

# Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

## Thursday, January 15, 2009, 2:00 p.m.

### Public Works Conference Room

#### Attendees:

Earl Dietz, Chairman and District 8 Representative  
Gordon Bowers, District 7 Representative  
David R. Uehling, District 6 Representative  
George Potts, District 9 Representative  
Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Alice Derian, Town of Hilton Head Island (Ex-Officio)  
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison  
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison  
Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison  
Rob McFee, Public Services Director  
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director  
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager  
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator  
Billie Lindsay, Planning  
Brianna Haven, Resource Recycling Systems  
Tom Soder, S&P Paper

#### Absentees:

Leroy Norris, District 5 Representative  
VACANT, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Cpl. Richard Black, Litter Officer  
Cpl. John Eckard, Litter Officer

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- **Call to Order:** Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:05.
  - **Minutes:** The Board approved the November 2008 minutes as written. The December 18, 2008 Board meeting had been cancelled because of lack of quorum.
  - **Monthly Reports**
    - Mr. Minor reviewed the November reports noting some downturns in collections as a result of the economy.
    - The reports for December were incomplete because Republic bills had not been received to date. They will be emailed to the board as soon as prepared.
    - All accounts are on budget with the diversion credits to the City below budget.
    - Mr. Minor noted that recycling costs will continue to increase as the commodities market lags.
    - Mr. Minor responded to questions concerning transportation contracts and fuel surcharges, stating negotiations for all future contracts would include a formula to adjust transportation costs for fuel costs in both directions as fuel cost increases or decreases.
    - Traffic has doubled at Pritchardville in six years to 13K+. Mr. Potts noted that the Sun City contract would be released next week. We may see less traffic at Pritchardville if Sun City residents utilize this curbside opportunity although it is not mandatory.
  - **Litter Officers' Reports**
    - Mrs. Murphy presented a brief report on the Litter Officers projects including Cardboard cops, tarps for education and the completion of the clean up of the Bluffton tire pile.
    - The Litter officers will attend a Palmetto Pride meeting to receive the \$5000 enforcement grant 1/21/09
    - Mr. Minor notes their success in educating the public and other law enforcement officers. He would like to have a third officer dedicated to education and outreach.
    - Mr. Dietz asked for a report on officers' tickets etc for the year.
  - **Recycling Coordinators Report**
    - \$139,994 has been collected in recycling proceeds for fiscal year 2009 with a scrap metal load pending.
    - Mrs. Murphy reviewed the various grant receipts for the year.
    - The annual E-waste collection will be held 1/31/09 with a special pickup at St Helena DOC.
  - **Unfinished Business**
    - Recycling RFP
      - The draft contract is due from the consultants on 1/16/09 with a meeting scheduled with contractor 1/27/09. If an agreement can be reached at the meeting on 01/27/2009, the contract will be placed on the agenda for the February Public Services committee meeting 2/10/09.
      - The board agreed to move the February SW&R meeting from 2/19 to 2/5 so a SW&R board endorsement of this contract could be received prior to going to committee.

- Hilton Head Recycling
  - Mr. Becker reported that the Pay as you throw has been put aside for now.
  - HH is going to develop an ordinance that requires haulers to have recycling as a part of their contract. All events will have to offer recycling.
  - Alice reported that the beach recycling program is going well and contract will continue.
- Ladies Island Renovations
  - This project has been approved by County Council with only some permitting issues on buffer and vegetation, as noted by Mr. McFee. April is the anticipated start date with Andrews & Burgess Engineering / REA Construction. Construction should be completed in 4 months.
  - Mr. Minor described the flat design that will be more user friendly. Any yard waste or C/D will have to be taken to the St. Helena center . Mr. Dietz asked that a design copy be available at the next meeting.
- New Burton Convenience Center on Shanklin Road
  - The contract was awarded to the design build team of Andrews & Burgess Engineering / REA Construction. The design was approved by County and construction will begin in March. It will be a large, full service center with all compactors except C/D
- **New Business**
  - Transfer Station
    - Still in investigation and planning stage.
  - Tire RPB
    - Alternative Fuels was disqualified as the IFB contractor because of failure to respond to our requests for service over a six week period and problems with DHEC permitting. Ridge Recycling was granted the contract and has started tire removal. This is the County's first actual tire contract and has 5-1 year renewal options.
  - Budget 2010
    - The budget process has begun and promises to be more streamlined than in the past.
    - Mr. Minor was asked to get clarification of how the tax millage is applied by solid waste district.
  - Change of meeting venue
    - Mr. McFee asked the board to consider moving its location to BIV 3 or Council Chambers so that the meetings may be taped and aired for the public.
    - The board agreed to change location to BIV 3 starting in March 2009.
- **The Meeting ended** at 3:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 5, 2:00 pm Public Works Conf. Room. (The date of this meeting was changed for review of the recycling )

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