

Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2008, 2:00 p.m.
Public Works Conference Room

Attendees:

David R. Uehling, District 6 Representative
Gordon Bowers, District 7 Representative
Earl Dietz, Chairman and District 8 Representative
George Potts, District 9 Representative
Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager
Billie Lindsay, Planning
Cpl John Eckard, Litter Officer
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator
Brianna Haven, Resource Recycling Systems
Michael Shapiro, Island Packet

Absentees:

Susie Fripp Gordon, District 5, Resigned
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison
Jeffrey L. Moran, Town of Hilton Head Island, Resigned
VACANT, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
VACANT, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
VACANT, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Cpl. Richard Black, Litter Officer

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- **Call to Order:** Chairman Dietz started the informal meeting at 2:10 Ms. Susie Fripp Gordon resigned from the board to begin a new full time job with LOCG and Jeff Moran left the Town to return to the Sheriff's Dept.
 - **Minutes:** The June Minutes were unanimously approved. There were no official minutes for the July meeting since there was no quorum.
 - **Monthly Reports**
 - Mr. Minor reviewed completed June and July reports.
 - Most data in line with averages. All accounts were within budget range.
 - **Litter Officers' Reports**
 - Cpl Eckard reported that judges were now fining maximum fines on all cases. Having our ordinance correspond to state law may have helped plus involvement with Palmetto Pride and the Litter Officers association.
 - The "cardboard cop" program from Mobile was approved by Mr. Kubic and awaiting approval from the Sheriff.
 - **Recycling Coordinators Report**
 - \$437,000 has been collected in recycling proceeds for fiscal year 2008 which ended 6/30/08 including the last Charleston Steel of \$102k. .
 - DHEC grant funds will be awarded in June. Total Approved - \$173,352
 - Solid Waste Grant - \$40,000 – Reapply for 2 OCC compactors for Shanklin and Lady's Island centers.
 - **Unfinished Business**
 - Recycling RFP
 - The RFP proposals have been shipped to RW Beck for evaluation
 - A panel has been established for review. Mr. Dietz will be the SWRB representative.
 - The evaluation of these bids will be August 27-28.
 - Hilton Head Recycling
 - Mr. Becker reported that HH was still meeting with their consultant on the Pay as you Throw option.
 - The Beach program is underway and seems to be doing well.
 - Ladies Island Renovations
 - Design is almost complete and ready for bid
 - New Convenience Center on Shanklin Road
 - Jim reviewed the design and layout of the planned center.
 - RFP has been evaluated and awaiting approval by Public Services Comm in Sept.
 - The current Shanklin center will be left as is after the new center opens. It could be a storm debris site.
 - Hauling Contract Price Increase
 - County Council approved Republic's request for increased hauling fees.
 - **New Business**

- Closing of convenience centers on Sunday
 - Hickory Hill landfill will now be closed on Sundays making it difficult to manage our waste The pros and cons were again discussed by the board.
 - A survey of Hilton Head and Simmonsville centers was conducted by our two maintenance techs on Sunday August 9. Mr. Becker helped for several hours at HH and Mrs. Murphy at Bluffton.
 - Mr. Minor believes the 50/50 results prove that this is an emotional issue and the survey was inconclusive. He sighted the reasons for considering closing:
 - First and foremost: Hickory Hill landfill is closed on Sundays
 - Increasing population and use of centers adding to the problem
 - We will have to negotiate with Republic to haul to their Transfer station in Savannah at an increased rate for Sundays.
 - Closing on Sundays could save \$120,000 per year in personnel and management costs.
 - As the County grows the situation will only worsen until we get our own transfer station
 - After much discussion the consensus was that the staff decision to close the centers on Sunday should be supported by the SWR Board.
 - Mr. Bowers made a motion with Mr. Potts second, that the SWR Advisory Board supports the forwarding the staff recommendation for consideration to close Beaufort County Convenience Centers on Sunday, to the Public Services Committee of County Council. The Board unanimously approved this motion.
- Transfer Station
 - A brief discussion of the importance of pursuing the construction of a transfer station in northern Beaufort County.
- **The Meeting ended** at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held September 18, 2008, 2:00 pm Public Works Conf. Room.

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

NO	Inconvenience			
	Slight	Moderate	High	HIGHLY
43.75%	0	15.42%	0	40.83%
105		37		98