

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
May 16, 2013**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc., held a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 16, 2013, 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: Danny J. Hardee, Chairman; Basem E. Hilal, Secretary; and Board Members J. Michael Campbell and John R. Long, II. Board Member James L. Cokley joined the meeting via FaceTime. Board Members Dan P. Gray and M. Lance Thompson were absent.

Ex Officio Member Steve Gosnell was in attendance; however, Ex Officio Member Mike Mahaney was absent. Elaine Gore, Deputy Director for Horry County Council on Aging was also in attendance. There were no members of the media in attendance.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Danny Knight, Executive Director; Esther Murphy, Director; Donna Crump, Director; and other staff to include Jan Bitting and Mike Bessant.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hardee called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Long to render the invocation. Mr. Hilal then led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Hardee asked that Public Input be held prior to Old Business. The Board concurred.

Mr. Hilal moved to approve the Agenda as revised above. There was a second by Mr. Campbell and the Motion was carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Elaine Gore of the Horry County Council on Aging addressed the Board regarding the programs and services offered by the Council on Aging. She thanked the Board for their support and commented on the positive affects The Store has had on Council on Aging programs, to include the Meals on Wheels program. Mrs. Gore indicated the partnership has been very successful.

The Board thanked Ms. Gore for her work and comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request

Mr. Hardee stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public input regarding the Fiscal Year 2014 Draft Budget.

Mrs. Crump began with a brief overview of the budget process to date. Mrs. Crump reminded the Board that the Pre-Budget Meeting was held on February 12, 2013, the Budget Workshop was held on April 5, 2013 and was then presented to the I&R Committee on April 11, 2013. She indicated the draft

budget was summarized at the April 29, 2013 Board Meeting. She commented that following tonight's Public Hearing, and any necessary changes, the budget would be presented to the Board for approval at the May 28, 2013, Board Meeting. Mrs. Crump stated once the Board had given the final approval of the budget it would be sent to Horry County Government staff for inclusion in their final budget document.

Mrs. Crump generally discussed the proposed FY2013 Operating Budget, which equated to \$19,680,131, which included \$6,127,751 for the Unincorporated Collection System. She stated that this is an overall 1.6% decrease from last year's budget. Mrs. Crump indicated that there were no tipping fee increase and stated, with regards to major material, there have been no tipping fee increases in fourteen years. She informed the Board that the budget included a 2% decrease in MSW and an increase in C&D and yard waste. Mrs. Crump commented that the reduced C&D recycling revenue projections were mainly due to the decreased pricing being received for the commodities. She reminded the Board that the SWA would be implementing a new MSW Incentive based on the amount of recyclables the hauler takes to the MRF. Mrs. Crump stated that since flow control was enacted, the SWA has implemented three incentive programs and are budgeting \$425,000 in FY2014 to cover these programs

Mrs. Crump then reviewed the expenditures and indicated the budget contained one new position and the upgrading of one other position. In addition, Mrs. Crump indicated the budget includes the following:

- Funds to cover the step plan that was adopted in December of 2011.
- Funds to cover increases in retirement and health insurance costs.
- Significant decreases in advertising and consulting.
- Changes in the approach to fund closure, post closure and landfill construction accounts. The funding will be flat lined, whereby the same amount will be funded each year and accrued interest earned will be transferred back to these accounts. These accounts will continue to be monitored annually and necessary adjustments made from time to time.

Mrs. Crump reminded the Board that the other part of the proposed budget is the five year Capital Improvement Budget and stated staff is proposing a \$14,020,500 budget for FY2014. She stated that this budget is funded primarily through the designated accounts where money is set aside each month and periodically throughout the year when funds are available. Mrs. Crump advised the Board that there are several large projects related to closure and landfill construction budgeted for FY2014, which include, closure of the Saddle Area, closure of the back side of the C&D area (33 acres) and the Piggyback road construction to reroute traffic. She commented that other general construction projects included in the budget included:

- a. Relocation of the grinding area to Tract D.
- b. Paving the apron in front of the shop to cut down on dirt in the shop.
- c. Enclosure of the reject area at the MRF.
- d. Resealing the MRF tipping floor.
- e. Addition to The Store.

Mrs. Crump stated eight pieces of equipment are scheduled for replacement through the equipment replacement fund. She reminded the Board that fifteen items, from light towers to a new corporate

video, are budgeted to be funded from unrestricted funds and stated the purchase of these items must be prioritized and will be made if funds are available.

In summary, Mrs. Crump indicated that 78.5% of the capital budget is to be funded from closure and landfill construction funds that have been set aside, 10.5% from the Equipment Replacement Fund and 11% from the funds set aside for general construction and development funds and unrestricted funds.

Mr. Knight thanked staff for their work and commented that he was not aware of any other budget that reflects an overall budget less than last year that has no increase in fees and offers incentive programs.

Chairman Hardee asked once again if anyone else desired to speak during this Public Hearing. There were none desiring to speak.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Board during the Public Hearing. **Mr. Hilal made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Long, to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried;** the Public Hearing adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Minutes approved on May 28, 2013.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

BY: _____(L. S.)
Danny J. Hardee, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Basem E. Hilal, Secretary

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