

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
May 6, 2025**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 10:00 A.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; W. Norfleet Jones, Secretary and Board Members Wayne Fox and Dr. Albert G. Hayward. Board Treasurer Amos C. Berry attended the meeting via conference call. Board Member Samuel T. Johnson, Jr. was not in attendance.

Horry County Administrator Barry Spivey 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; Esther Murphy, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; Stephanie Todd, Director; Richie Stetter, Director; and staff members Cindy Keith and Monica Collier.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kemp called the meeting to order and asked Dr. Hayward to render the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Fox led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Kemp asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Ms. Creech moved to approve the Agenda as presented. There was a second by Mr. Fox and the Motion was carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request

Mr. Knight asked Mrs. Bitting to provide a brief update regarding Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget.

Mrs. Bitting informed the Board that the FY2026 Operating Budget was \$29,641,650 and the FY2026 Capital Budget was \$36,977,474.

Mrs. Bitting advised the Board that tipping fees for Solid Waste had increased from the current \$43 per ton to \$46 per ton. She stated that Shingles, C&D Recycling, and Mixed Construction all saw a price increase from \$34 to \$46 per ton.

Mrs. Bitting informed the Board that the cost-of-living increase for SWA staff was reduced from 7% to a 5% and would be included in the approved budget.

Mrs. Bitting stated during the Budget Workshop, staff discussed Board Members' salary increasing

from \$50 to \$100 per meeting, and the Chairman's compensation increased from \$60 to \$150 per meeting. She reported that Board Members would no longer receive an annual bonus.

Mrs. Bitting stated the budget also included two new Unincorporated Collection System positions one for HEOIII and one for a Tradesworker as well as one new SWA position for an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Maintenance.

Mrs. Bitting stated that an additional modification was that the ST390 tires would now cost \$150 per ton.

Mr. Berry exited the meeting via conference call.

Mrs. Bitting inquired as to whether the Board had any remarks.

Ms. Creech made a Motion that the Board not increase their salary and said the Board would maintain the current salary paying Board Members \$50 per meeting, the Board Chair \$60 per meeting, and the annual bonus would stay as is. There was a second by Mr. Jones. There being no further discussion, the Motion was carried.

Mrs. Bitting informed the Board that the funds resulting from the reduction of staff's cost of living adjustment had been transferred to the equipment contingency account. She stated that the \$130,000 was moved into the account.

Chairman Kemp commented that no one had signed up for Public Input and no one from the public was in attendance. He indicated the meeting would remain open until the allocated time of 10:30A.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There was no Public Input or further business to come before the Board during the Public Hearing. **Chairman Kemp made a Motion, seconded by Ms. Creech to adjourn the meeting.**

Minutes approved on May 27, 2025

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

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

ATTEST:

W. Norfleet Jones, Secretary

Amos C. Berry, Sr.

Pam J. Creech

_____(L. S.)
Wayne Fox

_____(L. S.)
Albert G. Hayward, Dr.

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Samuel T. Johnson, Jr.