

**Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 16, 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  
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager  
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator  
Billie Lindsay, Planner  
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  
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director  
Pfc. Toni Doyle, Litter Officer NOB

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- Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:04.
- The minutes from August were reviewed and Mr. Uehling motioned, Mr. Potts seconded, all approved as written.
- Monthly report for July was reviewed
  - Overall tonnage 500 more tons than this month last year
  - Hauling budget is at 9% and disposal at 8%.
  - Recycling Services at 9% and diversion at 6%.
  - DOC traffic still increasing at Hilton Head, Bluffton and Pritchardville
  - Recycling revenue/credits YTD totals \$64,963
    - \$18,555 credit from MRF included in August bill
    - Single stream vendor will be adding to WM revenue
- Full Cost Disclosure
  - Mr. Minor reviewed the full cost disclosure report required annually by SCDHEC
  - Of the \$1.2 million in salary costs, \$600 thousand is convenience center cost pointing out that the centers are not free.
  - Solid Waste Department was almost \$1 million under budget for FY07 part from savings in disposal, revenues from recyclables and not purchasing a budgeted compactor truck.
  - Mr. Minor explained the use of the compactor truck to service 40 yard open containers where we should have compactors to decrease the number of required hauls. Our goal is to convert to compactors at all sites where possible when capitol available.
- Litter Officers' Reports
  - Mr. Minor reported that 1 ½ years Cpl. Black and Pfc. Doyle have triple the output of the entire Sheriff's Department in tickets plus have written 200+ warnings
  - Cpl Black was complimented on his dedication as evidenced in his investigation of Accurate Waste.
  - Mr. Dietz said we should write article show casing their accomplishments
- Recycling Coordinators Report
  - Mrs. Murphy reported on the results from the cargo net program held September 8, 2007 at the Hilton Head, Bluffton, and St. Helena Sites. The program distributed 400 nets and many have been seen in use.
  - Education contacts and recycling successes were noted.

- Ordinance Review
  - Mr. Dietz and Mr. Minor were very pleased with the way things went at the Public Services Committee meeting. The ordinance was approved by the Committee and will move forward to Council. It will take three readings for it to become law.
  - Feedback in the press has been favorable and Councilmen present were supportive too.
- Comprehensive Plan
  - Mr. Bowers motioned; Mr. Uehling seconded and all approved for this non agenda item to be added
  - Billie Lindsay, Planning Department, explained that the Planning Department is preparing the 10 year update of the County Comprehensive Plan as required by State law and due October 18, 2007.
  - Mr. Dietz made various suggestions for wording.
  - Mr. Minor commented that the Convenience Centers are not sustainable at growth levels predicted. These centers are designed for rural areas.
  - A transfer station in Northern Beaufort County can solve some of the problems facing us now as we scale back convenience centers in the urban area.
  - Mr. Bowers motioned; Mr. Potts seconded and all agreed to endorse this document
- Other Business
  - The Hazardous Waste Event and compactor bids have been received and will go forward to the Public Services committee for review and approval from County Council.
  - The Gate DOC will be surfaced with the \$14-16k contract being awarded to REA, started Monday, September 24, 2007. The center will need to be closed for a week. General support has concrete and rock available to fix the existing drainage problems.
  - The Electronics Waste Pilot project with Lowcountry Metals has been underway less than a month and there have been issues of theft already. We will address these issues and try to continue the project.
    - The bin has been placed by the attendants hut to prevent problems but the site is so busy it is difficult to keep track on every car stopping to drop off.
- The Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held October 18, 2007, 2:00 pm at the Public Works Conference Room.

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