



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, October 25, 2012, 2:00 pm

BIV – 2 Conference Room

Attendees:

Earl Dietz, Chairman, District 8 Representative
David R. Uehling, VChair, District 6, Representative
Ben Wheatley, District 7 Representative
LaShonda Scott, District 5 Representative
George Potts, District 9 Representative
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison
Rob McFee, Director of E&I
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager
Beth Lewis, Information Coord/Analyst
John Miller, Supt. Solid Waste & Recycling

Absentees:

Isaiah Smalls, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Van Willis, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Alice Darian, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Tammy Malone, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator

Guests

Alicia Holland, Beaufort County Finance Dept.
Tom Soder, S&P Recycling

- **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 September 27, 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:**
 - Ms. Alicia Holland, Finance Department, presented two Finance Department Reports, the first through 6/30/12. Ms. Holland noted on this report that the Solid Waste & Recycling section came approximately \$653,000 under budget. Ms. Holland also noted that on page six of the report, that approximately \$20,000 had been put back into the Tire Recycling fund. Mr. Dietz inquired what was done with the half a million that Solid Waste & Recycling came under budget. Ms. Holland replied that the half a million was not actual monies but a variance between what was projected and the actual incurred expenses. Ms. Holland then presented the second Finance Department Report, running through the beginning of the Fiscal Year to 9/30/12. Ms. Holland noted the Solid Waste & Recycling section was on par, that 25% of the year has occurred and currently 25% expended. Ms. Holland also noted that the energy grant no longer existed; it was a three year grant. The December Finance Department Report should the Energy Grant should be finalized.
 - **SW&R Monthly Reports:**
 - Mr. Minor reviewed the September 2012 reports including Tonnage Maps for each type of waste. Mr. Minor noted that MSW & Bulky, and Yard Waste tonnage was

down from previous years. Mr. Minor also noted that C&D continues to be a problem. Total Tonnage for September 2012 was 4,549 tons vs. 5,071 in 2011. Mr. Minor said that 100 tons could be explained in the tonnage drop. He stated the County was paying for some commercial that was mixed in with residential garbage and that was now resolved.

- Total September disposal costs were \$17,944 vs. \$196,899 in 2011. Mr. Minor noted that this is a reflection of less tonnage. Total hauling costs were \$66,764 vs. \$46,871 in 2011. Mr. Minor noted that the hauling costs were higher because of the contract change and lack of packer truck drivers.
- Traffic flow was 12,788 patrons for all centers noting that there are continuing counter problems. Mr. Minor noted as well that the Hilton Head counter was functioning and that the reduction in patrons could be 5,000 residents going to curbside.
- September recycling was missing from the report due to contractor software issues.
- September recycling proceeds for the year includes: \$11,003 in credits from Waste Management, \$46,988 in revenue from scrap metal, newspaper, oil, etc.

○ **Litter Officers' Reports**

- Mrs. Murphy was not present; Mr. Minor presented the Litter Officers' report. Mr. Minor showed the board an example of an illegal dump that took place in Calhoun County. The dump consisted of more than 250,000 tires and could be seen by satellite.

○ **Coordinators' Report**

- Mrs. Murphy was not present; Ms. Lewis presented the Coordinators' report. Ms. Lewis reviewed the statistics from the October 6, 2012 Electronics and Shredding event. She reported that County residents recycled an estimated 25 tons of electronics and an estimated 10 tons of shredding at the event.
- Ms. Lewis reviewed the special event that was held October 20, 2012 in Beaufort by Palmetto Pride. She noted this event was held to announce that Palmetto Pride would be taking over the Adopt-A-Highway program. She also noted that Mr. Dietz and Carol Murphy were recognized as "Trailblazers" for their role in developing the program. Mr. Dietz, who attended the event, announced that the biggest complaint at the event was that the state allowed grass along roadways to grow too high. Mr. Dietz suggested that the County place a phone number on their website for littering seen on roadways.
- Ms. Lewis showed pictures of ReRun and Solid Waste & Recycling making an appearance at the Festival of the Sea in Port Royal, October 25, 2012. She also noted that a Clean Marine Beaufort booth was setup to educate citizens about Clean Marine and marine debris.
- Ms. Lewis reviewed timbers in the marsh that was brought to light by Clean Marine Beaufort. She showed pictures and discussed how Public Works General Support would be removing them from the marsh and the disposal would be paid for through grant funding.
- Ms. Lewis reminded citizens that The Clean Marine Project would take place the weekend of 11/2-4, 2012. The public is asked to bring in any potential and unwanted marine debris to eleven locations throughout the county. Volunteers are requested for this project.

○ **Unfinished Business**

• **Transfer Station**

- Work continues to find a suitable site.

○ **New Business**

• **SW Management Plan – Review New Revisions**

- Mr. Minor edited the Plan, page 11, so that there would be specific language in the plan for Convenience Centers. In addition, Mr. Minor added Convenience Centers under future facilities on page 26. In the comprehensive plan Mr. Minor edited to have language regarding Convenience Centers.
- Mr. Minor stated he would like for the board to review one final time and have ready to vote on at the November board meeting.

- Mr. Minor noted he had incorporated all of the suggestions/changes from the board and SC DHEC.
 - **Solid Waste & Recycling Professionals Conference**
 - Mr. Minor presented information regarding the annual SC DHEC Solid Waste & Recycling Professionals Conference that staff was able to attend.
 - Mr. Minor stated the program began seven years ago from a meeting Jim attended and that DHEC saw the need for.
 - Mr. Minor said this group was now addressing the State Budget and Control Board for state-wide contract and RFP documents. By doing so could have substantial contract savings and could reuse by County/Municipality when submitting an RFP.
 - Mr. Minor said staff heard from a panel of E-scrap vendors. Companies each presented pricing, capabilities, etc. When questioned by the group non responded to why electronics has seen such an increased cost.
 - Mr. Minor reported that the Municipal Association of South Carolina and the SC Association of Counties were present seeking input from the group.
 - Ed Marr, of Greenville, put together data from around the state on E-scrap. Mr. Minor suggested at the meeting to put the costs in a per ton form, that it now costs Counties in SC approximately \$100/ton to dispose of electronics.
 - Mr. Minor informed the board that a new Recycling Association was forming in South Carolina and no longer would the state belong to Association for the Carolinas. Mr. Minor said currently there are no fees for this organization or conference as long as SC DHEC is capable through their budget to put on.
 - Mr. Minor stated he would like to see board members attend next year's conference.
 - **America Recycles Day**
 - Mr. Minor said that on November 5, 2012 County Council would have an America Recycles Day Proclamation and that Ms. Lewis and ReRun would be accepting it. He invited the board to attend the meeting. Mr. Minor also said the Solid Waste & Recycling section would be doing a press release and have information available on our website.
 - **Public Comment:**
 - Tom Soder addressed the board. He first began by thanking staff and the board for hosting these meetings. He addressed the board regarding the S&P revenue reflected in the Recycling Proceeds section of the Monthly reports. He stated numbers are variable due to the organizational differences. Some check amounts cover a six week period, while others cover a four week period. So amounts are not as variable as they seem.
 - Mr. Soder stated the company was now S&P Recycling South East. That half of their business is in brown paper recycling and half in newsprint.
 - Mr. Soder spoke regarding the decreased tonnage Beaufort County is seeing. He stated in the 16 states his company services, that since 1995 the waste stream has been down 20-25%. He stated that the residential waste stream is changing from a high weight stream to a low weight stream. He also stated that the waste stream is changing, such as books/newspaper is going away and we are going to an electronic communication stream.
 - **The Meeting ended** at 2:51 pm.
 - The next regular board meeting will be held November 29, 2012, 2:00 pm in BIV 2 Conference Room.
- Note:** There will be no December 2012 Board 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