

Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:00 pm Executive Conference Room

Attendees:

David R. Uehling, VChair, District 6 Representative Kim Corley, District 8 Representative Sally Dennis, District 7 Representative Lawrence Bryan, District 5 Representative Derrick Coaxum, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio) Mike Bennett, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio) Jennifer Sharp, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio) Dave Wilhelm, Public Works Director Cindy Carter, Solid Waste and Recycling Ashley Jenkins, Solid Waste and Recycling Artrell Horne, Litter Control

Absentees:

Vacant, District 9 Representative Vacant, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio) Chris Vaigneur, MCAS Liaison Shawn Iams, SC DHEC Liaison Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison Caroline Jordan Dolbey, Solid Waste and Recycling

Guests Attending:

Councilman Stu Rodman David Kelly, Waste Pro

- 1. Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Uehling called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.
 - **A. Agenda**: Vice-Chairman Uehling requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Bennett motioned. Ms. Corley seconded. All approved the agenda.
 - **B.** Minutes: Vice-Chairman Uehling requested a motion to approve the September 27, 2018 minutes. Ms. Corley motioned. Ms. Dennis seconded. All approved the minutes.
- 2. Introductions: All attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Wilhelm advised the Board that Chairman Duryea has relocated from the area and has resigned his position. Mr. Wilhelm publicly thanked Duryea for his service to the Solid Waste and Recycling Board. Mr. Wilhelm relayed information that Lamar Taylor is retiring from the City of Beaufort and we are waiting on contact from the City.
- **3. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- 4. Reports from Board regarding meetings with Council Members:
 - o Mr. Bennett's meeting with Hilton Head will be discussed later in the agenda.

5. Reports:

A. SW&R Monthly Reports – September and October 2018:

- o Ms. Carter noted a 6% decrease in waste tonnage during September (over previous year); likely attributed to Hurricane Florence evacuees. Traffic down 5%
- o At the end of the quarter, hauling and disposal expenditures at 25%, as expected
- Waste Management has removed 3rd party recycling data from reports; will input recycling information from monthly hauler reports
- o Ms. Carter reported a 7% increase in waste tonnage during October (over previous year). Traffic up 8.5%
- o Hauling and disposal expenditures at 35%
- o Overall 1% increase for the reporting time period

B. Recycling Coordinator:

- o Ms. Jenkins reported 276 vehicles during Beaufort shred event 10/6/18. 383 vehicles during Bluffton shred event 11/3/18
- o Next electronic recycling both locations 12/8/18
- o Next shred (Bluffton) 01/12/19
- o Update was given on film collection: Since June 2 = 210.000 bags collected
- o Jenkins and Mr. Bennett thanked Public for their community partnership
- o Reminder: Do not bag recyclables!
- o Ms. Sharp added an update on the plastic bag ban. Encourages residents to use their own bag instead of paper or heavy-mil plastic reuse options
- Ms. Jenkins advised that recycling will be added to Hilton Head Airport in 2019
- o Ms. Dennis thanked Ms. Jenkins for providing recycling education material for her daughter's school

C. Litter Control:

- Mr. Horne reported on the Fall Clean-up day November 1. 19,185 pounds of litter collected. Thanks to all of our Sponsors, including municipalities and participating Adopt-A-Highway groups
- o Mr. Bennet inquired about recycling component of removals; procedures have started (11 of 27 bags were recycled at the Convenience Center)
- O Vice-Chairman Uehling asked about public 'Thank You' for event participants. Already done with newspaper advertisement, County Channel and Facebook
- Mr. Wilhelm added that he is working with Palmetto Pride to help promote event into a re-occurring Clean-up with regional partners; twice-per-year around Earth Day and in the Fall of 2019

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Curbside Waste and Recycling Collection: Ordinance Revision

- Ms. Carter provided a copy of the current County Ordinance [Chapter 62] to all
 present. Our consultant has drafted updated definitions and Option A and Option B as
 we move toward County-wide curbside
- o SW&R Board will review; send notations to Ms. Carter by the end of December 2018
- Next steps will be Ordinance revision to Public Facilities Committee and Council for approval
- o Mr. Wilhelm added that 6 RFP proposals are currently under review. The RFP was for Unincorporated Beaufort County. A recent meeting with Hilton Head Island may initiate an opportunity to involve municipalities in the discussion. Mr. Wilhelm may meet with the other three municipalities (along with their SW&R representative) in the future to assess impact/cost benefits. Options will be reviewed via Legal per RFP

7. New Business:

A. Compost Pilot Project:

o Mr. Wilhelm reported that the Compost Pilot is complete. Clemson Extension has tested and the soil amendment is a good product. Looking at sites for full scale program and initiating permitting process. Ultimate goal is to incorporate food waste

B. Board Requests:

o Mr. Bennett inquired 'how is the Chair position determined?' Mr. Wilhelm responded that we are making attempts to fill the vacancy for District 9 and then the Board will decide

- **8. Public Comment:** There was no public comment. Ms. Sharp thanked Ms. Carter for scheduling the MRF tour. Sharp was 'underwhelmed' and shared the baler is inoperable and needs \$100K in repairs. MRF acts as a transfer facility instead of a MRF. Open discussion on the need for cleaner recyclables in hopes of lower processing fees. Education to removed contamination is critical
- **9. Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 2:51 pm. The next regular Board meeting will be held January 24, 2019, in the Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 2:00 pm.