



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting **Thursday, December 5, 2019 10:00 am** **Executive Conference Room**

Attendees:

Randy Boehme, Chairman District 9 Representative
David R. Uehling, VChair, District 6 Representative
Kim Corley, District 8 Representative
Jennifer Sharp, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Dave Wilhelm, Asst. Co. Administrator, PW & Sustainability
Cindy Carter, Solid Waste and Recycling
Brad McAbee, Solid Waste and Recycling (Operations)
Ashley Jenkins, Solid Waste and Recycling
Caroline Jordan Dolbey, Solid Waste and Recycling
Artrell Horne, Litter Control

Absentees:

Lawrence Bryan, District 5 Representative
Sally Dennis, District 7 Representative
Vacant, District 1 (Ex-Officio)
Mike Bennett, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Derrick Coaxum, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Chris Vaigneur, MCAS Liaison
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Reahnita Tuten, SC DHEC Liaison

Guests Attending:

York Glover, County Council
Chris Inglese, Deputy County Administrator

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Boehme called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
 - A. Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Boehme requested a motion to change Item 7 to Public discussion; remove Executive Session. Ms. Corley motioned. Vice-Chair Uehling seconded. All approved the change in the agenda.
 - B. Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Boehme requested a motion to approve the August 8, 2019, minutes. Ms. Corley motioned. Vice-Chair Uehling seconded. All approved the minutes.
- 2. Introductions:** All attendees introduced themselves. Chairman Boehme welcomed Councilman Glover and Deputy Administrator Inglese. Two staff changes: Dave Wilhelm is now the Assistant County Administrator for Public Works and Sustainability. Neil Desai is the Public Works Director.
- 3. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- 4. Reports from Board Regarding Meetings with Council Members:**
 - Ms. Corley reported that she had contact with Councilman Glover and Councilman Sommerville. Both were positive and supportive. She will share e-mails
 - Chairman Boehme is excited to continue the momentum of 8/8/19 meeting and has discussed with Councilman Lawson and Councilman Covert
- 5. Reports:**
 - A. SW&R Monthly Reports – July through October 2019:**
 - Ms. Carter reported on July through October 2019 data and provided comparisons for the entire time period. MSW is 35% Center/65% residential split. All streams 50/50%
 - YTD tonnage for FY20 = 27,717.88
 - Hauling 11.29% higher than last year at this time; disposal increase 6.54%
 - FY20 disposal costs included an error (Jasper County host fee); \$20,000 to be credited
 - Ms. Carter reported budget expenditures for the first four months of the FY - 31% hauling and 35% disposal of anticipated budget

- Convenience Center traffic increased 3 out of 4 months
- Sun City recycling is handled by contract provider; no longer Beaufort County
- Residential recycling YTD = 1,412.85 tons
- GRIEF no longer accepting book stock; Sonoco will provide service
- MRF processing is an expense (vs revenue)...\$85,710.39 to date paid
- Note: Glass crusher provided by SC DHEC grant has been received
- Vice-Chair Uehling commented that Gate Center should be closed.

B. Recycling Coordinator:

- Ms. Jenkins taught an OLLI recycling class at USC- B to include a panel of industry guests. Good attendance and hopes to repeat annually. Chairman Boehme commented that Individual Community events are also possible target audience
- Update on SC Recycling Professionals (slogan “Recycle Right”) and SWANA Conference in Phoenix AZ (Zero waste)
- Shred (Beaufort) = 349 vehicles. Rescheduled Electronics = 924 vehicles and 74.08 tons collected. All events 10/5/19
- Shred (Bluffton) = 692 vehicles on 11/2/19
- Next event will be Electronics on 12/7/19 – both locations
- Learn and Share Workshop for teachers was held 9/24/19
- Public Works has an all-electric Bolt. It is wrapped with our recycling mascot and characters. Participating in local parades
- Recycle the Grease Campaign is going on now (billboards)

C. Volunteer Coordinator:

- Ms. Dolbey held the Annual Adopt-A-Highway meeting on 9/9/19. Thanks to MCRD (Parris Island) and Brad Woods for the location and to Ashley Jacobs for speaking
- Fripp Point Road Community recognized as Group of the Year
- Ms. Dolbey and Artrell Horne also taught an OLLI class at USC-B on litter prevention
- Palmetto Pride indicates Beaufort County is #1 for number of volunteers/groups in SC
- Chairman Boehme reminds we should ‘pound away’ with education and enforcement

D. Litter Control:

- Mr. Horne reported 2019 (January – October) Litter Report data, provided an update on the Day Watch Program (now part of Public Works) and advised on the new Enforcement Officer role
- Chairman Boehme thanked Litter Crew for their hard work

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Contract Amendments:

- Mr. Wilhelm reported that we are continuing negotiations with Waste Management (processing recyclables). We hope to negotiate the OCC for baling

7. Abby Goldsmith – November 2019 Final Report: Mr. Wilhelm thinks this is an excellent report. The goal is a more efficient operation. Mr. Wilhelm and Ms. Carter presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the recommendations of the report to include:

- Implement a decal system (limits contractor and out-of-County misuse)
- Limit types of waste accepted (C&D and yard waste proposed)
- Close select centers (Big Estate, Coffin Point, Cuffy, Sheldon (under-utilized), Gate, and Pritchardville (over-utilized on small footprint)
- Reduce operating hours (currently staffed 667 hours/week)
- Increase enforcement efforts (second officer proposed for FY21 budget)
- Increase recycling efforts (staff for contamination control)
- Improve site conditions (remaining sites – capital improvements; stormwater)
- Revisit Hilton Head Center (no municipal curbside; not County parcel)

8. New Business:

A. Matters Arising out of Goldsmith Report: Board discussion on charging for decal, making gated community curbside mandatory, and revisiting curbside collection once the Center operations are improved. No layoffs of staff. Chairman Boehme requested a Motion of Support. Vice-Chair Uehling motioned. Ms. Corley seconded. All approved the Project concept moving forward to Committee

B. Weston and Sampson:

- Mr. Wilhelm reported that the consultant would be evaluating a Regional Solid Waste concept for Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties. This would include Solid Waste Management as a whole and may include the need for Transfer Station(s)

C. Glass Operation – Public Works South: The glass crushing equipment has been delivered per the SC DHEC Solid Waste Grant award. Anticipate operation in January 2020.

D. 2020 SW&R Board Calendar: Provided in Board packets.

E. Board Requests: There were no Board requests.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment: – The meeting ended at 3:25 pm. The next regular Board meeting will be held January 23, 2020, in the Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 2:00 pm.