

**A Report of the Recycling & Corporate Affairs Committee Meeting
May 8, 2017**

A meeting of the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee was held on Monday, May 8, 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. Danny Knight, Executive Director and Directors Esther Murphy, Jan Bitting and Bill Hilling were in attendance. Other staff members included Cecil Terry.

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order and Mr. Hughes rendered the invocation. Mr. Thompson 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.

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

Horry County Library – “Build A Better World”

Mr. Thompson then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Murphy. Mrs. Murphy commented that Ms. Creech learned that the Conway Library was offering a summer program that would focus on recycling and asked the SWA staff to contact them. She indicated that she and staff held a conference call with Horry County Library staff. Mrs. Murphy said that the summer programs at all Horry County libraries would focus on the “Build a Better World” theme. She stated staff would attend a district meeting on May 11, 2017, to offer program suggestions and to discuss how the SWA could assist with these programs.

Mr. Thompson asked if the students registered for activities or just dropped in. Mrs. Murphy commented she did not know but would ask. Ms. Creech said she visited the library to find out if the SWA could place information in their public display cases. Mr. Hughes asked if this program would be in each library. Mrs. Murphy commented each library would have a summer program that would incorporate the “Build a Better World” theme. Ms. Creech asked Mrs. Murphy if she informed the Conway Mayor's office. Mrs. Murphy commented she had spoken with the Mayor and would speak to her again this week. Mr. Thompson indicated he thought this was great way to participate and get the word out.

Blog Paws Conference 2017

Mrs. Murphy stated the BlogPaws conference was a social media company that focused on teaching pet enthusiasts and all pet parents how to use social media effectively and responsibly. She stated each year BlogPaws hosts an annual conference and this year it was being held in Myrtle Beach on May 17-20, 2017.

Mrs. Murphy stated one of the goals for the conference planners was to have a zero waste conference. Mrs. Murphy indicated SWA staff was assisting Mr. Ed Marr, Sanitation Manager for the City of Myrtle Beach, with the solid waste and recycling planning. She commented the SWA was providing event recycling receptacles for the event as well as providing training for food waste composting.

Mr. Thompson was glad the SWA could be of assistance and was glad that pet owners were taking the responsibility for their pets. Mr. Hughes asked where the conference was being held. Mrs. Murphy replied at the Sheraton Hotel/Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Ms. Creech hoped they would be using composting bags for pet waste. Mrs. Murphy commented the pet waste would not be disposed of in Municipal Solid Waste.

CCU Sale

Mr. Thompson asked Mrs. Murphy about the flea market sale that Coastal Carolina University was having that he read about in the newspaper. Mrs. Murphy stated that most colleges have sustainability programs which allow for the sale of various items students may not want to take back home at the end of the school year. She indicated items not sold were donated to the Good Will or area Salvation Army. Mr. Thompson asked who received the funds for the programs. Mrs. Murphy replied she did not know and would check.

Commodities Pricing

Mr. Thompson asked Mrs. Murphy about the commodity pricing. Mrs. Murphy commented she did not have any information on commodities pricing.

Mr. Knight informed the group that on May 15, 2017 that Charleston County would have a groundbreaking ceremony for their MRF facility. He asked the Committee if they wanted to attend. Mrs. Murphy commented there was a Finance and Administration Committee Meeting on May 15, at 10am. Mr. Thompson stated the Committee meeting could be rescheduled. He indicated Tuesday, May 16, 2017 late afternoon would be fine.

Mrs. Murphy reminded the group of the SC SWANA Conference in Pawleys Island starting on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 9:20 a.m.