

Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Susie Fripp Gordon, District 5
David R. Uehling, District 6 Representative
Gordon Bowers, District 7 Representative
Earl Dietz, Chairman and District 8 Representative
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: VACANT, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
VACANT, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
VACANT, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison
Billie Lindsay, Recycling Coordinator
Officer Toni Doyle, Litter Officer NOB

- Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:08.
- A quorum was present so the minutes from the March 18th meeting were approved; Dietz M/Bowers S. It was noted by Mr. Minor that the agenda and minutes were to be standardized and follow a Roberts Rules format per Mr. Kubic.
- Monthly report for February was reviewed
 - Overall all disposal tonnage charts show that 38% comes from DOCs and 51% of total yard waste is disposed of at DOCs.
 - Recycling tonnage up in 2007 attributed to addition of 3 newest, most convenient centers.
 - Budget is online at 66% for hauling and 59% for disposal
 - Recycling Services at 74% and diversion at 41%
 - Historic disposal decreasing because of changeover to commercial vendors paying own disposal.
 - Mr. Dietz asked Mr. Minor to explain the origins of county paying all disposal both residential and commercial. 1999 the county started, with Waste Managements cooperation, to charge the commercial carriers \$10 p/ton. 2007 commercial carriers pay all tonnage disposed.
 - Mr. Dietz reviewed the recycling revenue complimenting Mr. Minor on his efforts to establish collection methods for Scrap metal, oil, newspaper and other items at no cost to our citizens. To date proceeds at \$196,000 ytd.
 - Mr. Minor commented on the efficiency of the new Simmonsville cardboard compactor, purchased with DHEC Funds. It has cut the pulls in half while allowing the citizens to manage the compactor without tying up the attendants. This style of bin is available to accommodate bulky items as well. These bins could pay for themselves in saved costs of hauling.
- Waste Management's proposed changes to Recycling Contract
 - Our current contract requires us to pay \$62 p/ton for all materials processed at the MRF, adjusted hauling fee by distance and receive 50% of proceeds of sold commodities. Processing fees are charged for residential recyclables and recyclables from commercial businesses.
 - Proposed changes include eliminating the \$62 p/ton processing fee for recyclables from commercial businesses, \$110 for all hauling fees, receive 25% of proceeds, and WM adding \$12,000 for education. The County has responded that we would accept the other changes but require revenue from sale of recyclables to remain at 50%.
 - Analysis: Currently overall costs for recycling \$71 p/ton; new contract at 25% revenue sharing would increase cost to \$92 p/ton.

- Recycling Coordinators Report
 - A brief PPT was presented noting the success so far of the worm composting project. 40 pounds of worm compost was mixed and used for beautification plants outside and inside of the building.
 - There will be a household hazardous collection May 5th at the PW North, Shanklin Road.
 - Hilton Head received 66,000 lbs. of materials with half being paint brought by 1048 cars. Bluffton site had 175 cars with 20,000 lbs. of materials.
- Litter Officers' Reports
 - Cpl. Black reported on their successes and first actual arrest for illegal dumping in Mint Farm. They have been investigating many illegal dumping issues as well as other litter issues.
 - 2 litter officers wrote as many tickets in one year as all officers in last five years.
- Capital Improvements
 - The Lady's Island DOC renovation is now on hold while a new location is explored.
- Ordinance Review
 - Mr. Minor noted that the final update of the ordinance was almost complete. It has been a monumental task on all levels including time SWRB invested.
 - He will send completed copy to SWRB members prior to it being submitted to legal for review per Mr. Dietz's request.
 - Mr. Bellamy noted that board members are not allowed to email each other with comments about county issues but must send to the office for distribution.
- Meetings with RW Beck Consultants on Regional Opportunities
 - RW Beck representatives arranged meetings with Jasper, Hampton and Colleton county officials.
 - There was interest in regionalization but no commitments at this point. The other counties have a better arrangement with Waste Management than Beaufort at this time so there is no incentive to change.
 - Beck will report back on findings.
 - Mr. Dietz asked that the Solid Waste Management Report by Beck be copied and sent to new members.
 - SC DHEC is exploring the possibility of creating regional MRFs throughout South Carolina.
- Other Business
 - Mr. Minor and Mr. Bellamy met with Charleston Steel to explore the possibility of them purchasing a wheeled excavator for management of the white goods piles.
 - Charleston Steel willing to do this and apply costs to our proceeds.
 - Mr. Bowers advised that this innovative financing be approved through county purchasing etc.
- Election of Officers
 - Mr. Dietz nominated as Chairperson; Bowers M/Potts S
 - Mr. Bowers nominated as Vice Chairperson; Potts M/Fripp S
 - Unanimously elected by members.
- The Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
- The next meeting will be held May 17, 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