

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.  
May 2, 2019**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 2, 2019, 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: Michael H. Hughes, Chairman; Bo Ives, Vice Chairman; Pam J. Creech, Treasurer; and Board Member Carl H. Schwartzkopf was present. Board Members J. Michael Campbell, Samuel T. Johnson, Jr. and W. Norfleet Jones were absent.

Steve Gosnell, Interim Horry County Administrator was present. Ms. Amelia Wood represented the public and there were no members of the media in attendance.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Danny Knight, Executive Director; Esther Murphy, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; and other staff members to include Nannette Powell and Cecil Terry.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Schwartzkopf to render the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Hughes asked for any revisions to the Agenda; however, there was none.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request**

Chairman Hughes stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public input regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 Draft Budget. Mr. Hughes opened the floor for Public Input and indicated the meeting would remain open for approximately ten (10) minutes.

**Amelia Wood** – Ms. Wood informed the group that she met with Mr. Danny Knight and Mrs. Jan Bitting to discuss several items in the FY2020 budget. She said her main concern was why the SWA wished to borrow \$20 Million from their Closure/Post Closure accounts. Ms. Wood commented that some of the funding would go toward the landfill gas expansion installation but in her opinion the landfill gas should not come from Closure/Post Closure accounts. She remarked that these accounts were for things that were happening at the time. Ms. Wood commented that she hoped the SWA could find an alternative to avoid borrowing the \$20 Million from the Closure/Post Closure accounts.

Ms. Wood mentioned that the 1187-acre property was intended for a construction and demolition landfill when it was first purchased. She commented that the project was discussed for several years and the SWA had obtained both state and federal permits for the wetland impact project. Ms. Wood remarked that the only reason why the permits were not approved was because the application process was never finalized. She commented that the piggyback construction and demolition landfill on top of the old lined MSW landfill which was already lined has worked well for some time.

Ms. Wood remarked that the state and federal permits for the wetlands impact was based on the condition that the construction and demolition landfill capacity had to be exhausted. She indicated that the construction and demolition landfill was at that point now. Ms. Wood commented that she was wondering why the SWA did not go back to the original plan or project. She stated she had not seen this discussed in the minutes. Ms. Wood commented that the 1187-acre property has 122 acres already cleared for use. She mentioned this site was twice as large as the current site.

Ms. Wood commented that the projected life of the landfill was 32 years and would hold up to 7.7 million cubic yards of material or debris. She mentioned that 99% of construction and demolition landfill permits were approved by DHEC. Ms. Wood asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Hughes thanked Ms. Wood for concerns and coming out to speaking at the Public Hearing. He appreciated her bringing her concerns to the Board's attention and would take everything into account.

Mr. Ives asked Mrs. Bitting if there were any changes to the FY2020 Budget. Mrs. Bitting remarked that the only revision would be to the Unincorporated Collection System or Fund 06. She commented that the SWA had to wait on Horry County's budget. Mrs. Bitting indicated that the overall change was from \$7,039,854 to \$6,703,668 and the SWA was waiting on final approval from Horry County Council.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the Board during the Public Hearing. **Mr. Campbell made a Motion, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried;** the Public Hearing adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Minutes approved on May 28, 2019.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (L. S.)  
Michael H. Hughes, Chairman

ATTEST:  
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J. Michael Campbell, Secretary

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Pam J. Creech

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