



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Thursday, July 28, 2022, 2:00 PM

Council Chambers

Attendees:

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)
Chris Vaigneur, MCAS Liaison
Angel Marcinkoski, Solid Waste and Recycling
Artrell Horne, Solid Waste and Recycling

Absentees:

Randy Boehme, Chairman District 9 Representative
Lawrence Bryan, District 5 Representative
Vacant, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)
Bryan Durrance, District 1 (Ex-Officio)
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison
Reahnita Tuten, SC DHEC Liaison

Guests Attending:

Neil Desai, Beaufort County Public Works
Morgan Jefferies, Beaufort County Clerk to Council

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Corley called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Vice Chair Corley moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Bennett mistakenly objected. All approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2022:** Vice Chair Corley moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Graner recommended approval. Mr. Coaxum seconded.
4. **Introductions:** All present introduced themselves.
5. **Public Comment:** None Received.
6. **Updates Regarding Meetings with County Council (All):** Mr. Bennett provided background and updates on a new recycling resolution from the Town of Hilton Head. There is a second resolution that is going through the process that will address the specifics.
7. **SWR FY22 End-of-Year Report: Slide 2:** Ms. Marcinkoski announced that Beaufort County was recognized nationally last week at the National Association of Counties conference in Colorado for the Implementation of the Decal System. We are up for another award next week (August 3rd) from the SC Association of Counties Conference. Ms. Marcinkoski will be representing Solid Waste and Recycling. Hauling from the Centers has continued to be reduced. We have averaged 557 pulls monthly this FY compared to an average of 664 monthly during FY21. This graph is part of the Board report. The savings for hauling this fiscal year are \$182,701. The next slide shows the trend for hauling costs over the last 3 years. It is split into 6-month reference points. There are upward costs until mid-FY20, then a sharp decline in FY21, and then steady figures for FY22. Beaufort County pays for all residential household garbage disposal – both residential curbside and Collection Centers. The disposal savings were \$122,526 in FY22. The total savings for both hauling and disposal is \$305,227. The FY22 residential tonnage was 85,272. This is 5,006 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. The trend line for disposal is reflective of all residential disposal. The peaks are not as noticeable as this includes curbside and Collection Center charges. FY22 traffic through the Centers is down 393,544 vehicles compared to FY21. The County continues to stay below the trend line. Total Center traffic is noticeably reduced over the last 5 years. Residential curbside customers most likely have an impact on the traffic numbers at the Centers. Over the last 6 years, residential curbside accounts reported by private haulers have increased by 54%. The FY22 annual recycling tonnage totaled 3,453.60 tons and included 472.92 tons of newsprint. Recycling costs were reduced by \$259,702 from FY21. Unfortunately, there was a tonnage reduction in

recycling from FY21 of 1,042.47 tons. We plan to continue working on new educational campaigns to increase recycling and reduce contamination. Continued discussion of a MRF in Beaufort County should boost recycling goals. Recycling revenues remain positive = \$416,322.36 less additional WM processing costs of \$83,353.56. Profit for FY22 is \$332,969.

8. **Legislation H. 4775 – Electronics:** The County currently contracts the electronic recycling events with Powerhouse out of Salisbury, NC. Beginning January 1, 2023, South Carolina has initiated a Manufacturer Clearing House program that will handle collection from counties that Opt-in by August 1, 2022. Beaufort County will continue to be serviced by Powerhouse for the upcoming August 27th event as well as a final contracted event on December 10, 2022. After that time, the Clearing House program will determine dates and vendors for recycling. This is a new program for everyone so we will work towards a smooth transition in the new year.
9. **SC DHEC FY22 Grant Awards:** Solid Waste & Recycling received two SC DHEC Grants for FY23 out of four possible applications. The Solid Waste General Recycling Award will help with recycling education and the Used Oil Award continues to support the maintenance of clean oil and filter recycling operations at the Centers. No Waste Tire awards were made this year due to increased contractor funding. The proposal for a large food waste composting project was in the running but fell short. Only two grants were awarded. We will respond to the comments provided and submit a stronger application for FY24.
10. **Volunteer Coordinator Report:** Ms. Dolbey was unable to join us today but provided notes for the AAH program. Through June 30th, 3,320 bags of litter were removed. Palmetto Pride continues to be supportive of our program. An educational rack card was developed and is available today. There are two ads on the electronic billboard on Highway 170 in Okatie for the campaign to reduce roadside litter. Solid Waste and Recycling has a new Facebook page, and we continue to post AAH group photos to say “thank you” for their volunteer efforts. Ms. Dolbey and Ms. Carter have recently met with Hilton Head Island staff to improve their AAH volunteer groups and signage. Finally, we will host the annual AAH meeting on September 22 at the Belfair Clubhouse.
11. **Litter and Enforcement Initiative Report:** Mr. Horne presented pictures from the Water Festival this past week. We had the electric car and the kayaks in the parade. The kayaks have been wrapped to say keep our waters clean. Rerun was also there. The kids love ReRun and he is becoming a household name. This is good for education. Beaufort County just started an internal group called emerging leaders. They hosted a kayak cleanup last month and our kayaks were able to be used for that too.
12. **Hauling Contract Award:** RFP 040122 was awarded to Republic Services June 3, 2022.
13. **Solid Waste Management Plan (MRF) Update:** Solid Waste Management Plan Update was presented to Public Facilities Committee on May 16th (information only) after Workshop edits and a final e-mail to Board members. The Plan was brought back to Public Facilities Committee for approval on June 20, 2022. Full Council approved the Plan on June 27th.
14. **Solid Waste Ordinance 62:** Abby Goldsmith is reviewing Ordinance 62 in coordination with the SWMP Update and comments provided previously by staff and Mr. Graner. As with the SWMP, some language will remain consistent with the State. Once updates are drafted, we will bring this before the Board and then to Public Facilities Committee, etc.
15. **Reorganization:** Solid Waste & Recycling has merged back with Public Works effective July 1, 2022. We will remain an Enterprise Fund. Neil Desai is the Public Works Director and served on this Board as a representative of District 1 in the past. Dave Wilhelm has returned to Public Works as the Deputy Director. Victoria Hoffman has moved from Recycling Coordinator in SW&R to Project Coordinator with Public Works. Her position has been posted and filled. We will be excited to welcome Chloe McGuigan starting on August 22, 2022. There are lots of changes and we look forward to a lot of progress for SW&R.
16. **Public Comment:** None received.
17. **Board Requests:** Mr. Graner requested tour of Transfer Station.
18. **Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 2:45 PM. The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM, in the Executive Conference Room, Administration Building.