

Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting Thursday, March 25, 2021 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 Mike Bennett, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio) Cindy Carter, Solid Waste and Recycling Angel Marcinkoski, Solid Waste and Recycling Caroline Jordan Dolbey, Solid Waste and Recycling Victoria Hoffman, Solid Waste and Recycling

Absentees:

Lawrence Bryan, District 5 Representative Derrick Coaxum, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio) Jennifer Sharp, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio) Bryan Durrance, District 1 (Ex-Officio) Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison Chris Vaigneur, MCAS Liaison Reahnita Tuten, SC DHEC Liaison Artrell Horne, Solid Waste and Recycling

Guests Attending:

Chris Fisher, GlassWRXSC

- 1. Call to Order: Chairman Boehme called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM
- 2. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Boehme confirmed that all had reviewed. No changes. Motion made to approve and seconded by Ms. Corley.
- **3.** Approval of Minutes December 3, 2020: Chairman Boehme requested a motion to approve the Minutes; seconded by Mr. Graner.
- 4. Introductions: All virtually present introduced themselves.
- **5. Public Comment:** None received. Mr. Boehme was surprised that nobody commented on decals. It's a good program and citizens will be happy with results. Tremendous staff effort.
- 6. Updates Regarding Meetings with County Council (All): Mike Bennett noted Mr. Gruber and Mr. Ames met with Chris Fisher of GlassWRXSC; local infrastructure for recycling supported.
- 7. Election of Vice Chairman Replaces David Uehling: Chairman Boehme indicated he had reached out to several Board members since the last meeting for interest. He would like to nominate Kim Corley as Vice Chairman. Unanimous approval by voting members.
- **8.** SWR Monthly Report Overview: Ms. Carter reminded Board January and February Board reports had been e-mailed to all members. Since the 'soft opening' of the decal system, staff have been evaluating the shift from MSW collection curbside vs Convenience Centers. Currently 75% is collected curbside.
- **9. Recycling Coordinator Report:** Ms. Carter introduced Victoria Hoffman, the new Recycling Coordinator. All welcomed Ms. Hoffman to the Beaufort County team. Two electronics recycling events were held: December and February with 706 vehicles and 1054 vehicles respectively. Tonnage pending. A reminder was discussed per shredding discontinuation for 2021.
- 10. Volunteer Coordinator Report: Ms. Dolbey stated Adopt-A-Highway was going well. 1,631 bags collected, to date. 25,000 pounds of litter collected with 842 volunteers and 2,100 hours volunteered. SCDOT has completed their Spring litter removal (100 bags). Chairman Boehme stated he notices the roadways are much cleaner.
- 11. Litter and Enforcement Report: Ms. Carter reported for Artrell Horne. An Earth Day County-wide Clean-up is scheduled for April 21st. Many Departments will be represented, as well as a few municipalities and Keep Jasper County Beautiful. All Council Districts will be addressed and if you want to participate, please let Artrell know by March 31. Chairman Boehme asked about press for the event. SW&R will pick up bags and take to Engineering for press release photo.
- **12. Update Convenience Center Changes:** Ms. Carter reported 41,737 decals have been issued. Plans are to go live on April 1st. Artrell and staff have been monitoring. Lines are smooth and moving at Centers.

Heirs property residents are taking time. Dorchester County has visited to review new program and a presentation will be made during the Carolina Recycling Association conference on May 4th. Chairman Boehme asked – do decals have to be attached to windshield? No, many use electronic version on their smartphone. Mr. Bennett inquired about uptick in illegal dumping. No evidence yet. January and February pulls and traffic have dropped.

- **13. Update Enterprise Fund:** Ms. Carter reported the Ordinance is in place and the fee study, with capital funds, has gone through one reading of County Council. Mr. Graner stated there are some inconsistencies in the Ordinance (Section 62). Legal is looking into this and has provided input on 'dwelling'.
- 14. Solid Waste Management Plan: Ms. Carter indicated a Task Authorization has been submitted by Abby Goldsmith for update the SWMP. Mr. Graner questioned if she is capable of the update. Carter indicated that she was contacted per her expertise in SWM Plans and her historical knowledge of Beaufort County solid waste.
- **15.** Arbor Nature c & D Recycling and Transfer Station: Beaufort County SW&R has not had direct involvement with this site. Questions have been routed to SCDHEC (Justin Koon). Mr. Bennett stated the permit was potentially back under review after an article in the Island Packet. With the proximity to the Hilton Head Convenience Center, it could serve as an alternative/benefit for contractors.
- **16. GlassWRXSC (Chris Fisher):** The facility is located at 302 Parker Drive in Beaufort. All Board members are welcome to tour. Virtual tour and presentation given. Noted that Fortune Magazine has a new article on the City of Beaufort seawall from GlassWRXSC product. Chairman Boehme offered support to Mr. Fisher and new facility.
- 17. Public Comment: None received.
- 18. Board Requests: Carter updated that two RFPs were out for bid: Scrap Metal and White Goods (Bid closes 4/6/21) and Recycling (Bid closes 4/16/21). Chairman Boehme requests, if possible, to meet in person for next SW&R Board meeting. Chairman Boehme asked for clarification on Dave Wilhelm and involvement with SW&R. Wilhelm is the Capital Projects Director and will have involvement on any SW&R Capital Projects.
- **19. Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 2:56 PM. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 27, 28, 2021, in the Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 2:00 PM.