



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting **Thursday, March 26, 2015 2:00 pm** **BIV Conference Room**

Attendees:

Dan Duryea, Chairman, District 9 Representative
Kim Corley, District 8 Representative
David R. Uehling, VChair, District 6, Representative
Ben Wheatley, District 7 Representative
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison
LaShonda Scott, District 5 Representative
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager
John Miller, Solid Waste and Recycling
Cindy Carter, Solid Waste and Recycling

Absentees:

Isaiah Smalls, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Van Willis, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Chris Vaigneur, SCDHEC Liaison
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Kathryn Madden, Solid Waste and Recycling

Guests Attending

Cynthia Bensch, County Council Member
Ron Olson, Town of Bluffton

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Duryea, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
 - A. Agenda:** Dr. Uehling motioned, Ms. Scott seconded, all approved the agenda.
 - B. Minutes:** Mr. Duryea requested a change in the October 23, 2014 minutes: Dr. Uehling called the meeting to order as Mr. Duryea was not present. Dr. Uehling motioned, Mr. Wheatley seconded, all approved the October 23, 2014 minutes, as written with the revision.
 - C. Minutes:** Mr. Duryea referenced the December 4, 2014 field trip minutes. Ms. Corley motioned, Dr. Uehling seconded, all approved the minutes as written. Mr. Duryea thanked Mr. Minor for arranging the Transfer Station visit and noted the efficiency of the operation on a small footprint.
- 2. Introductions:** All present were introduced.
- 3. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- 4. Reports:**
 - A. SW&R Monthly Report – December 2014:**
 - Mr. Minor presented data results from December 2014
 - Class 3 decrease per Class 2 increase evidence 3-2-1 working
 - HHI and Bluffton have most increase in residential tons
 - Pulls are increasing due to limitations with packer truck (300,000 miles) and no capital for additional compactors
 - Hauling costs increased from FY 14 (Mr. Duryea asked % column addition)
 - Disposal costs increased over FY 14 (Mr. Duryea asked % column addition)
 - Data from Hilton Head Island not coming in monthly
 - District 9 includes Pritchardville/Sun City (partially located in Jasper Co.)

- New recycling contract for newspaper – revenues are less

B. SW & R Monthly Report – January 2015:

- Mr. Minor presented data results from January 2015
 - High number of pulls continues. Impacts hauling costs
 - Residential tonnage has increased. Costs are up in comparison to FY 14
 - Current disposal costs at 60% - ahead of budget
 - Projection for FY16 may run \$100-\$200K over line item in budget
 - Traffic at the Bluffton Convenience Center 1/2/15 was 3,200 vehicles in a 10-hour window...320 cars per hour. Extra staff were used to help with volume
 - Recycling revenues unchanged. Commodity prices are down

C. Recycling Coordinator's Report

- Mr. Minor presented as Ms. Madden is attending CRA conference
 - Upcoming Events – Shred in Beaufort 4/11/15
 - Upcoming Events – Shred in Bluffton 6/13/15
 - Last Shred Event 1/1/15 (Bluffton) = 544 cars/14 tons. Filled 2 trucks early
 - Upcoming Events – Electronics at both locations 5/9/15
 - Last Electronics Event 2/14/15 = 61.9 tons collected
 - Household Hazardous Waste/Rx Collection Event on 3/7/15 = 302 cars. Sheriff's office offers continued Rx collection by calling the non-emergency switchboard number (843-524-2777)

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Transfer Station Site

- Mr. Minor noted the consultant is working on cost of two sites. This will be taken to County Council.

B. Usage of Beaufort County convenience centers by non county residents.

- Mr. Minor noted costs for cameras are \$14/\$15K and funding on hold. High traffic centers most abused. Estimate \$70K per violators. Contractor abuse for disposal is part of the system inherited and cannot currently be controlled.

C. Disposal Contract Negotiation with Waste Management for Hickory Hill Landfill

- Mr. Minor reported negotiation in process. Contract expires 6/30/15.

D. Curbside Waste and Recycling Collection

- Current disposal for citizens is easy without recognition of restricted items. County Council has listed this as a High Priority. Increase curbside and downsize Centers. This is in line with Comprehensive Plan goals.
- Convenience Centers have negative impact. New MS4 requirements will most likely impact four Centers.
- Progressive companies and serious economic development require that we need to be "green". We need to preserve a beautiful Beaufort County and not make our trash another's problem. As communities expand, we need to develop Solid Waste into our Plan.
- Part of Sun City is in Jasper County and they use Centers. Beaufort County pays.
- Open discussion of curbside rates per haulers. It needs to be mandatory to even hauler transportation costs. Collection is a piece of the process.
- Curbside must include recycling. State has 40% by 2020 initiative.
- Due to no landfill in Beaufort County, it is always going to cost more to dispose,

divert and recycle. Convenience Centers are cheaper but not efficient and are not sustainable.

- Meetings were held with Town of Bluffton and City of Beaufort. We need to work with municipalities to expand curbside. One minor change with City of Beaufort will be to put yard waste in paper bags (vs. plastic) so that all can be used for recycling.
- Expanding curbside into Unincorporated areas will be beneficial.
- Meeting is pending between SW &R and haulers.
- **Chairman Duryea stated that the Board should prepare a document of support for curbside initiative.** Ms. Corley motioned and Mr. Wheatley seconded.

E. Strategic Plan

- Copy of Draft SW & R Strategic Plan distributed.

F. Board Requests

- None at this time.

6. New Business:

A. Secure Document Shredding Events – next April 11 (Beaufort) 80 Shanklin

B. E-Waste Collection Events – next May 9 (Bluffton and Beaufort)

D. Videos – will be e-mailed to Board members

7. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment – The meeting ended at 3:09 pm. The next regular Board meeting will be held May 28, 2015, in the BIV Conference Room, 2:00 pm.

Cc: Mr. Gary T. Kubic, County Administrator
Miss Suzanne Rainey, Clerk to Council
Eric Larson, Division Director, Environmental Engineering
Eddie Bellamy, Director, Public Works

