



## Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

### Thursday, February 23, 2012, 2:00 pm

### BIV – 2 Conference Room

#### Attendees:

Earl Dietz, Chairman & District 8 Representative  
David R. Uehling, District 6, Representative  
George Potts, District 9 Representative  
Ben Wheatley, District 7 Representative  
Tammy Malone, District 4 Representative(Ex Officio)  
Rob McFee, Director of E&I  
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison  
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director  
Billie Lindsay, Planning  
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager  
John Miller, Supt. Solid Waste & Recycling  
Beth Lewis, Information Coord/Analyst  
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator

#### Absentees:

Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison  
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison  
Leroy Norris, District 5 Representative (Resigned 1/1/2012)  
Alice Darian, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Isaiah Smalls, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Van Willis, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)

#### Guests

Tom Soder, S&P Recycling  
Kent Berry, The Greenery  
Mike Bennett, IC Recycle

- **Call to Order:** Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.
- **Agenda:** The Agenda was approved as written (board should disregard email version).
- **Minutes:** The minutes of January 26, 2012, were approved as written.
- **Introductions:** All present were introduced.
- **Public Comment:** Mr. Dietz called for public comment. There being none, the meeting continued.
- **Monthly Reports**
  - **Finance Report:**
    - The Finance Report for January 2012 was distributed. Mr. Minor asked that any questions be emailed to him for review.
  - **SW&R Monthly Reports:**
    - Mr. Minor reviewed the January 2012 reports including Tonnage Maps for each type of waste.
    - Total Tonnage for January was 4,822 tons vs. 4593 in 2011. Disposal 2% higher indicating improvement in the economy.
    - Total January disposal costs were \$178,987. Total hauling costs were \$46,642. Related budgets are on target.
    - Traffic flow was noted 129,869 w/Pritchardville counter not working.
    - January recycling includes 388.50 tons curbside, 395.06 tons from centers. Total to date residential including newspapers was 855.43 tons. 4,435 tons YTD
    - Total January recycling costs were \$152,602 noting budget expended 44%. Annual recycling tonnage was 5210 tons.
    - Recycling proceeds for the year includes: \$113,266 in Credits from our contract with Waste Management, \$167,304 in revenue from scrap metal, newspaper, oil, etc.

- **Litter Officers' Reports**
  - Mrs. Murphy reported cleanup of the Cole Tire pile in St Helena was completed. 60.12 of tires (~6,000 tires) were removed from the marsh and tree line and recycled
- **Coordinators' Report**
  - The public was reminded of the next Hazardous Household Waste and Prescription medication collection event will be held 3/3/2012. Other special events include
    - May 5, 2012—Saturday 9-3  
Electronics Waste & Shredding at 2 Locations  
Bluffton & Shanklin Public Works
    - March 3, 2012-Saturday 9-3 - Hazardous Waste & Prescription Medications Collection, Bluffton Public Works Site,
    - April 28, 2012-Saturday 9-3— Town of Hilton Head Sponsored(Residents)  
EWaste, Hazardous Waste & Prescription Medications Collection
    - May 12, 2012-Saturday 9-3—Hazardous Waste & Prescription Medications Collection
    - Shanklin Public Works Site, 140 Shanklin Rd.,
    - Mr. Potts asked about the traffic issues at the Feb event in Bluffton. Mr. Minor explained that those issues were being addressed for future events.
  - Average Weekly office recycling collection holding at @ 1,400lbs
    - Totals July-Dec 2011
      - Office Program = 27.62 tons
      - Records Dept Secure Program = 14.57 tons
      - Book recycling = 19.14 tons
    - Assisted TCL – Technical College of the Lowcountry with recycling program and bins.
- **2 Good 2 Waste**
  - Bookmarks advertising 2good2waste will be distributed to County libraries and schools
  - Slide placed on county website
- **Unfinished Business**
  - **Daufuskie Island Convenience Center**
    - Mr. McFee reported that that the SC Supreme court reviewing the case. The SC Circuit Court found in favor of the county.
  - **Transfer Station**
    - No Update
- **New Business**
  - **Council Retreat Power Point**
    - Mr. Minor reviewed the power point presented to County Council:
    - **Current Issues:**
      - Inefficient Collection Methods
      - Convenience sites cannot handle future growth
      - Limited Disposal and Recycling Alternatives
      - Lack of Accountability in Disposal
      - Wide variance between County and each Municipal program
      - Minimal system for special waste streams
      - Lack of Control / No Limits on Disposal
      - Beaufort County pays disposal for MSW, C&D, yard waste
      - Lack of Disposal Alternatives
      - Convenience Center Operating Day Too Long
      - Lack of time for maintenance
      - Inadequate supervisory coverage
    - **Ideal System:**
      - Emphasis on **3R's- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

- Last Option is Disposal
  - Convenient for Citizens
  - Flexible and Adaptable
  - System to Process all Waste Streams
  - Cost Effective
  - Costs Controllable or at Least Predictable
- **SWOT Analysis**
  - Strengths:
    - Our Citizens Respond to Leadership for the Right Cause
  - Weaknesses:
    - Lack of Disposal and Recycling Alternatives
    - Paying for Disposal of Waste Without Control; Estimated at \$100,000 each year
  - Opportunities:
    - Synergy from Existing Municipal Programs
    - Reduction in Hours; Systematic Changes in Services; Modernization & Consolidation of Convenience Centers
  - Threats:
    - No Control of Future for Hickory Hill Landfill
    - Major Hurricane will Cripple Present Collection System
- **Three Major Initiatives**
  - Select a site and build the Recycling / Transfer Facility
  - Begin to transition away from Convenience Center based services
  - Incrementally begin curbside service in unincorporated Beaufort County
- **Funding**
  - Good Ideas without funding are just good ideas; to have an action plan it must be funded
  - Proposed: Solid Waste and Recycling Fee
    - 50% toward curbside transition
    - 50% toward Recycling / Transfer Facility
    - Estimated Annual Fee \$50 - \$75 per taxable property
- **Review of the Solid Waste Management Plan for Beaufort County-**
  - Mr. Minor asked that members stay for a brief workshop to review a draft of Section 5 immediately following this meeting,
- **Public Comment:**
  - Mr. Dietz called for the final public comment.
  - Tom Soder, SP Recycling, spoke to the group about considerations in using single stream recycling in its future plans.
- **The Meeting ended** at 3:15 pm.
  - The next regular board meeting will be held March 22, 2012, 2:00 pm in BIV 2 Conference Room.
  - A Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop will be held immediately after the regular March meeting.

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