



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 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
Rob McFee, Director of E&I
Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison
Billie Lindsay, Planning
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager
Beth Lewis, Information Coord/Analyst

Absentees:

John Miller, Supt. Solid Waste & Recycling
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator
Alice Darian, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Isaiah Smalls, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Van Willis, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Tammy Malone, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director

Guests

LaShonda Scott, District 5 Representative (Nominated)

- **Call to Order:** Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- **Agenda:** The Agenda was approved as written.
- **Minutes:** The minutes of February 23, 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 February 2012 was distributed. Mr. Minor noted the financial report given to the board was a preliminary statement. February invoices were still being processed by the Finance Department. Mr. Dietz inquired about a line item for purchased services at Convenience Center. Mr. Minor stated those services include water, sewer, electric, and other operational services needed to operate centers.
 - **SW&R Monthly Reports:**
 - Mr. Minor reviewed the February 2012 reports including Tonnage Maps for each type of waste. Mr. Minor noted the St. Helena recycling tonnage appeared low and staff would look into reported figure.
 - Total Tonnage for February was 4,482 tons vs. 4,450 in 2011.
 - Total February disposal costs were \$174,381. Total hauling costs were \$43,161. Related budgets are on target. Mr. Dietz inquired if the reduction in hauling costs were associated with the new hauling contract. Mr. Minor explained that the hauling contract, compaction, and reduced tonnage at the first part of the year were all associated with the reduction in cost.
 - Traffic flow was 117,400 patrons for all centers. Mr. Minor noted counters at three centers; Pritchardville, Simmonsville, and Shanklin were out of order last month. The data for these centers were based on attendants' counts. Mr. Minor also noted that

counters were repaired and there would be more accurate counts next month.

- February recycling includes 323.96 tons curbside, 264.01 tons from centers. Total to date residential including newspapers was 652.86 tons. 5,863.11 tons YTD.
- Total February recycling costs were \$19,239. \$171,840 YTD noting the recycling budget expended 49%.
- Recycling proceeds for the year includes: \$120,986 in credits from our contract with Waste Management, \$174,057 in revenue from scrap metal, newspaper, oil, etc.

- **Residential Recycling Rates 10 Year Review**

- Mr. Minor reported in Fiscal Year 1999 Beaufort County recycled 1,786 tons of materials. In Fiscal Year 2011 that number climbed to 6,851 tons of materials. Mr. Minor stated that residential recycling has increased 109% in tonnage over the last ten years. He stated that a combined effort of communities implementing curbside collection, new Convenience Centers that make it easier & more convenient for citizens, and the growing public awareness of environmental issues have resulted in this increase.

- **Litter Officers' Reports**

- Mr. Minor reported the Zero Tolerance Campaign would kick off in April. He stated that Zero Tolerance is the one time per year that organizations come together to fight litter.

- **Coordinators' Report**

- Mr. Minor gave the Coordinators' Report stating Ms. Murphy was attending a conference out of town.
- Mr. Minor reported that the Household Hazardous Waste and Prescription medication collection event took place March 3, 2012. He reported 307+ cars attended the event with 161 cars bringing prescription medications.
- The public was reminded of the collection event schedule. Special events include
 - May 5, 2012—Saturday 9am-3pm
Electronics Waste & Shredding at two locations
Bluffton & Shanklin Public Works
 - April 28, 2012-Saturday 9am-3pm— Town of Hilton Head Sponsored(Residents)
E-Waste, Hazardous Waste & Prescription Medications Collection
 - May 12, 2012-Saturday 9am-3pm—Hazardous Waste &
Prescription Medications Collection
Shanklin Public Works Site, 140 Shanklin Rd.,
- Average Weekly office recycling collection at @ 1,500lbs
 - Totals February 2012
 - Office Recycling Program = 5,958 pounds
 - Records Dept Secure Program = 2,620 pounds
 - Book recycling = 2,520 pounds
 - OCC Bales = 16,280 pounds

- **2 Good 2 Waste**

- Ms. Lewis stated bookmarks advertising 2good2waste are being distributed to County libraries
- Citizens were reminded they can access the 2good2waste website by clicking on the slide placed on county website
- Business cards advertising the website were handed out at the March 3, 2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

- **Unfinished Business**

- **Daufuskie Island Convenience Center**

- No Update

- **Transfer Station**

- Mr. Minor reminded the board that staff is continuing to search for a suitable piece of property. When staff has a piece of property identified and analyzed will bring to the

board.

- **Solid Waste Initiatives**

- Mr. Minor stated staff is currently in the budget process. Some items such as reducing hours and center operation schedule will come up.
- Mr. Minor also stated staff is beginning to contact municipalities to begin discussions of expanding their current contracts. Mr. Dietz inquired about how the County will proceed with curbside collection methods. Mr. Minor stated staff will be going out into the community and that is the reason staff has begun discussions with municipalities. Mr. Dietz mentioned some communities have curbside collection of garbage without collection of recyclables.
- Mr. Dietz stated he did not believe the County should pay for curbside collection. He stated communities such as Sun City pay themselves.
- Mr. Dietz inquired about the local concrete recycling market. He stated there should be a local concrete recycling market because Beaufort County does not have aggregate. Mr. Minor stated some private companies do recycle concrete. Companies such as Barnwell Resources stock pile material & REA did at one time. He also stated Honda, the St. Helena Library initiative, and Tanger were all part of the LEED certification process.

- **Fiscal Year 2013 Budget**

- Mr. Minor stated there will be no increase in the budget this year.
- Mr. Minor stated that the current Waste Management recycling contract was up for renewal. Waste Management and the County were able to reach a new recycling agreement. The new agreement foregoes a CPI adjustment and there will be a decreased cost/pull.
- Mr. Uehling inquired about Council's response to the reduction in Convenience Center hours. Mr. McFee stated last fiscal year the County was able to meet budgetary demands without the closure of Convenience Centers. He stated that staff cannot say the County will be able to meet those demands again this year.
- Mr. Potts stated he saw an article in the Bluffton Today the Sunday prior regarding Jasper County no longer being able to accept Beaufort County's waste. Mr. Minor said he would look into the article.
- Mr. Minor stated he would bring a copy of the proposed fiscal year 2013 budget to the next meeting. He stated he only requested an increase for disposal due to the return of the economy and the expected CPI adjustment. He also stated he requested a vehicle in the proposed budget, the tire truck, which is an integral part of the daily operation. The current vehicle has over 350,000 miles.

- **New Business**

- Mr. McFee and Mr. Minor informed the board of the new County permitted tire facility located off of Shanklin Road.

- **Public Comment:**

- Mr. Dietz called for the final public comment.

- **The Meeting ended** at 2:54 pm.

- The next regular board meeting will be held April 26, 2012, 2:00 pm in BIV 2 Conference Room.
- A Solid Waste Management Plan Workshop will be held immediately after the regular April 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