

A Report of the Recycling & Corporate Affairs Committee Meeting September 13, 2022

A meeting of the Recycling & Corporate Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 11:00 A.M. at the Solid Waste 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 Michael H. Hughes, and Committee Members Carl Schwartzkopf and W. Norfleet Jones. Danny Knight, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Ed Marr and Directors Esther Murphy, Jan Bitting, Mike Bessant were in attendance. Other staff included Monica Collier. There were no members of the public or media in attendance.

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

Mr. Jones moved to approve the Agenda as presented. There was a second by Mr. Schwarzkopf and the Motion was carried.

SWA RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Murphy reported during the months of August and September 2022, the SWA Recycling Grant Review Committee (Bessant, Bitting, Knight, Marr, and Murphy) received and reviewed four (4) SWA Recycling Grant requests from the following applicants:

Sangreeni Systems LLC

Mrs. Murphy stated that Sangreeni Systems LLC is a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) founded and based in Horry County. She said Sangreeni Systems intent is to create an infrastructure for commercial and residential food waste collection in Horry County. Mrs. Murphy stated the targeted source of food waste would be private residences, businesses, and governmental agencies. She indicated Sangreeni Systems LLC submitted a Recycling Grant application requesting \$10,000 in funding to purchase roll-cart collection containers for their program.

Mrs. Murphy reported that the Sangreeni Systems program was still in the implementation stage and was not currently in operation. She stated it was the Grant Review Committee's recommendation that the application be placed into a pending status until such time as Sangreeni Systems LLC has begun operations, but no later than April 1, 2023.

Mr. Jones asked Chairman Hughes if he preferred to handle each grant request one at a time. Chairman Hughes commented he preferred that each was handled individually.

Mr. Jones made a Motion to recommend to the full Board that the grant application submitted by Sangreeni Systems LLC to be placed in pending status until such time as they have begun operations but no later than April 1, 2023. There was a second by Mr. Schwartzkopf and the Motion was carried.

Mr. Hughes asked Mrs. Murphy what would happen to the food waste once it was collected. Mrs. Murphy advised the group that it would be sent to the SWA's food waste collection facility. Mr. Knight reported once the applicants submit their invoices to the SWA, they will be reimbursed for purchases made.

City of Conway – Recycling Roll – Carts

Mrs. Murphy stated that the City of Conway submitted a Recycling Grant application requesting \$10,000 in funding to purchase recycling roll-carts to supplement their existing curbside collection program. She reported for the past several years the City of Conway has been replacing existing 18-gallon recycling bins with 65-gallon roll-carts. She said this grant will assist with the purchase of approximately 200 additional 65-gallon roll-carts. Mrs. Murphy indicated that the carts would primarily be used for residential recycling. She said since replacing 18-gallon bins with roll-carts, the City has had recycling rates increase anywhere from 15% to 28%. Mrs. Murphy said that she believes the City of Conway anticipates a similar level of increased as gained in previous years with the addition of new roll-carts.

Mr. Hughes asked if the City of Conway wanted to replace the 18-gallon roll carts or did they want additional carts. Mrs. Murphy commented the goal was to replace the 18-gallon bins with 65-gallon roll carts.

Mr. Jones made a Motion to recommend the full Board approval of the grant application submitted by the City of Conway to replace existing 18-gallon recycling bins with 65-gallon roll-carts in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. There was a second by Mr. Schwartzkopf and the Motion was carried.

Smart Recycling – Food Waste Recycling Roll – Carts

Mrs. Murphy stated that Smart Recycling has provided food waste collection services to schools in Horry County since 2016. She stated that Smart Recycling submitted a Recycling Grant application requesting \$10,000 in funding to expand their food waste collection program by focusing on multi-family residential housing complexes as well as continuing to increase food waste recycling at schools. Mrs. Murphy reported that Smart Recycling was requesting to purchase additional recycling carts and in-home collection containers. Mrs. Murphy indicated that Smart Recycling anticipated doubling the amount of organic waste currently being collected.

Mr. Schwartzkopf made a Motion to recommend to the full Board approval of the grant application submitted by Smart Recycling to purchase additional recycling carts and in-home collection containers in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. There was a second by Mr. Jones and the Motion was carried.

Spokes of Hope – Food Waste Diversion Program

Mrs. Murphy stated that Spokes of Hope (SOH) is a local non-profit organization that aids those in need in Horry County. She said that SOH recently implemented the "Horry Eats" program, which diverts a large portion of food from landfill disposal to the food insecure population of Horry County. Mrs. Murphy said that SOH picks up almost 1,000 pounds of food each week and provides meals for over 100 families each week. Mrs. Murphy advised the group that SOH requested \$10,000 to purchase an additional oven and other kitchen equipment. She indicated that

SOH anticipates the amount of food being diverted from the landfill will increase to 5,000 pounds per week

Mr. Hughes applauded SOH for doing something different and being able to feed the community. Mr. Knight reported that North Myrtle Beach Rotary Club purchased flash freezers for SOH and the program was up and running. General Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jones made a Motion to recommend to the full Board approval of the grant application submitted by Spokes of Hope to purchase a commercial oven and other kitchen equipment in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. There was a second by Mr. Schwartzkopf and the Motion was carried.

Mrs. Murphy informed the group that in the grant proposal form, grantees are required to complete and submit bi-monthly reports detailing the progress made on the project. She stated that all grants are reimbursable with grant funds being reimbursed once receipts and documentation are received by the SWA to verify actual project costs. Mrs. Murphy said that only approved, allowable project expenses will be reimbursed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 11:15 a.m.