

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
June 2, 2026**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 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 Bo Ives, and Dr. Albert G. Hayward. Board Secretary Wayne Fox was not in attendance.

Horry County Assistant Administrator Shannon Todd 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 Trina Cooke, Katherine Bell and Monica Collier.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kemp called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Ives to render the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Kemp asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. **Mr. Berry moved to approve the Agenda as presented. There was a second by Ms. Creech and the Motion was carried.**

Public Input FY2027 Budget – Chairman Kemp opened the meeting and asked Mrs. Bitting to present a brief update on the FY2027 Budget.

Mrs. Bitting noted for the record that there were no changes to any of the budget figures. She stated that the only modification was a wording change in the capital budget that the existing \$300,000 allocation originally labeled for Landfill Expansion, Consulting, and Engineering would be updated to Landfill Transfer Station Analysis.

Mrs. Bitting stated following today's proceedings, staff would present the budget to the Board for final approval at the June Board Meeting.

Chairman Kemp stated for the record that the Public Input would remain open for a while to determine whether anyone would show up to speak.

Chairman Kemp reported that he had the pleasure of accompanying Mr. Marr and Mr. Morris on visits to the Twin Chimneys Landfill in Greenville County and the Three Rivers facility. He stated that at Twin Chimneys they observed the RNG facility from the outside, as they were not permitted to enter.

Chairman Kemp stated at Three Rivers, they viewed the evaporation system and received a detailed tour of the facility.

Chairman Kemp stated that he had visited three RNG facilities, and he found them to be noisy; however, he stated that the two facilities he visited last week could potentially be buffered to reduce noise. Chairman Kemp added that if the SWA were to consider such a system, noise improvement should be a requirement to ensure compliance with County noise limits at the property line.

Chairman Kemp also commented that the evaporation system appeared to have strong potential and indicated that the SWA should continue exploring both options. He stated that the quality of the SWA landfill far exceeded that of the others they visited.

Mr. Knight said he was impressed with the SWA landfill, stating that the previously shown video supported this. He added that he encouraged anyone interested to come for a tour.

Chairman Kemp formally acknowledged and commended staff for their hard work and dedication.

Ms. Creech commented that at the second site near Georgia, most of the land consisted of clay, and she observed large crevices along the sides.

Mr. Knight stated that when he first visited Three Rivers, the SWA was dealing with flow control issues, and he was amazed at the depth of the landfill. He added that staff had always been attentive to noise concerns.

Mr. Ives asked Ms. Creech whether they received a presentation on cost. Ms. Creech responded that they were unable to provide an estimate because the system would need to be evaluated specifically for the SWA, and all components would be custom-made.

Mr. Ives asked whether the facility retained all income from the gas produced. Ms. Creech explained that the SWA would receive a percentage, even though the company builds, maintains, and operates the system, with the amount depending on production levels.

Ms. Creech said she was impressed with the safety measures in place. She noted that they discussed gas management and pipeline connections.

Mr. Ives asked Mrs. Todd how much gas was currently being flared. Mrs. Todd stated that the average total flow was approximately 800 SCFM daily, and the amount flared depended on how many engines Santee Cooper was operating. Mrs. Todd stated whatever gas Santee Cooper did not use was diverted automatically. Mr. Ives asked how much the SWA was clearing; Mrs. Todd estimated around 200 SCFM. She added that staff promoted the use of one of the engines as much as possible.

Ms. Creech said she had two questions during the visit. She asked Mr. Morris what material from the incinerator returned to the landfill and discussed the chemical makeup and molecular breakdown. She requested that Mr. Morris further investigate the chemical reaction and the small amount of residual material. She also asked about the minimal condensation produced by the incinerator and requested clarification on its composition.

Mr. Ives noted that Ms. Creech seemed to believe the leachate and gas systems were combined. Mr. Marr clarified that water from the gas system flowed into the leachate system, which was consistent with current well operations. He added that the facility's landfill was similar in size and volume to the SWA's, meaning its performance could be comparable. Mr. Marr also explained that the facility managed its well field by installing numerous wells to maximize gas capture and reduce emissions.

Mr. Ives asked about the facility's relationship with DES. Mr. Marr stated that he believed the relationship was positive.

Dr. Hayward asked about the purpose of the incinerator exhaust pipe beyond condensation. Mr. Marr responded that, to his knowledge, it served no additional purpose. Dr. Hayward asked what was being exhausted; Mr. Marr stated that it was steam or water vapor, as all other materials had been removed. Dr. Hayward asked whether the vapor had been tested. Mr. Marr said that, to his knowledge, it had been tested and confirmed to be water vapor, and he offered to follow up on those questions.

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 Mr. Berry to adjourn the meeting.**

Minutes approved on June 23, 2026.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

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

ATTEST:

Wayne Fox, Secretary

Amos C. Berry, Sr.

Pam J. Creech

Albert G. Hayward, Dr.

Bo Ives

Vacant