



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, March 28, 2:00 pm

BIV – 2 Conference Room

Attendees:

David R. Uehling, VChair, District 6, 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
Alan Eisenman, Finance
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager
Beth Lewis, Information Coord/Analyst
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator

Absentees:

LaShonda Scott, District 5 Representative
Isaiah Smalls, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Van Willis, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Vacant: District 8 Representative
Alicia Holland, Beaufort County Finance Dept.
Rob McFee, Director of E&I
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director
John Miller, Supt. Solid Waste & Recycling

Guests Attending:

Tom Soder, SP Paper

- **Call to Order:** Acting Chairman Uehling, called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm
- **Election of Officers:** The Board agreed to delay the Election of Officers until the District 8 Representative was appointed. Mr. Minor will check with Clerk of Council to see if any decisions have been made.
- **Agenda:** Mr Potts motioned, Mr. Uehling seconded and all approved the agenda as written.
- **Minutes:** Mr Potts motioned, Mr. Uehling seconded and all approved the minutes of February 28, 2013, as written.
- **Introductions:** All present were introduced.
- **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- **Monthly Reports**
 - **Finance Report:**
 - Alan Eisenman, Finance Department, reviewed the financial statements noting that we are on target with expenses at 65%. Mr. Minor also commented again that we have continued jumps in tonnage and visitors that is unprecedented hoping that this is not a trend or we could be over budget. He also reviewed the grant page highlighting the new solid waste trailer purchased through the SC DHEC grant program. (Financials are available on line and unedited)
 - **SW&R Monthly Reports:**
 - Mr. Minor reviewed the February 2013 reports noting that we are at 62% of the budget year and 59% expended. Mr. Minor noted that Bluffton tonnage continues to grow exceeding other areas of the county.
 - Mr. Minor noted that Disposal was at 69% and hauling at 68%, still on target. Total February 2013 disposal costs were \$182,627 vs. \$174,381 in 2011. Mr. Minor noted that this is a reflection of increased tonnage. Total hauling costs were \$53,191 vs.

\$43,161 in 2011.

- Traffic flow was 117,016 patrons for all centers. February is a shorter month reflecting less visitors. Counters are repaired and working accurately. The traffic at the Simmonsville Road center exceeds all other centers at 31,176. Mr. Minor noted that we had no explanation for the increase and that we continue to watch the trend. There is some question regarding the use of Beaufort County centers by Jasper County Sun City residents and confusion on curbside charges by haulers.
- The Hilton Head curbside program is working despite difficulties with management of back door service. 130.41 tons were collected on the curbside program while the convenience center totaled 96.87 tons.
- Total recycling tonnage for February was 638.48 with 60.46 tons of newspaper. Recycling services cost \$6,346 during February because proceeds for the month included \$22,298 in credits from Waste Management. Additionally \$109,540 in revenue from scrap newspaper, oil, etc. was received for the year.
- Mr. Minor discussed the in-house baling and recycling program. Paper collected is marketed and sold through Carastar Fiber Recycling in Hardeeville. Since started in 2011, the program has received \$13,007 for 157 tons of material including books, paper, cardboard and the paper managed through Records Management secure system.
- Mr. Minor showed the SC map of Class 3 Landfills and explained the Flow control legislation currently in the SC Senate. He explained how this legislation impacts the need for a transfer station for Beaufort county. This bill will limit and could destroy solid waste authorities' currently in place and have far reaching effects on solid waste matters in the future. He urged citizens to reach out to their representatives. Beaufort County Council was one of the first to pass a resolution opposing this legislation.
- **Litter Officers' Reports**
 - Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that the BCSO and litter officers would be participating in ZERO Tolerance again this April.
 - The continuing issue of illegally dumped tires was noted and discussed as the illegal dump of the month.
- **Coordinators' Report**
 - SC DHEC Grant opportunities were reviewed:
 - Oil Grant Ideas can include:
 - Request for Equipment and Supplies
 - Site Preparation funding
 - Education/Outreach \$5,000
 - Professional Development \$750
 - Tire Grant
 - Education/Outreach \$3,000
 - Professional Development \$750
 - Solid Waste Grant
 - Increased Collection Category Maximum Award:
 - Up to \$40,000 per applicant;
 - The Office anticipates awarding no more than two statewide

- E-Scrap Recycling Contractor Costs,
 - Anticipated Maximum Award: \$23,660
 - \$0.14 (14 cents) per capita for Ewaste recycling contractor
 - General Recycling Options: \$5,000
 - Per applicant for general recycling expenses
 - Earth Month Events were noted:
 - April 6th- Kids Fest-Cross Creek-10-2
 - 'April 13th Earth Day at Farmers Market-Port Royal-8-1
 - Hunting Island St Park-Beach Sweep
 - April 19th- Habersham Earth Day
 - April 20th-Port Royal Crab Festival-Noon-5
 - Habitat for Humanity-PI Gateway-10-2
 - April 27th-May River Cleanup-Bluffton Oyster Factory and
 - Experience Green Earth Day at Calhoun St.- 11-4
 - Bluffton 2/2 Hazmat Event stats were noted
 - Participation Rates 304 Cars, 111 Cars had medications
 - Cost: \$13,853
 - May Events were noted for viewers information:
 - 5/4-Haz Mat & Med Collection at Shanklin PW site
 - 5/11-Ewaste Collection & Shredding at Shanklin and Bluffton PW Sites
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Transfer Station**
 - Transfer Station Fatal Flaw Analysis – No Report
 - **SW Management Plan**
 - The SWM plan will be discussed at the 4/15 meeting of the public facilities committee. The draft is final and ready for approval.
 - **RFP on Yard Waste and Construction and Demolition Material**
 - Basically these agreements will remain in effect. Operations is trying to clean up bulky waste to ready it for the C&D landfills for a less expensive rate
 - **Elections:** Mr. Minor suggested that elections to replace a chairman be delayed again until Mr. Dietz's slot for District 8 could be filled. Vice Chairman Uehling agreed to act as chair until elections can be held.
- **New Business**
- **Traffic at smaller centers**
 - Mr. Uehling asked about traffic issues at the Gate. He has seen dangerous traffic situations there and almost 2 accidents.
 - Mr. Potts commented that he had seen similar unsafe traffic at Pritchardville with people parking on the road etc. when the ramp is full
 - Mr. Minor noted that these two urbanized areas need to go to curbside
 - **The Tire Recycling Contract** expires soon and has been put out for bid. 4/11 is the pre proposal meeting and 4/30 bids are due.
 - **Propane tanks** continue to be an issue. An RFP will be created. Any help to find a recycler would be appreciated. Blue Rhino takes a few at a time and we have them in all sizes.
 - The viewers were advised to return tanks to where they got them

○ **Public Comment:**

- None

○ **The Meeting ended** at 3:10 pm.

- Mr. Potts motioned and Mr. Wheatley seconded and all approved the end of the meeting.
- The next regular board meeting will be held April 25, 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