



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:00 pm

Virtual via Webex

Attendees:

Randy Boehme, Chairman District 9 Representative
Kim Corley, District 8 Representative
Sally Dennis, District 7 Representative
Bill Graner, District 6 Representative
Lawrence Bryan, District 5 Representative
Mike Bennett, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Jennifer Sharp, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Cindy Carter, Solid Waste and Recycling
Angel Marcinkoski, Solid Waste and Recycling
Artrell Horne, Solid Waste and Recycling

Absentees:

Derrick Coaxum, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Bryan Durrance, District 1 (Ex-Officio)
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Chris Vaigneur, MCAS Liaison
Reahnita Tuten, SC DHEC Liaison
Caroline Jordan Dolbey, Solid Waste and Recycling

Guests Attending:

n/a

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Boehme called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Boehme confirmed that all had reviewed. No changes.
3. **Approval of Minutes – April 2, 2020:** Chairman Boehme requested a motion to approve the Minutes; seconded by Ms. Corley.
4. **Introductions:** All virtually present were introduced.
5. **Public Comment:** None received.
6. **Updates Regarding Meetings with County Council (All):** Chairman Boehme indicated that he has ongoing discussion with Councilman Lawson. He was introduced to the new Bluffton Police Chief and routinely discusses issues with Marc Orlando and Mayor Sulka. Noted negative Convenience Center article by Sheriff Tanner's mother but urges all to keep pushing the positive. Mike Bennett noted Josh Gruber is Interim Town Manager and gave a brief update on Arbor Nature transfer station permitting (pending SC DHEC). If permitted, might be an option for overflow yard waste and C&D from Center. Chairman Boehme urged all to continue speaking with Council and Municipality representatives.
7. **Election of Vice Chairman – Replaces David Uehling:** No voting members have volunteered at this time. Will be deferred to the next meeting.
8. **SWR Monthly Report Overview:** Ms. Carter reminded Board that although several meetings were cancelled, all Board reports are available. The end of FY20 (June 30, 2020) noted 88,476 tons of waste generated in Beaufort County. Compared to FY19 (82,379 tons) there was an increase of 6,000 tons. During the first quarter of FY21, the County has produced 32,509 tons of waste. At this rate, we could anticipate 95,000 tons by the end of FY21. Municipal solid waste collected (October) is 68.5% from curbside collection and 31.5% from the Centers. Traffic into the Centers has increased 8,000 trips compared to October 2019. Recycling rates are 6% for loose commodities but that doesn't include bulk metal or OCC baled by the County.
9. **Recycling Coordinator Report:** Ms. Carter announced that Ashley Jenkins has left Beaufort County employment and is working for the SC Department of Commerce. We wish her the best in her new recycling role and know that Ashley will continue to support Beaufort County. An electronics recycling event was held September 12th with 847 patrons (35.94 tons collected). Shredding has been discontinued for 2021. Three SC DHEC grants were awarded: Waste Tire \$4,750, Solid Waste Outreach \$9,000 and Used Oil \$32,826. We have applied for two Palmetto Pride grants (\$10,000 each) and are awaiting award notification.
10. **Volunteer Coordinator Report:** Ms. Carter reported for Caroline Dolbey. We currently have 106 active Adopt-A-Highway groups. Through November of 2020 they have collected 85,000 pounds of

litter. Great efforts with the obstacles of COVID-19. Riverbend dropped (Highway 170) per traffic safety concerns and will request the County Litter crew take over that former AAH area.

- 11. Litter and Enforcement Report:** Ms. Carter thanked Artrell Horne for heading up the Fall Clean-up. There were 60 County staff from Parks and Recreation, Public Works and SW&R Departments. Chairman Boehme stressed the need to keep moving forward. John Milledge and Dierdre Brown (Foremen) have been added to Enforcement Officer staffing.
- 12. Update Convenience Center Changes:** Ms. Carter reported that SW&R presents monthly updates to Public Facilities Committee on the Centers. On October 1, 2020, the new times [7:30AM-6:00PM] and changes of operational days at a few Centers began. Gate and Pritchardville Centers will close December 31, 2020. There was a brief summary of the decal program: Angel Marcinkoski is our new Business Manager and is lead on the Decal Program. Registration for the decal can be online (preferred) or postcard (manually entered). Each application is specific to the residential property and will include one decal and an electronic decal to the e-mail address provided. Decals will be implemented January 1, 2021 to include Hilton Head Convenience Center and the initial trial will be “soft” until all decal requests are issued. Chairman Boehme commended SW&R on the progress for this enormous task.
- 13. Enterprise Fund Ordinance and Fee Study:** Ms. Carter reminded the Board that the Enterprise Fund Ordinance recommendation first came through the Solid Waste and Recycling Board. It went through three readings of Council and was approved. The Tischler Bise Fee Study (e-mailed to the Board) is the fee structure to go with the Ordinance. Currently, SW&R funds are allocated via the General Fund. This fee would show them as an independent line on the tax statement and take those funds out of the General Fund. The proposed fee will include operating costs and future capital needs. Chairman Boehme called for a vote. All five Board members voted YES. Subsequent discussion from Mr. Graner on the term ‘household’. Questions will be submitted by Graner.
- 14. Weston and Sampson Final Report:** Ms. Carter stated the Weston and Sampson report was received in August. Attention remains with the Goldsmith study and those operational changes. There has been one follow up call since the Westin and Sampson report was received. In summary, the report focused on Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties. The evaluation was focused on population and existing opportunities for a Regional approach to waste and recycling. Most findings were not favorable for a four-county approach, but Jasper and Colleton are still interested. Our first step toward a ‘Sustainability Campus’ will be a MRF in Bluffton to handle Convenience Center materials currently collected. We hope to have this completed by August 1, 2021 when the current contract expires. Jasper and Colleton are interested on developments. A copy of the report will be sent to all.
- 15. GlassWRXSC (Chris Fisher):** Due to technical difficulties, the presentation will be postponed until a future Board meeting.
- 16. Packer Truck – FY21 Budget:** The current equipment has 374,000 miles. A new truck has been ordered and should be delivered by the end of the month.
- 17. Public Comment:** None received.
- 18. Board Requests:** Reappointments were approved for Ms. Corley and Mr. Graner.
- 19. Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 3:08 PM. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2021, in the Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 2:00 PM.