MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
June 23, 2026

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc., held an Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 4:00 P.M., at the Authority's Administrative Office, 1886 Highway 90, Conway, South Carolina. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, notices setting forth the date, time, and place of the meeting were mailed to the news media.

Present were the following Board Members: Robert J. Kemp, Chairman; Pam J. Creech, Vice Chairman; Amos C. Berry, Sr., Treasurer; and Board Members Dr. Albert G. Hayward and Bo Ives. Board Secretary Wayne Fox was not in attendance.

Sgt. Eric Zink from the Horry County Police Department, Carl Schwartzkoph, Highway 90 Liaison Michael Hughes, Norfleet Jones, Jan Jones, Horry County Sheriff Phillip Thompson, Senator Greg Hembree, Jenna Dukes, John Weaver and Mike Bessant, represented the public in attendance. There were no members of the media present.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Danny Knight, Executive Director; Ed Marr, Assistant Executive Director; Jan Bitting, Director; Stephanie Todd, Director, Richie Stetter, Director and staff members Chris Calhoun, Drake Morris, Victoria Johnson and Trina Cooke.

Chairman Kemp moved to approve the Agenda as presented. There was a second by Mr. Berry and the Motion was carried.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kemp called the Annual Meeting to order and asked Mr. Knight to proceed with the Agenda.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Executive Director Report – Mr. Knight listed several of the accomplishments for FY2026 that were contained in the packet. They are included, but are not limited to:

- Mr. Knight informed the Board that it had been a successful year. He stated that the Annual Report began on page 106.
- Mr. Knight stated that one of the most significant ongoing matters involved the Board's direction regarding future landfill space. He reported that staff had proceeded with the necessary steps and had received the request from the Army Corps of Engineers concerning wetlands. He added that staff would continue updating the analysis and expressed hope that it would be completed within the next month.
- Mr. Knight commented that the Board had taken substantial steps to prepare for the future. He stated that the Board had been to Aiken County and that Members traveled to New

Orleans last year to review new processes, and they feel confident about the advancements observed.

- Mr. Knight reported that staff discussed a new health and wellness program during the budget process and said that the SWA had entered into a new contract with Conway Hospital.
- Mr. Knight stated that the current year's budget did not include a tipping fee increase. He added that staff have been in discussions with County Council regarding several line items and are continuing to work through those matters.
- Mr. Knight stated that staff revised the purchasing policy and stated his belief that the changes were in the best interest of both staff and the SWA.
- Mr. Knight reported that operations had been extremely busy, particularly on days when the landfill received approximately 500 trucks.
- Mr. Knight stated that the financial audit went well.
- Mr. Knight reported that Household Hazardous Waste disposed of 138 tons, including paint, Roundup, batteries, and other materials commonly found under household kitchen cabinets.
- Mr. Knight further reported that approximately $100,000 was invested in 32 new landfill gas wells, which would help pull gas in the future as staff continued evaluating RNG opportunities.
- Mr. Knight reported a 10% reject rate at the MRF and stated that staff was reviewing fire suppression options for commercial equipment. Mr. Knight acknowledged Mr. Stetter's work in this area and stated that staff would be installing mobile units this year to address potential fire concerns at the MRF. Mr. Knight emphasized the importance of continued awareness regarding battery-related risks.
- Mr. Knight stated that staff updated the fuel system, which had been in place since 2007, and initiated two new circular tanks.
- Mr. Knight expressed satisfaction in staff for their work on equipment management, life cycle planning, and utilization.
- Mr. Knight reported on community outreach efforts, including education programs such as Talkin' Trash, engagement with 4th grade students throughout the county, scholarships, and incentive programs.

Mr. Knight encouraged the Board to review the full Annual Report and advised them to contact him with any questions, comments, or additional follow-up items.

Mr. Knight informed the Board that he and SWA staff appreciated their support regarding cost-of-living adjustments and insurance. He stated that staff continue to do an excellent job.

Mr. Knight concluded by stating that the SWA had a strong year and that he looked forward to the year ahead, saying that there was much work to be done. He emphasized that the SWA had a strong team and that, working together, they could accomplish their goals. He thanked the Board for their continued support.

Chairman Kemp commended Mr. Knight, stating that the Board appreciated both him and the staff. He encouraged the Board to read the Annual Report and indicated that it was impressive. Ms. Creech commented that staff does a wonderful job and added that Mr. Knight provided excellent leadership.

Board Officers Report – Chairman Kemp then asked the Board officers if they had any remarks. There were no additional remarks from Board Members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Berry made a Motion to ratify the action taken by the Board from June 2025 - May 2026. There was a second by Ms. Creech and the Motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Mr. Berry reported that the Nominations Committee met to determine a slate of officers for the upcoming fiscal year, which were as follows:

Fiscal Year 2027 – Board Officers
Chairman – Pam J. Creech
Vice Chairman – Dr. Albert Hayward
Secretary – Wayne Fox
Treasurer – Amos C. Berry, Sr.

Chairman Kemp asked if there were any nominations from the floor; however, there were none.

Mr. Berry moved that the Slate of Officers be accepted for next year. There was a second by Dr. Hayward and the Motion was carried.

Special Recognition – Chairman Kemp stated that since October 7, 2003, the organization had been blessed with the leadership of Mr. Norfleet Jones. He said that Mr. Jones had been a constant and steady voice of leadership for the SWA. Chairman Kemp indicated that Mr. Jones had two one-year breaks during his service. He stated that Mr. Jones served with dignity, wisdom, and true leadership. Chairman Kemp said that it was an honor to recognize Mr. Jones and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Jones's service. He sincerely thanked Mr. Jones on behalf of the SWA.

Mr. Jones thanked everyone for taking the time to be present. He explained that in 2003 Mayor Hadley informed him she had two positions available, roads and one with the SWA and although he had no prior knowledge of either, he chose the SWA. Mr. Jones stated that the past 20 years had been a remarkable education. He said he had the privilege of working with some of the smartest and most dedicated individuals he had ever known. Mr. Jones stated that he was honored and proud to have served the SWA for 20 years. He presented Ms. Creech with the "new sheriff" in town badge. He concluded by stating that it had been an honor and a pleasure to serve and encouraged everyone to call him if they needed him.

Chairman Kemp said that, traditionally, when a Board Member concludes their service, they are presented with a photograph of the overall SWA. However, he stated that they were presenting Mr. Jones with a picture of the Norfleet Jones Bridge. He stated that it had taken thirteen years to complete the construction of the bridge. Mr. Jones thanked the Board for the picture.

Chairman Kemp thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Berry moved, seconded by Mr. Fox, to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried and the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Minutes approved on July 28, 2026.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

BY: ______________________________________ (L. S.)
Robert J. Kemp, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Wayne Fox, Secretary

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