



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, November 29, 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
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager
Beth Lewis, Information Coord/Analyst
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator

Absentees:

LaShonda Scott, District 5 Representative
George Potts, District 9 Representative
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)
John Miller, Supt. Solid Waste & Recycling
Rob McFee, Director of E&I
Alicia Holland, Beaufort County Finance Dept.

Guests-None

- **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 October 25, 2012, were approved as written.
- **Introductions:** All present were introduced.
- **Public Comment:** Mr. Dietz called for public comment. Mr. Minor used this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Diets for his more than twenty years of service to Beaufort County on the Solid Waste & KBCB Boards and other litter reduction efforts . He will be missed and we all appreciate his hard work. A round of applause was given.
- **Monthly Reports**
 - **Finance Report:**
 - Ms. Alicia Holland, Finance Department, was unavailable for this meeting. The report will be distributed when available.
 - **SW&R Monthly Reports:**
 - Mr. Minor reviewed the October 2012 reports noting that we are at 33% of the budget year. He noted that this was the first time in 10 years that MSW and Bulky at Bluffton exceeded Hilton Heads numbers. Hilton Head diverted ~250 tons of recycling proving the importance of curbside recycling as a tool to reduce solid waste Total Tonnage for October 2012 was 4,926 tons vs. 4,841 in 2011.
 - Total October 2012 disposal costs were \$192,895 vs. \$183,798 in 2011. Mr. Minor noted that this is a reflection of less tonnage. Total hauling costs were \$72,857 vs. \$50,401 in 2011. Mr. Minor noted that the hauling costs were higher because of the contract change and lack of packer truck drivers. Hauling and disposal are both at 35% a bit over budget but characteristic for this portion of the year.
 - Traffic flow was 12,625 patrons for all centers noting that there are continuing counter problems.
 - Total recycling tonnage for October was 697.15 with 62.23 tons of newspaper. Recycling services cost 9, 906 during October because proceeds for the month

included \$24,779 in credits from Waste Management. Additionally \$4,477 in revenue from scrap newspaper, oil, etc. Mr. Minor also noted that ten years ago the recycling tonnage was only 2,000 tons p/yr and now it is over 9,000 tons p/yr.

○ **Litter Officers' Reports**

- The Litter officers reported that over 50 incidents of illegal gate dumping occurred on the Veterans Day holiday while convenience centers were closed. Hilton head had 30 of the 50! Mr. Minor noted that it has been several years since we had gate dumping and never at this level.

○ **Coordinators' Report**

- Mrs. Murphy reviewed the successes of the Clean Marine Project noting:
 - Boater saved from drowning at Station Creek
 - Boater pulled from ditch by Sgt Barr at Grays Hill Landing
 - HH bridge fence (2.77 tons) removed by Public Works
 - HH bridge area and catch basin – Kayak clean up
 - Hunting Island Marine Debris issue to be assisted by our contacts with USMC; project underway
 - Boats Total: 14 + derelict Shrimp Boat awaiting tons ~20 tons
 - Bins Tonnage: 11 bins netted .99 tons
 - Total of 51 volunteers participated in Clean Marine weekend event
 - Beaufort Sail & Power Squadron – 17 Beaufort Water Search & Rescue - 6
 - Conservation District – 6 Friends of Hunting Island – 4 Master Naturalist - 3
 - Public Works -3 SC Sea Grant – 3 Gullah/Geechee Fishing Assoc. – 7
 - Beaufort County – 3 HH Volunteers – 5 at Haig Landing
 - USCB Volunteers – at Bluffton Site~ 4 volunteers
 - Volunteers at Lemon Island, Haigh boat landing & other sites picked up trash at the landing during their shift.
 - Many Volunteers throughout the weekend passed out flyers to boater about the Clean Marine (220 flyers)
- County Council Proclaimed America Recycles Day in Beaufort County November 15, 2012. Josephina Blanc, teacher at Whale Branch Elementary, brought recycling celebration and education to students, staff and City Council.
- Mrs. Murphy informed viewers that there would be an Ewaste and Shredding event January 26, 213 at both public works sites.

○ **Unfinished Business**

- **Transfer Station**
 - Transfer Station Fatal Flaw Analysis - Site Analysis is down to three locations so progress is being made.
- **SW Management Plan –**
 - Mr. Minor noted that DHEC hasn't gotten back to him with their final review and approval. Mr. Dietz noted several corrections and word changes. Mr. Uehling asked about the noted mandate for curbside recycling. Mr. Minor noted that this change will require a mandate or it will not happen.
 - Mr Dietz Motioned, Mr. Wheatley seconded and all approved that the Plan move forward to the County Facilities committee for their review with corrections noted.

○ **New Business**

- **Convenience Center Hours**
 - Mr. Minor discussed the idea of reducing hours at the convenience centers.

Suggestions include:

- Closing all day Sunday or Wednesday
 - Reducing hours to 8 to 6; two hours daily at the twelve hour centers
 - Reducing Sunday hours to 1 to 6
 - Board members debated the pros and cons of each possibility. It will be forwarded to Council without a recommendation.
 - Mr. Wheatley commented that implementing curbside would solve the debate.
- **Public Comment:**
- Mr. Dietz called for public comment. Mr. Bellamy took the opportunity to praise Mr. Dietz for his dedication and leadership. Mr. Dietz read his retirement letter.
- **The Meeting ended** at 2:50 pm.
- The next regular board meeting will be held January 24, 2013, 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