

**A Report of the Recycling & Corporate Affairs Committee Meeting
April 10, 2017**

A meeting of the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee was held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. at the Authority's Administrative Office in 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 Committee Chairman Lance Thompson and Committee Members Pam Creech and Michael Hughes. Board Member Dan Gray was in attendance. Danny Knight, Executive Director and Directors Esther Murphy, Jan Bitting, Bill Hilling and Mike Bessant were in attendance. Other staff members included Kendra Hooks and Cecil Terry.

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order and Mr. Hughes rendered the invocation. Ms. Creech led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Thompson asked for any revisions to the Agenda as contained in the Agenda Packet; however, there were none.

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

Recycling Centers-Yard Waste Procedural Changes

Mr. Thompson then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Murphy. Mrs. Murphy commented that Mr. Knight had informed the County's I&R Committee of the need to eliminate the use of plastic bags in yard waste in order for the SWA to have a cleaner compost and mulch product. She indicated this was also discussed at the SWA February Board Meeting. Mrs. Murphy stated the Unincorporated Collection System Site Attendants have their quarterly meetings scheduled for April 11-12, 2017. She informed the Committee that the procedural changes would be discussed at each meeting. Mrs. Murphy commented SC DHEC assisted in the creation of the flyer that would be distributed to the residents of Horry County during April and May. She mentioned that the Public Education staff would also visit each center within the next three weeks and offer free yard waste paper bags as an alternative to the plastic bags. Mr. Thompson asked if the transition period would take longer than three weeks. Mrs. Murphy commented that June 1, 2017 would be the target date to let residents know that the Horry County Recycling Centers would no longer accept plastic bags in their yard waste. Mr. Thompson asked when the landfill would stop taking plastic bags in yard waste. Mr. Knight indicated the SWA would start informing the public at the 24 recycling centers throughout Horry County then inform the private sector through the haulers meeting with discussion regarding the tarping situation and restrictions on plastic bags in yard waste. Ms. Creech commented that the SWA needed to send each municipality a flyer. Mrs. Murphy stated each municipality could contact SC DHEC and have flyers customized specifically to each municipality's recycling programs. Mr. Hughes asked where would the residents purchase the bags. Mrs. Murphy indicated that Lowes and Home Depot carried the large paper bags for the yard waste.

Coastal Carolina University Game Sponsorship Update

Mrs. Murphy stated on Sunday, March 26, 2017 the SWA sponsored the Coastal Carolina University Baseball game against Arkansas State. She commented the sponsorship gave the SWA the opportunity to communicate with all age groups. Mrs. Murphy stated the exposure was great having both the video board and the radio announcements. Mrs. Murphy said she and staff member Cecil Terry distributed giveaways made from recycled material to individuals who visited the table. She indicated that Mrs. Jan Bitting the Director of Finance had the opportunity to throw the first pitch. Mrs. Murphy commented the opportunity for a sponsorship was very beneficial for the SWA and she was considering a sponsorship of a football game in the fall. Mr. Thompson remarked this was a great partnership and felt extremely proud to hear and see the broadcasting of the SWA and its recycling message throughout the game.

Carolina Recycling Association Conference Update

Mrs. Murphy indicated the conference was great and asked Ms. Creech if she wanted to comment. Ms. Creech commented on the presentation made by North Carolina Keep America Beautiful. She informed the group the NC Keep America Beautiful worked with the litter pick-up and recycling but they did not recycle the litter. Ms. Creech stated that sculptor Jim Swain attended the conference. She commented she liked the presentation on zero waste. Mr. Thompson stated that other counties have problems with the glass collection as well. Mr. Hughes stated that the SWA was well known for the great work in the recycling industry and everyone he spoke to had positive comments about the organization. Ms. Creech informed the group that Mr. Bo Ives the SWA newest Board Member, was the president of Keep Horry County Beautiful. She stated he gave a presentation to Horry County Council and included the amount of litter picked up along Highway 90 by the SWA. Ms. Creech indicated the Keep Horry County Beautiful committee received a grant to purchase tarps and would distribute them to Horry County residents.

City of Conway Recycling Interview Update

Ms. Creech stated she met with Conway Mayor Barbara Blain-Bellamy and did a 30-minute interview. She commented Mayor Blain-Bellamy wanted to discuss the recycling programs for the City of Conway. Ms. Creech indicated the interview would educate the residents on the benefits of recycling and keeping down disposal costs. She stated the City of Conway does a great job with its recycling efforts and was hoping to do more. Ms. Creech said the interview could be seen on the City of Conway's Facebook page. She informed the group a series of interviews would take place. Ms. Creech commented she hoped to involve the children and teachers in this process. She asked the Board Members if they were interested in doing any interviews. Mr. Hughes mentioned he was interested. Mrs. Murphy commented she also spoke with the Mayor and indicated she had always been an advocate for recycling in the City of Conway.

Commodities Update

Mr. Knight stated the downside of recycling was when commodity prices decreased. He asked Mr. Bessant to comment. Mr. Bessant stated that commodity prices had decreased drastically. He indicated vendors were offering the lowest prices possible. Mr. Bessant commented he would have to stockpile fiber material because most of the vendors were not purchasing material at this time. He remarked that China was back logged at the present time. Mr. Bessant indicated that

Charleston County would pay the SWA this month. Ms. Creech commented the MRF needed to look for extra storage space.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 9:40 a.m.