



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting Thursday, September 23, 2021 2:00 pm Council Chambers

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
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Cindy Carter, Solid Waste and Recycling
Angel Marcinkoski, Solid Waste and Recycling

Absentees:

Derrick Coaxum, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Mike Bennett, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Jennifer Sharp, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Bryan Durrance, District 1 (Ex-Officio)
Chris Vaigneur, MCAS Liaison
Reahnita Tuten, SC DHEC Liaison

Guests Attending:

n/a

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Boehme called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Boehme requested a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Corley motioned; Mr. Graner seconded.
3. **Approval of Minutes – July 22, 2021:** Chairman Boehme requested a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Corley motioned; Mr. Graner seconded.
4. **Introductions:** All present introduced themselves.
5. **Public Comment:** None received.
6. **Updates Regarding Meetings with County Council (All):** Mr. Graner reported he met with Councilman Flewelling who had questions on the status of the closed Convenience Centers. Ms. Carter provided update that both properties were included in the County's Legal review of all available Beaufort County properties. There was interest in the sale of the old Pritchardville site. Councilman Flewelling also inquired about expanding curbside collection within his district. Ms. Carter updated the Board that the Town of Port Royal has their own contract so any interest outside of those boundaries would be up to the individuals to contact a curbside service provider. In the past, the County had put out an RFP for countywide curbside, but the contract was not awarded. Chairman Boehme planned to meet with Councilman Lawson.
7. **SWR Monthly Report:** Ms. Carter reminded all that July and August data is in the Board packets. We are still seeing a shift from collection centers to curbside. Between last year and this year, it has increased 10%. Currently, household garbage disposal through the centers is at 22.5% of the total disposal that we have and 77.5% is from curbside. This does not include C&D or yard waste. Our pulls are down 469 for July and August over this time last year. In the first two month of FY22, that's a savings of \$83,382 in hauling. Reminder that Beaufort County pays for all residential disposal, whether it's going through the centers or curbside. We are down 1,025 tons compared to this time last year. Disposal savings are \$26,236. Traffic at the centers is down 49,000 vehicles compared to August of last year. We attribute this to the decal system. Unfortunately, we are also seeing a recycling rate reduction. Reminder that the recycling area at the Shanklin Center and Bluffton Center is open to all recycling with or without a decal. Exit lanes are now marked at these centers so people can be easily directed if they want to recycle and then leave the center without going through the decal scanning.
8. **Recycling Coordinator Report:** Ms. Carter reported that Ms. Hoffman attended the SWANA Conference in Roanoke, VA in August. She is working with a composing initiative to have another sale of bins. Victoria did a partnership with Oldfield to do some training on the use of bins for use in their community garden. There was an electronic recycling event on September 11th. We had 812 vehicles

come through the two locations. The next event is December 11th from 9AM to 3PM. The Beaufort location is 140 Shanklin Road and in Bluffton at 9 Benton Field Road. We have press releases, social media posts and the information is on our website.

- 9. Volunteer Coordinator Report:** Ms. Carter reported for Caroline Dolbey with a reminder that the annual meeting is October 5th at the Oscar Frasier Community Center. Ms. Dolbey and Mr. Horne attended the SC Litter Association Conference. Beaufort County won 4 awards. We won the County Award, the Affiliate Award for Keep Beaufort County Beautiful, the Partnership Award with Port Royal Sound Foundation and we have a Litter Champion.
- 10. Litter and Enforcement Report:** Ms. Carter reported that Mr. Horne was appointed to the South Carolina Litter Association Board. Most recently, he has been helpful with survey data to the SC Association of Counties.
- 11. Convenience Center Decal Program Update:** Ms. Carter indicated we are in the final push to make sure all residential properties have decals: Decal ONLY entrance starting November 1st. We do still see people trying to use the centers from apartment complexes, commercial mobile home parks- places that don't qualify for a decal. We do not issue decals to renters. It's for parcel owners. If you have a situation where you are on heirs property, every home gets a decal, but it is issued to the parcel owner of record. We will have one more press release mid-October. We have also been advertising through Praise FM.
- 12. Weston and Sampson Report:** There is a final report as of last Friday (9/17/2021). No site location has been selected. Ms. Carter reviewed list of criteria for sites. Ms. Carter asked the Board to recommend we submit the report, as information only, to the next Public Facilities Committee. It was decided that Ms. Carter would email the full report to the Board for review and vote via e-mail. The Board unanimously approved to push the recommendation forward to Committee.
- 13. MSW Definitions:** Ms. Carter presented definitions of MSW from EPA, SC DHEC, and Beaufort County in response to Mr. Graner in past meetings. The Board will review and send over any changes to Ms. Carter by the next meeting. Ms. Carter will also send out section 62 to all members for full definition edit suggestions.
- 14. Public Comment:** None received.
- 15. Board Requests:** Mr. Graner requested information on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Carter will email link to Board members.
- 16. Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 3:10 PM. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021, in the Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 2:00 PM.