



Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

Executive Conference Room, Beaufort County Government Administration Building

Friday, January 31, 2025 10:00 AM**

****NOTE: This meeting was rescheduled from Thursday, January 23, 2025 2:00 PM**

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Attendees:

Marc Feinberg, District 9 – Bluffton
Bryan Durrance, District 1 – City of Beaufort
Bradley Harriott – Beaufort County Public Works
Victoria Hoffman - Beaufort County Public Works
Sally McLeod - Beaufort County Public Works

Absentees:

Sally Dennis, District 7 – Lady's Island
Lawrence Bryan – District 5 – Sheldon Township
Chris Vaigneur – MCAS Liaison
Reahnita Tuta – SCDHEC Liaison
York Glover – Beaufort County Council Liaison
Matthew Riccobene – Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc.
Mike Bennett, District 3 – Town of Hilton Head
Brad Woods – MCRD Liaison
Jesus Rodriguez – Beaufort County Public Works
Chloe McGuigan - Beaufort County Public Works
Valentina Palacio-Ruiz – Beaufort County Public Works
Matthew Riccobene – Beaufort County Sheriff's Ofc
Larry Beckler, District 4 – Town of Bluffton

1. **Call to Order:** Victoria Hoffman 10:01 AM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Could not be approved as no quorum was achieved
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Could not be approved as no quorum was achieved
4. **Introductions:** Completed
5. **Public Comment:** There were no members of the public in attendance.
6. **SWR Reports:**

Vision, Mission and Goals were presented to the Board; Yearly achievements are based on Goals.

Quarter 2 SWR Report was presented to the Board; on budget for everything but disposal costs due to population growth and additional storms this year will support the increase in that amount.

Convenience Center traffic were presented. Originally there was a decrease in those using the centers when decal program began, however with population increase the numbers have steadied out recently.

Curbside report was presented.

Mr. Feinberg asked what C&D waste is – explained that C&D is Construction and Demolition for residential waste (example: renovation of a bathroom), this is not for Contractor use. Mr. Harriot explained that Contractors will still sneak in the facilities, but we have put policies in place to deter their use of the Centers.

Recycling report was presented; separated out by Centers. Currently only collect at the four larger centers with aspirations to offer at all Centers. Residential routes receive more tonnage than Centers due to convenience of having it collected at homes. Looking forward to more residential routes in the future. Mr. Feinberg asked if people tend to want to use the Curbside or the Convenience Center and had concerns about Recycling being gathered into one truck. Ms. Hoffman explained the process of many haulers collecting the matter in one truck and using a service to separate out the recycling (single stream) at a larger facility. All recycling will be source

sorted and separated at a Material Recovery Facility. Most large cities have single stream procedures.

Q2 FY 2025 shows that Recycling is on budget for the year. Some discrepancies in reporting from our previous vendor and I2 have been captured and placed on this budget. All commodities pricing is based off market pricing as well as processing costs.

Mr. Feinberg asked if there is a tipping point at which it would be more beneficial to close all Centers versus universal curbside pickup. Ms. Hoffman advised that based off our rural areas and according to our council members, this is not feasible or wanted by much of our County. Mr. Harriott also stated that the cost to run a center was much less than transitioning to curbside pickup. Ms. Hoffman stated that many of the municipalities are starting to incorporate curbside services, however Centers satisfy many needs to the County. We must always have Centers for citizen ease and access to deter illegal dumping.

SW FY2026 Draft Budget was presented. 10% CBI increase has been added to all line items for a cushion. Mr. Feinberg asked about Vehicle Purchase – Ms. Hoffman explained that this amount is because most if not all our Recycling vehicles have reached their lifespan as well as Capital Equipment purchases (skid steer, backhoe, packer truck).

7. Staff Report:

Litter: Mr. Rodriguez was unable to attend but provided reports for the Board to review. Reports were from Palmetto Pride and Adopt a Highway. He is in the process of planning the AAH awards ceremony.

Environmental Education: Ms. Ruiz was unable to attend as she is at a school teaching Vermicomposting program.

- Earth Day event is in planning process
- Green Days are being conducted at local libraries on Composting, Stormwater and Recycling.

Business Manager – report was presented. Our previous Business Manager has taken a position within Public Works. A new Business Manager will be onboard soon.

I2 Recycling Center Tours have been set up for Board members. An email invitation has been sent to all members.

8. New Business:

Mr. Feinberg would like to state for the record that the new Liaison, David Bartholomew, will be presented with all the vacancies on this board so that we may be able to fill the vacancies. Ms. Hoffman stated that Boards and Commissions had been made aware of our needs. Mr. Feinberg stated that the Council needs to be held accountable to get council members for the Boards. Ms. Hoffman stated currently we have a vacancy in District 8 (Paula Brown), 6 (Tabernik), 5 (Passiment). Solid Waste districts are different than County Council districts. Mr. Feinberg requested a written list of vacancies and related Districts be provided to him.

9. Adjournment – 10:40 AM