

Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting
Thursday, July 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
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator
Billie Lindsay, Planner
Pamela Coaxum, Low Country Sanitation
Marie Tate, Tate Enterprise, LCC

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
Pfc. Toni Doyle, Litter Officer NOB
Cpl. Richard Black, Litter Officer SOB

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- Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:06.
 - The minutes from May were reviewed and Mr. Potts motioned, Mr. Uehling seconded, all approved as written. There was no meeting during June.
 - Monthly report for May was reviewed
 - Hauling budget is at 95% and disposal at 81%. Disposal has dropped by 700 tons and Waste Management cannot explain this anomaly.
 - Recycling Services at 102% and diversion at 57%
 - DOC traffic still increasing at Hilton Head, Bluffton and Pritchardville
 - Recycling revenue/credits YTD totals \$273, 220
 - FY07 – first year county free from paying for commercial collections reaping considerable savings to taxpayers.
 - Republic is taking their southern collections to Georgia for disposal. We will still meet our 130 Ton minimum.
 - Pritchardville 7 year traffic history was reviewed starting at 2,000 p/month now approaching 10,000.
 - Hilton Head Cardboard collections have increased from 200-800 tons with new baler.
 - Mr. Minor noted that the Hilton Head Bluffton MSW trend lines flatten out by the actual capacity of how many cars can actually use the center daily. 4% increase in overall residential MSW
 - Waste Management's proposed changes to current contracts:
 - The current disposal proposal after the June meeting with Waste Management reps includes
 - An offer to lower the disposal fee as of 1/1/08, w/5 year renewals
 - A minimum annual amount of MSW and CPI issues were not addressed
 - The disposal rate will be less than current rate.
 - The renewal for the Recycling Contract was sent up the chain for approval. It includes:
 - Not paying processing on commercial recycling
 - WM paying \$12,000 toward education
 - WM will continue to pay the county 50% of sales of materials
 - Hauling charges to flat rate of \$110 per pull
 - Litter Officers' Reports
 - Mr. Minor reported that the litter officers now fall under the administrative division of the Sheriff's Department, Captain Maddox after a productive meeting with them to discuss the changes.
 - Their duties would still be managed by Mr. Minor and complaints would be directed through him.
 - Mr. Minor explained to the SWR members that there was much more to the Litter Officers position besides litter on the roadways including illegal dumping, education etc.

- FY 2008 Budget
 - Mr. Minor reported that the FY08 budget had not been received back with approvals as yet. It was his understanding that there would be no new positions, no equipment as requested. Everything would be funded at the same level except for professional services which includes increase for Solid Waste plan revisions.
- Lady's Island Convenience Center New Concept
 - Mr. Minor unveiled the new flat concept for this center removing the ramp and laying out the flow from MSW to recycling areas that will utilize all of the land in that center.
 - This will give better flow and ease of use for the citizens but does not preclude the necessity to institute curbside MSW and Recycling in that district. When that happens then this site can be used for bulky items only.
 - It was noted that efforts to find a larger, better location were exhausted and no land deemed available in this district
 - Mr. Bowers motioned, Mr. Potts seconded that the Solid Waste and Recycling Board recommend this concept for approval by County Council.
- Ordinance Review
 - Mr. Bowers complimented Mr. Minor on his masterful job in putting the ordinance together and incorporating all the changes suggested.
 - Mr. Minor noted that he had made some specific suggestions based on his meetings in Columbia with DHEC. Section 62.44-45 was removed per DHEC recommendation.
 - Mr. Minor presented a cover letter noting the key changes that would be presented to County Council with the document in the correct format. Mr. Dietz was concerned about them not having time to actually read the entire ordinance and would need this letter and also explanation to follow changes.
 - The Franchising concept noted in section 5 would have to be explained since it was not addressed in the old ordinance.
 - Mr. Bellamy would like as many board members present when this is presented to the Public Services committee, August 14th meeting, 4:00 Executive Conference Room .
 - Ordinance still needs to be sent through legal review.
 - It was recommended that the ordinance be sent to waste haulers and the public for review before approved. Any suggested changes have to go to SWR board prior to council
 - Mr. Bowers motioned, Mr. Potts seconded that the Solid Waste and Recycling Board recommend the revision of the Solid Waste Ordinance for approval by the County Council. The Board members unanimously approved this motion.
- Other Business
 - Mr. Bellamy informed the board that Buzz Boehm had left the county for another position and he had to assume half of those duties as interim Deputy.
 - 2008 DHEC Grant cycle awarded and in process for approximately \$100k in projects.
 - A discussion was held on the importance of establishing the county's own transfer station in the northern part of the county. The estimated savings would be \$700-800k per year. The need to identify potential land for the transfer station and possible MRF is now, with land prices only rising.
 - Recycling is now "over" budget which is actually a good thing since we are at 32% of the state goal of 35%.
 - Mr. Deitz took a few minutes to present several points of new recycling technology to the board
 - He brought information on a new process by Diversa Corp. on processing fiber to ethanol for investigation.
 - Informed them of street side recycling machines in Germany and coffin recycling elsewhere
 - Mr. Bellamy noted that we would begin taking some yard waste to Waste Pro's new DHEC air curtain burner near Oakwood Landfill. The rate is approximately \$2.00 p/ton cheaper than other options.
 - Electronics Waste Pilot Program – Low country Metals will be providing 20' covered container at Simmonsville to collect electronics materials. The main concern is contamination with other materials.
 - The Gate DOC will be surfaced with the \$14-16k contract being awarded to REA. General support has concrete and rock available to fix the existing drainage problems.
- The Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held August 16, 2007, 2:00 pm at the Public Works Conference Room.

Cc: Mr. Gary T. Kubic, County Administrator
Miss Suzanne Rainey, Clerk to Council