



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting Thursday, December 2, 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
Mike Bennett, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Chris Vaigneur, MCAS Liaison
Cindy Carter, Solid Waste and Recycling
Angel Marcinkoski, Solid Waste and Recycling
Caroline Dolbey, Solid Waste and Recycling
Victoria Hoffman, Solid Waste and Recycling
Artrell Horne, Solid Waste and Recycling

Absentees:

Derrick Coaxum, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Vacant, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Bryan Durrance, District 1 (Ex-Officio)
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Reahnita Tuten, SC DHEC Liaison

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 motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. Corley approved; Mr. Bryan seconded.
3. **Approval of Minutes- September 23, 2021:** Chairman Boehme motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Corley approved; Mr. Bryan seconded.
4. **Introductions:** All present introduced themselves.
5. **Public Comment:** None received.
6. **Updates Regarding Meetings with County Council (All):** Chairman Boehme reported he met with Councilman Lawson about the sustainability campus. Mr. Bryan stated he knows there are many large apartment complexes going up in the area and he thinks we will need another recycling center North. Ms. Carter explained Convenience Center numbers at Shanklin - most underused center of the big four.
7. **SWR Monthly Report:** Hauling from the Centers has plateaued during the first four months of the new FY with an average of just under 550 pulls monthly during this period. The savings for hauling (since July 1, 2021) were \$169,216 over this period last year. Disposal costs have slowly and steadily declined during this period. Beaufort County pays for all residential household garbage disposal - Centers and residential curbside. During the first four months, the savings for disposal were \$84,495 over this period last year. Total savings (both hauling and disposal) for the last 4 months is \$253,711. Our October year-to-date total tonnage is 2,934.03 tons less than October 2020. Hopefully this is a snapshot of removing commercial waste that had infiltrated our system in years past. On November 5th, we provided an update during the County Council Retreat. We are aware that these savings are impressive, but as population and tipping fees increase, decals are not the final solution. We will have an RFP solicitation in the Spring of 2022 for hauling. The current contract is expiring June 30th. This could mark an increase in pull costs, but we are hoping competition for the RFP will prohibit a huge increase. October 2021 center traffic is down 64,710 vehicles compared to October of 2020 with 103,203 vehicles. We are now below the trend line. Our recycling tonnage this fiscal year totals 1,145.29 tons. We are actively working on some new eye-catching educational campaigns to increase this figure and prevent contamination in the recycling stream. We will continue to recycle Christmas trees after the holidays at all Centers this season and you should see press release information soon. Recycling revenues are positive= \$64,367.95 mainly attributed to current metal prices and less Waste Management costs of processing minus rebates. New contracts for Waste Management and GlassWRXSC are effective November 1, 2021. All glass from the Centers is being transported to GlassWRXSC.

- 8. Recycling Coordinator Report:** Ms. Hoffman attended the NC SWANA conference in October. We received great feedback on the decal system and litter control in Beaufort County. Solid Waste received a mini grant that will be used to purchase an electronic UTV for the litter crew. Ms. Hoffman has been doing education outreach within the local community and schools. An art contest on reduce, reuse and recycle was held for Beaufort County grades 3rd through 8th. We will update soon on the winner. Filming for the composting how-to videos is completed. These will air on the County Channel. Chairman Boehme suggest we reach out to SC NPR. The next electronic recycling event is scheduled for December 11th. We will also be in the parade this weekend.
- 9. Volunteer Coordinator Report:** The Annual Adopt-a-Highway Meeting was held on October 5th. Eric Greenway spoke to the volunteers. Figures through November: 5521 bags of litter and 3335 recorded volunteers. 300 less bags than last year and 300 more volunteers than last year. Ms. Dolbey is also working on the annual year end AAH newsletter.
- 10. Litter and Enforcement Report:** Mr. Horne indicated the Department is in the process of hiring a vacant litter crew position as well as two additional crew members. Solid Waste applied for a 2022 Palmetto Pride Litter Crew grant of \$25,000 that will go towards hiring a temporary contracted litter crew. We had a kayak cleanup last week. These are grant funded. A dump trailer that was ordered for the litter crew will be ready next week. Chairman Boehme asked if the Solid Waste has a 501 (c) 3 that is specific to equipment, employees, etc. as it pertains to litter control. Ms. Carter stated that at one point in time, in the historical records, it looked like Keep Beaufort County Beautiful had gotten a 501 (c) 3, but it was not kept current per IRS reporting. Ms. Carter recommends bringing this to the KBCB Board.
- 11. Convenience Center Decal Program Update:** We have currently issued 53,153 decals. The decal system went LIVE on November 1, 2021. For the first workweek (thru 11/5), we had staff available at Shanklin and Bluffton for non-decal emergency disposal. The transition has been smooth according to our staff Foremen. Currently, all residents need a decal to enter the centers except for recycling at Bluffton and Shanklin Centers. After recycling, those people without decals will use the exit lane. If anyone is having issues with obtaining a decal or needs their electronic decal resent to their e-mail, there is a link on the Beaufort County website. There is a list of frequently asked questions to provide quick resolution to most issues and a web link to send a specific problem to staff.
- 12. Weston and Sampson Report Update:** The Weston and Sampson Sustainability Campus Siting Study was slated for the October 18th and November 15th Public Facilities Committee. However, the item was postponed for other projects due to time constraints. It should be on the January 2022 agenda as information. The Department has submitted our Capital Improvement Projects for FY23 through FY25 and the Construction of a Materials Recovery Facility is first on the list once a site is secured. FYI - The Solid Waste Management Plan Revision DRAFT should be ready for SW&R Board review in January 27, 2022. Mr. Bennet asked if there is a timeline of how to phase this in before the contract is up in 2025. Ms. Carter hopes to have the funds to start in FY23 and, once that site is pick, to have construction going through FY23.
- 13. MSW Definitions Update:** Chairman Boehme suggest a meeting with Mr. Graner to discuss issues with the definitions.
- 14. Approval 2022 Board Schedule:** The 2022 schedule was presented which follows previous years.
- 15. Public Comment:** None received.
- 16. Board Requests:** Mr. Bennett suggests having Waste Management come and do a presentation. Ms. Carter will reach back out to them now that the new contract has been signed. Ms. Hoffman has also been working with them to follow our commodities all the way through to their MRF. Ms. Carter suggests we wait to see if she can get this scheduled before we have them come. Mr. Bennett also asked about recycling rate sheet and what the time delay is for changes. Ms. Carter indicated the data is from a paid service via SC DHEC. Ms. Hoffman will clarify with Alex Miller.
- 17. Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 3:00 PM. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2022, in the Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 2:00 PM.