dilemma and save CIP costs for an unnecessary center.
  - If the Lady's Island DOC remains open, the best solution found so far after much investigation, requires leveling, paving, adding ground level compactors for MSW and removing yard waste and bulky to St. Helena. Cost estimates will be presented at the April meeting
  - The new Shanklin Convenience Center has been approved but implementation has been delayed. We are waiting for Mosquito control to move to Lady's Island Airport.
- EOI status
  - Joint meetings have been set for April 26 and 28 to sit down with Ridgeland, Colleton, and Hampton Counties to discuss regionalization with RW Beck's assistance. Regional RFP's will be issued after these meetings.
- Ordinance Review
  - Mr. Minor noted that the update of the ordinance was not complete because of budget preparation demands
  - He will send completed copy to SWRB members as soon as finished. It will be reviewed at the May meeting.
- Other Items
  - Mr. Minor reported the statistics for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Bluffton. 175 cars brought materials and all of the latex paint at the Convenience Centers was included.
- Recycling Coordinators' Report
  - Ms. Murphy reported on the tasks accomplished by the RC's during February. She also reviewed the grants received through their efforts totaling \$79,000 for FY07.
- Litter Officers' Reports
  - Cpl. Black reported that his direction includes creation of system and procedure for current and future litter officers. The Sheriff would like both him and Officer Doyle out on the road for visibility.
  - He also noted that the Litter Officers may not go out on private property without a complaint and following all procedures.
  - Pictures were shown of a complaint from the Town of Hilton head's code Enforcement officer about an illegal dump site that is in the tidal creek. He is investigating and contacting SC DHEC/OCRM for enforcement support.
  - Shady Oaks, Hidden Beach, and Shell Point illegal dumpsites have been cleaned up.
- The Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
- The next meeting will be held April 19, 2007, 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