

**A Report of the Recycling & Corporate Affairs Committee Meeting
September 17, 2019**

A meeting of the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 10:00 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 Carl Schwartzkopf and Committee Members Pam Creech and Bo Ives. Danny Knight, Executive Director and Directors Esther Murphy, Jan Bitting and Mike Bessant were in attendance. Other staff included Cecil Terry. There were no members of the public or media in attendance.

Mr. Schwartzkopf called the meeting to order and rendered the invocation. Mr. Ives led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Schwartzkopf 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. Ives and the Motion was carried.

SWA RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION CONSIDERATION

The City of North Myrtle Beach

Mr. Schwartzkopf stated that the SWA received a grant application from the City of North Myrtle Beach. He informed the Committee that the City of North Myrtle Beach was requesting grant funding to purchase five (5) recycling igloos.

Ms. Creech made a Motion that the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee recommend to the full Board approval of the grant application submitted by the City of North Myrtle Beach to purchase recycling igloos in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. There was a second by Mr. Ives and the Motion carried.

Ms. Creech commented that she appreciated the City of North Myrtle Beach requesting funds for more igloos. Mr. Ives remarked that the City of North Myrtle Beach gave an excellent presentation when they attended the June Board Meeting and explained what the grant funding was used for.

Curbside Compost & Recycling

Mr. Schwartzkopf informed the group that Curbside Compost & Recycling (CCR) was a local company that offered recycling and food waste collection services. He said they were requesting funding to purchase a dump trailer and to develop a public education/marketing plan. Mr. Knight asked Mrs. Murphy to give the Committee a brief overview of CCR.

Mrs. Murphy indicated that Mr. Bessant, Mrs. Todd and herself met with Curbside Compost & Recycling which is a new company that offered recycling and food waste collection services to businesses in Horry and Georgetown Counties. She commented that the company would target

multi-family residents. Mrs. Murphy stated the company was asking for funding to purchase a dump trailer and to develop a public education/marketing plan. She explained the company wanted to expand their existing food waste collection program into multi-family communities in Horry County. Mrs. Murphy mentioned that CCR was currently collecting food waste from Coastal Carolina University sporting events.

Ms. Creech asked about the company's longevity and what happens to the equipment if CCR goes out of business. Mrs. Murphy indicated as stated in the grant application, that once the company has purchased these items and then the grant funding is reimbursed to the company the items or equipment belong to that company.

Mr. Ives made a Motion that the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee recommend to the full Board approval of the grant application submitted by the Curbside Compost & Recycling to purchase a dump trailer and to develop a public education/marketing plan in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. There was a second by Ms. Creech and the Motion carried.

Smart Recycling

Mr. Schwartzkopf stated that Smart Recycling was based out of Charleston County and provided food waste collection services to several schools in Horry County. He commented that Smart Recycling was requesting funding to purchase 50 organic waste recycling carts to expand their existing program. Mr. Ives asked if the containers were the same kind currently used by the schools. Mrs. Murphy indicated they were.

General discussion followed on Smart Recycling's current operation and their plans for expansion. Mr. Bessant indicated they had some operational issues that they were working out. Mrs. Murphy said based on their application it is their intent to begin to pick up food waste from middle and high schools.

Ms. Creech made a Motion that the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee recommend to the full Board approval of the grant application submitted by the Smart Recycling to purchase 50 organic waste recycling carts in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. There was a second by Mr. Ives and the Motion carried

General discussion ensued about the recycling bags that were distributed at the August Board Meeting. The Committee offered several suggestions of distribution on the recycling bags. Mrs. Murphy commented that staff would give away the bags at America Recycles Day events at the 24 recycling centers throughout Horry County. Comments were made again about television advertisement on the local stations and having segments that emphasized public awareness on the recycling programs by the SWA. The Committee suggested topics that could be highlighted such as the 168 days of airspace savings through the diversion recycling programs. Discussion was held on developing educational and business programs and working with the area Chamber of Commerce and other organizations to further educate the public about the recycling efforts in Horry County.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 10:45 a.m.