

# Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

## Thursday, January 28, 2010, 2:00 pm

### BIV – 2 Conference Room

**Attendees:**

Earl Dietz, Chairman & District 8 Representative  
Gordon Bowers, V, Chairman & District 7 Representative  
George Potts, District 9 Representative  
Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Rob McFee, Director of I & E  
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director  
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager  
Beth Lewis, Information Coord/Analyst  
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator  
Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison  
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison

**County Council:**

Paul Sommerville, Vice Chairperson

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**Absentees:**

Leroy Norris, District 5 Representative  
David R. Uehling, District 6 Representative  
VACANT, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Alice Derian, Town of Hilton Head Island (Ex-Officio)  
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison  
Billie Lindsay, Planning  
Tom Soder, S&P Recycling  
Cpl. Richard Black, Litter Officer

- **Call to Order:** Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm
- **Minutes:** The Mr. Bowers motioned, Mr. Potts seconded and the Board approved the November 2009 minutes. There was no meeting in December
- **Monthly Reports**
  - Mr. Minor introduced the new system of reporting including November and December reports. The new system will place data in a clearer format and presentation. He also mentioned that there is a one page map that features a snapshot of data in each district for the month. The reports now would just be of current and last fiscal year rather than the three past years.
  - Solid waste from residential routes is 52%, 47% from DOCs
  - SW Hauling and disposal information was presented in Bar graphs noting \$72, 028 2010 costs and 89,000 in 2009 costs.
    - Pulls dropped from 694 to 500 because of double counting caused by swap out fees.
    - The new all compactor Shanklin Center only had only 10 cans pulled in two weeks cutting the number in half demonstrating that compactors save energy by increasing capacity and reducing hauling.
    - In the budget, hauling is at 46% and disposal is at 38% attributed to the economy and increases in recycling.
  - Traffic numbers were down to 121,770 but it was explained by the difficulty in using auto counters vs. hand held counters. There also is a problem with addition but has been addressed by implementing new accounting process.
  - Recycling activities register 13% of total tonnage. Currently 684 tons total residential recycling. 251 tons are curbside that were not collected 2 years ago. We have had a 200 ton increase this year overall.
    - Recycling Costs are down while tonnage up reflecting that markets are improving.
    - Recycling budget is at 48% in 2010 and was at 61% in 2009.
    - Rebates this month totaled 195k with SP now paying us 75% of board market rate.
- **Litter Officers' Reports**
  - Palmetto Pride Enforcement grant was received for camera purchase of \$5000
  - Sgt Carl Barr will replace Cpl John Eckard, retired 12/24/09.
  - Litter officers will be preparing formal strategic plan for litter reduction
- **Coordinators' Report**
  - Palmetto Pride Keep Beaufort County Beautiful grant received \$7987
  - Earth Day events planning underway
- **Unfinished Business**
  - Lady's Island Closing
    - We are continuing to track data from Lady's Island but there will be no DOC tonnage.
    - Demolition of this 1 ac. site will continue in compliance with environmental assessment
    - Once completed it will return to county inventory and will be offered to departmental use first

- New Shanklin Convenience Center at 80 Shanklin Road
  - Grand opening was 1/11/10, only 10 pulls in 17 days
    - New compactors will double and possibly triple capacity, saving half the hauling from this site.
  - Very little negative feed back on the new design, though we have heard that some residents are going to the Gate instead and some have had difficulty locating new site
  - New white goods area constructed by Public works and working well. Old site will be used for Sherriff's Dept impoundment area.
- Daufuskie Island Convenience Center
  - No update
- Transfer Station Report
  - Update next month after Facilities Committee meeting
- 2Good2Waste
  - This site should be launched in March after Council approval received.
- Dept of Energy Block Grant
  - Purchase order out for 7 compactors. Working on electrical upgrades for Bluffton site
  - Office recycling portion awaiting approval of position and truck
- C&D and Yard Waste RFP Process
  - No update
- Scrap Metal and White Goods RFP Process
  - No update
- 2010 Calendar
  - A discussion was held about changing the meetings back to the third Thursday.
- **New Business**
  - 2011 Budget Process begins
    - 5 year budget project with the wild card being the economy and fuel prices
    - Mr. Dietz suggested that the board could help with projections etc.
  - Hilton head Convenience Center issues
    - A discussion was held about the bottle neck area of the HH center at the recycling area
    - This center is not large enough for compactors while it has a high volume of traffic
    - St. Helena experiencing some traffic issues with the increase in traffic
  - Mr. Becker noted that some of the Hilton Head thrift stores are now signed up with Carolina Textiles and are saving hundreds of dollars monthly on their trash disposal while having tons of old clothing recycled.
  - Mr. Dietz distributed the County Calendars to SWR board members given by Mr. Kubic and coucil as a token of the County's appreciation for their service.
- **The Meeting ended** at 3:25 pm. The next meeting will be held February 25, 2010, 2:00 pm in the BIV 2 meeting room.

Cc: Mr. Gary T. Kubic, County Administrator  
 Miss Suzanne Rainey, Clerk to Council  
 J. Robert McFee, PE, Division Director, Engineering and Infrastructure  
 Eddie Bellamy, PW Director