



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2:00 pm

BIV – 2 Conference Room

Attendees:

Earl Dietz, Chairman, District 8 Representative
LaShonda Scott, District 5 Representative
George Potts, District 9 Representative
Ben Wheatley, District 7 Representative
James Ayers, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
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
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator

Absentees:

David R. Uehling, VChair, District 6, Representative
Isaiah Smalls, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Van Willis, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
John Miller, Supt. Solid Waste & Recycling
Alicia Holland, Beaufort County Finance Dept.

Guests Attending:

Tom Soder, SP Paper

County Council Members Attending:

Cynthia M. Bensch

- **Call to Order:** Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
- **Agenda:** The agenda was approved as written with the addition of an item to number 7, “Chairman’s Comments”.
- **Minutes:** The minutes of November 29, 2012, were approved as written. There was no meeting held during December 2012.
- **Introductions:** All present were introduced.
- **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- **Monthly Reports**
 - **Finance Report:**
 - Ms. Alicia Holland, Finance Department, was unavailable for this meeting. Mr. Minor reported on the monthly snapshot asking that any question should be emailed to him. At midyear we are on target.. Mr. Minor explained the DHEC Tire rules to Ms. Bensch.
 - **SW&R Monthly Reports:**
 - Mr. Minor reviewed the December 2012 reports noting that we are at 51% of the budget year. Mr. Minor explained how districts were divided noting that 60% of residential waste is generated South of the Broad and 40% North. He also noted that solid waste districts are not the same as Council districts.
 - 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 (a combination of curbside and Convenience Center tonnage) proving the importance of curbside recycling as a tool to reduce solid waste Total Tonnage for November 2012 was 4,651 tons vs. 4,900 in 2011.

- Total November 2012 disposal costs were \$182,768 vs. \$187,910 in 2011. Mr. Minor noted that this is a reflection of less tonnage. Total hauling costs were \$61,904 vs. \$47,224 in 2011. Hauling and disposal were at 52% a bit over budget but characteristic for this portion of the year and increase in hauling contract.
- Traffic flow was 138,097 patrons for all centers. Counters are repaired and working accurately. The traffic at the Simmonsville Road center reached an all time high of over 36,000. Mr. Minot noted that we had no explanation for the increase and that we would have to watch the trend.
- Total recycling tonnage for November was 691.75 with 67.07 tons of newspaper. Recycling services cost 9,906 during October because proceeds for the month included \$21,182 in credits from Waste Management. Additionally \$39,936 in revenue from scrap newspaper, oil, etc. Mr. Minor explained how credits were applied and how recycling proceeds go to the general fund.
 - Mr. Dietz commented that the staff should be credited with seeking out all of the extra cash producing waste streams. He suggested that recycling funds should go back to improve and increase recycling.
- **Litter Officers' Reports**
 - Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that Sgt. Carl Barr retired, December 7, 2012. A new officer would be named by the next meeting.
 - Illegal dumping on Sheldon Road was discussed.
- **Coordinators' Report**
 - Mrs. Murphy reminded the viewing public that the Electronics and Shredding event would be held January 26, 2013 at both public works sites.
 - Ms. Murphy displayed the newest education venue on our web page created and drafted by Beth Lewis; Beaufort Recycles - A Newsletter www.bcgov.net/recycle
 - Hilton Head portion of Clean Marine Project, funded by a KAB-UPS Grant, included collection of 1 ton of litter and a 2.7 ton bridge fender, clean up of 3 acres of critical marshland and 300 feet of river.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - **Transfer Station**
 - Transfer Station Fatal Flaw Analysis – Mr. Minor was asked to explain how transfer stations operate in a solid waste system. Also, he indicated staff continues to pursue a site location.
 - **SW Management Plan –**
 - Mr. Dietz asked the status of the plan and Mr. Minor noted that he will be meeting with DHEC this month to finalize all details of this plan.

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○ **New Business**

- Mr. Dietz's made closing comments as he ends his time with the board that started in 1996 the year before the Solid Waste and Recycling Board was formalized by County Council under the direction of SC law.
- Mr. Dietz noted that he had been pleased to work with staff and the Board improving Solid Waste and Recycling opportunities. He add a list of accomplishments that include:
 - Recycling costs have been reduced from \$400 p/ton to \$24 p/ton. It is now LESS to recycle than dispose.
 - Many centers have been revised and upgraded.
 - Through grants and carefully planning many compactors have been added to the collection system reducing costs of pulls and improving efficiency.
 - Safe disposal through Hazardous Materials and Medication Collections have been added. He noted that this is a service wanted and appreciated by the public.
 - Electronics and Shredding events quarterly have been a huge source of recycling for the county.
 - The addition of the Litter Officer Program has significantly helped reduce littering and illegal dumping.
 - Implementation of the transfer station is the latest effort by staff to achieve future goals and meet future needs.
- Mr. Dietz gave staff credit for the achievements made during his tenure as member and Chair of the Board. Mr. Minor thanked Mr. Dietz again for his service to Beaufort County.

○ **Public Comment:**

- There was none.

○ **The Meeting ended** at 2:50 pm.

- The next regular board meeting will be held February 28, 2013, 2:00 pm in BIV 2 Conference 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