



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:00 pm

Executive Board Room

Attendees:

Randy Boehme, Chairman District 9 Representative
Kim Corley, District 8 Representative
Sally Dennis, District 7 Representative
Bill Graner, District 6 Representative
Derrick Coaxum, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Mike Bennett, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Bryan Durrance, District 1 (Ex-Officio)
Chris Vaigneur, MCAS Liaison
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Angel Marcinkoski, Solid Waste and Recycling
Caroline Dolbey, Solid Waste and Recycling
Artrell Horne, Solid Waste and Recycling
Ann Holloway, Solid Waste and Recycling

Absentees:

Lawrence Bryan, District 5 Representative
Jennifer Sharp, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Reahnta Tuten, SC DHEC Liaison

Guests Attending:

n/a

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Boehme called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Since the arrival of packets were delayed, the normal order of reports was changed by Chairman Boehme.
2. **Introductions:** All present introduced themselves.
3. **Public Comment:** None received.
4. **Updates Regarding Meetings with County Council (All):** Chairman Boehme wrote a letter to every politician from Bluffton to Columbia that represents Beaufort County. The letter covered recycling and litter management. Chairman Boehme encouraged the Board to be more outspoken in terms of what is needed and what the Board envisions as a group. He reported that Mr. Graner, Ms. Carter, Ms. Marcinkoski, and himself, met to discuss some of the terminologies that is in the Solid Waste Plans and Ordinances. He encouraged the Board to bring in some ideas for the group to discuss and to start getting these ideas out in front of the municipalities and Councils- be more present, be more visible.
5. **Volunteer Coordinator Report:** Ms. Dolby sent out the Adopt-A-Highway Newsletter. The end-of-year results show we had 108 Adopt-A-Highway Groups, 3,731 volunteers, and 5,308 volunteer hours. This is the most volunteers ever. In January, we got 3 new Adopt-A-Highway groups. Last year, Keep America Beautiful conducted a litter study. They last did one in 2009. It states that litter and littering has decreased, but remains a pervasive problem. It also states that litter on the roadways has decrease 54% since 2009. Ms. Dolby will make sure the Board gets a copy of this link.
6. **Recycling Coordinator Report:** Mr. Horne provide the update for Ms. Hoffman. For the December E-Waste Event, there was 908 total cars- 332 cars in Beaufort and 576 cars in Bluffton. Ms. Hoffman is awaiting the tonnage report from the vendor. The next event will be held on February 12, 2022 from 9AM-3PM in Beaufort and Bluffton. Ms. Hoffman has a Green Steps Series going on right now at the Beaufort County Libraries that discuss composting and recycling. She is working with Waste Management to schedule a tour of the MRF. She also has a composting campaign starting in March. She has reached out to NPR as requested by Chairman Boehme and is waiting for a response back. Chairman Boehme would like to have a litter and recycling curriculum for the schools to implement in the classroom. Mr. Horne commented that there is already one developed by the State. The link to this curriculum will be provided to Board.
7. **Litter and Enforcement Report:** The original Litter Crew is fully staffed. Mr. Horne reported that an additional 2 staff has been added to the Litter Crew bringing the total number to 4 staff. Solid Waste also received a \$25,000 Litter Crew Grant from Palmetto Pride. This will be used to contract outside staff to

help with litter pickup mainly during the SCDOT mowing cycles. They will pick up before the mowers. Solid Waste hopes to have this contract in place by March or April. Two Beaufort County kayaks were purchased and have been wrapped to say “Keep Our Waters Clean” and includes Rerun and the County logo. Chairman Boehme asked if Mr. Horne knew when he would get back the two staff from the Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Horne stated he does not know, but is hoping by March or April when summertime kicks off as the Sheriff’s Office spends a lot of time patrolling the waterways. Mr. Horne wants to focus on a “Cover Your Load” campaign this year and meet with HOAs and Haulers. Chairman Boehme asked if the tickets Mr. Horne writes are processed. Mr. Horne informed that yes, they all go through the Beaufort County Magistrate court. Even if sometimes the fines are reduced, there is a payment made.

8. **SWR Monthly Report:** Hauling from the Centers has continued to be well below last year. We have averaged 547 monthly pulls this FY compared to an average of 756 each month last FY. The savings for hauling for the first 6 months of this fiscal year (since July 1, 2021) is \$220,657. Our next RFP solicitation for hauling should be in the spring as our current contract expires June 30. Beaufort County pays for all residential household garbage disposal – both residential curbside and Collection Centers. During the first six months, the disposal savings were \$116,465 over this period last year. The total 6-months savings for both hauling and disposal is \$337,122. Our December year-to-date tonnage is 43,256. This is 4,200 fewer tons than FY21. As a reminder, these savings are impressive, but as population and tipping fees increase, our decal program is not the final solution. December 2021 traffic through the Centers is down 42,680 vehicles compared to December of 2020. We continue to stay below the trend line. Our recycling tonnage to date totals 1,736 tons. We continue working on new educational campaigns to increase recycling and reduce contamination. Our new contracts went into effect on November 1, 2021, with Waste Management and GlassWRXSC. We are below budget for the fiscal year with 44% expended after six months of operation (we were month to month August - November). We recycled live Christmas trees after the holidays at all Centers this season and worked with Parris Island to supply excess trees for military training exercises from two of our Centers. Recycling revenues remain positive = \$61,907. We have received a January check from Charleston Steel for a recent mobilization to our white goods yard. Mr. Vaigneur asked about glass recycling since it is something newer for the air station. Mr. Bennett provided update on containers and glass recycling.
9. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved without opposition.
10. **Approval of Minutes- September 23, 2021:** Minutes were approved without opposition.
11. **Weston and Sampson Report Update – PFC Pending:** The Weston and Sampson Sustainability Campus Siting Study was slated for the January 18th Public Facilities Committee. However, the item was held while we evaluate a County-owned property option for the MRF.
12. **Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Draft:** As discussed during our last meeting, a DRAFT of the Solid Waste Management Plan 2022-2041 is available for review and comment. Please submit comments to me on or before February 18, 2022 (close of business). We have completed an internal review with very few changes recommended. Mr. Graner discussed his issue with some of the terms in the draft such as “Total Solid Waste”. Other Board members express the need for more time to review. A motion was made to hold a special meeting before February 18th to discuss the draft. Seconded by Ms. Corley. A motion was made to push back the comment due date to March 4th. Seconded by Ms. Corley. Chairman Boehme requested that Ms. Carter be present for the special meeting.
13. **Hauler Meeting 02/03/2022 (10 AM) – DSN Conference Room:** We’d like to thank Sally for suggesting a Beaufort County meeting with local waste haulers. We continue to see a 75/25 percent split between residential household garbage collected curbside compared to that collected at the Centers. It’s been several years since we have all been together. The meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2022, at 10:00 AM in the DSN Conference Room (Disabilities and Special Needs) 100 Clearwater Way in Beaufort. Board members are welcome to attend.
14. **Public Comment:** None received.
15. **Board Requests:** Mr. Bennett requested having WM come and talk about their plans for the landfill.
16. **Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 3:05 PM. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2022, in the Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 2:00 PM.