

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
March 26, 2019**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 5:30 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: Michael H. Hughes, Chairman; Bo Ives, Vice Chairman; J. Michael Campbell, Secretary; Pam J. Creech, Treasurer. Board Members Samuel T. Johnson, Jr., W. Norfleet Jones and Carl H. Schwartzkopf.

Steve Gosnell, Director of Horry County Infrastructure and Regulation was present. Ms. Amelia Wood represented the public in attendance there were no members of the media in attendance.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Danny Knight, Executive Director; Esther Murphy, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; Mike Bessant, Director; and other staff members to include Nannette Powell, Cecil Terry and Stephanie Todd.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order and Ms. Creech rendered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Hughes asked for any revisions to the Agenda as contained in the Agenda Packet.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hughes asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the February Board Meeting held on February 26, 2019, as contained in the Agenda Packet; however there were none.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2019 Board Meeting. There was a second by Mr. Schwartzkopf. There being no further discussion, the Motion was carried.

Chairman Hughes asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Budget Workshop held on March 12, 2019, as contained in the Agenda Packet; however there were none.

Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve the Minutes of the Budget Workshop held on March 12, 2019. There was a second by Mr. Campbell. There being no further discussion, the Motion was carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Amelia Wood thanked the Board for bringing up the subject of the coal ash from Santee Cooper that was discussed during the Roundtable Discussion at the February 26, 2019, Board Meeting. She

commented the Board was unanimous in not wanting the coal ash to use for daily cover. Ms. Wood said that she was concerned about any contamination that may have been in the soil. She commented the Board acted like this was new information. Ms. Wood said the Board had trouble deciding if this should be in Old or New Business. She commented she was surprised this had not been discussed before now. Ms. Wood indicated last year she was trying to reconcile some figures that were in the plan. She said she was seeing things that did not coincide with what DHEC had. Ms. Wood said she requested a copy of the SWA's permit from DHEC which stated that the SWA was permitted to take the coal ash residual for daily cover.

Ms. Wood commented that Mr. Bessant took her on a tour of the landfill. She asked the Board when did the SWA start taking the coal ash. Ms. Wood commented the landfill started taking this material in February 2017 for daily cover. She said she contacted Jane Hood, Vice President of Environmental/Water Systems, with Santee Cooper and sent an email in October. She stated that from February 2017 through August 2018 the SWA took 49,515 tons of material. Ms. Wood wondered if the Board knew the landfill was taking this material for daily cover. She commented that some landfill staff should have known because it had to be approved by the administration. Ms. Wood indicated she reviewed the minutes and there was no discussion before now. She appreciated the Board discussing this now and wanted to put this on the record. Ms. Wood thanked the Board for not taking the material anymore. Chairman Hughes thanked Ms. Wood for her concerns.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Recycling and Corporate Affairs Update – Mrs. Murphy offered an update of various projects in the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Division that were included as pages 21-30 in the Board Packet.

2018-2019 Grinding of the Greens Program Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that Horry Electric Cooperative again partnered with SWA for the Annual Grinding of the Greens campaign. She stated that 4,300 trees were collected and recycled into Christmas tree mulch. Mrs. Murphy commented that this annual event was advertised through print media and over 1,300 public service announcements which ran on local television stations promoting the program.

Spotlight on Environmental Awareness – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board the SWA contacted it's first recipients of the Spotlight on Environmental Awareness program. She commented that Benjamin's Bakery, H&M Group and Lowe's Food Store practices and encourages recycling as well as sustainable programs throughout the community. Mrs. Murphy stated the next SEA recipients would be announced on July 1, 2019.

Caught Green Handed Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the group the February "Caught Green Handed" winner was Ms. Claire Ferrill. She indicated that Ms. Ferrill used the Jackson Bluff Recycling Center. Mrs. Murphy stated Ms. Ferrill received a SWA prize pack and media recognition.

Upcoming Events Information – Mrs. Murphy stated that the Board Packet contained a list of upcoming events. She informed the group of the following events:

- CCU Baseball Sponsorship on March 27, 2019
- SCPRA Network Luncheon on March 28, 2019
- Smart Gardner Workshop on April 16-17, 2019
- Earth Day with the City of Conway at Collins Park

Financial Reports

Mrs. Bitting offered an update of the following which was included as page 31-45 in the Board Packet.

Monthly Finance Reports – Mrs. Bitting stated for the period ending February 28, 2019 the SWA revenue should be at 66.64% of budget. She indicated MSW revenue was at 69.93% of budget. Mrs. Bitting stated Construction and Demolition revenue was at 69.49% of budget and Yard Waste revenue was at 67.69% of budget. She stated the sale of recyclables revenue was at 53.02% of budget. Mrs. Bitting stated the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility revenue for February was \$307,690.07 and expenses were \$407,091.76 with airspace saved equating to 41.59 days. Mrs. Bitting commented the MRF revenue year-to-date was \$3,104,892.14 and the expenses year-to-date were \$3,586,270.99 with a savings of 48.95 days of airspace. She indicated net income for February was \$335,410.90 and year-to-date was \$2,665,573.51.

Operations Update

Mr. Bessant presented the following update which was included as pages 46-59 of the Board Packet.

Landfill Update – Mr. Bessant presented a video of the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill and Construction and Demolition Landfill using the SWA's drone. He commented the fly over showed clear pictures of the landfill and its operations. Mr. Bessant congratulated Mrs. Todd on becoming a Certified Landfill Manager.

MRF Update – Mr. Bessant stated that the MRF tonnage has decreased 60% since the cancellation of the Charleston County contract. He commented that the MRF tipping floor would be refinished the weekend of April 4-7, 2019. Mr. Bessant indicated that at least 6,600 square feet of the MRF tipping floor has been resurfaced. He informed the group that he and staff had negotiated a performance/payment bond with a two (2) year warranty. Mr. Campbell asked about the warranty from the first company that resurfaced the floor. Mr. Bessant replied that staff had withheld payment from the vendor until SWA was satisfied with the work. He commented this would be a \$400,000 project when completed.

MRF Storage Building – Mr. Bessant informed the group that construction has started on the storage building the concrete for the floor and the ramp had been poured. He commented that construction would start in April as soon as the plans were approved by the Horry County Building department.

MRF Retrofit/Update – Mr. Bessant commented that the contract for the MRF Retrofit and Upgrade had been finalized. He explained the ongoing process of discussing the composition of the recyclable stream and said the makeup of the stream would determine the acceptance testing at the end. He indicated that the SWA staff would be reviewing what percentage of the waste stream to processed.

Chairman Hughes asked if Mr. Bessant and staff were still stockpiling material. Mr. Bessant replied that the MRF was not stockpiling material due the refinishing of the tipping floors and the limited amount of space.

Driver of the Month Update – Mr. Bessant stated the February Driver of the Month was Chad White from the Central Carolina Holding. Mr. Bessant commented Mr. White has been driving

for 17 years. He informed the group that Central Carolina Holding transported the tires for disposal. Mr. Bessant commented that Mr. White worked well with staff.

Executive Director Update

Mr. Knight offered an update of the following which was included as pages 60-65 in the Board Packet.

Solid Waste Management Plan Draft Update – Mr. Knight informed the Board that the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) has been approved by Horry County Council. He indicated that the SWMP was submitted to DHEC. Mr. Knight stated that the Demonstration of Need and Letter of Consistency had been submitted as well.

General discussion ensued from Mr. Knight and the Board about the tours and seminars such as: the Boeing Tour Waste to Energy, Food Waste and Back to Basics. The group commented on how to incorporate some of the ideas from the Carolina Recycling Association Conference into the SWA daily operations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports to come before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

- a **The Store** – Chairman Hughes charged Mr. Schwartzkopf with the task of doing an analysis on The Store. He asked Mr. Schwartzkopf if he would like to choose his own committee. Mr. Schwartzkopf stated he selected Mr. Ives and Mr. Jones for the committee and would meet within the next two weeks.

Chairman Hughes commented that the Board needed a full accounting of all the cost associated with operating The Store. Mr. Knight stated he had an appraisal, layout of the property and the square footage for the buildings. He asked the group to please let staff know if anyone had any questions prior to the meeting. Mr. Ives asked Mrs. Bitting for a full accounting or specific details of the complete operation and expenses for The Store and what income was derived from the operation.

Chairman Hughes commented on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SWA and Horry County Council on Aging. He indicated the MOU specified the responsibilities and obligations that the SWA had to The Store.

Mr. Ives asked Chairman Hughes if he was copied on the letter from Santee Cooper on the use of the coal ash hoping the SWA would reconsider. He asked Chairman Hughes if he was drafting a response. Chairman Hughes commented that Santee Cooper asked the Board to reconsider its position to take the coal ash for daily cover. He indicated that Santee Cooper has agreed to do some additional testing to the soil. Chairman Hughes stated the Board decision had not changed regarding the soil but he would draft a letter and send it to them.

NEW BUSINESS.

- a. **Roundtable Discussion** – Ms. Creech commented that during the Boeing tour she observed a demonstration of a construction and demolition grinder. She indicated that the Diversion Committee needed to see the machine in operation. Ms. Creech commented she would like to see a grinder that has been operational for at least one year. Mr. Knight remarked that the Sandlands

Landfill was having a demonstration of a construction and demolition grinder at their facility on April 3, 2019. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Bessant if he knew the compaction rate on the machine. Mr. Bessant commented that the salesman was sending him literature on the machine. Mr. Johnson asked how many days of landfill airspace would this save. Mr. Bessant commented that the SWA engineer would review this information and give the actual savings. He indicated in the late 90's the SWA had a test done with machine ground construction and demolition material. Mr. Bessant contacted Mr. Moore to learn the results so he could review the information. He stated that Mr. Moore would forward the information to him.

Mr. Bessant indicated that the machine would grind up to 80 tons per hour. Mr. Bessant commented he received a quote of \$900,000 for the grinder. He indicated the closest machine for a demonstration was in Chicago. Ms. Creech asked if there was one closer. Mr. Bessant commented that staff was looking into this. Chairman Hughes asked what was the cost saving in tonnage for 41 days of airspace in dollar amount. He commented if this equated to the cost and the operation of buying equipment. Mr. Johnson asked if this would create 45% less material and compact better would that create more airspace saving. Mr. Bessant stated he would talk to Mr. Moore about the test and bring the information back to the Board.

Mr. Johnson indicated that he had sent an email about using Roundup at the Dog Bluff Center. Mrs. Murphy answered that matter had been addressed

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Ives moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried** and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Minutes approved on April 23, 2019.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

BY: _____ (L. S.)
Michael H. Hughes, Chairman

ATTEST:
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J. Michael Campbell, Secretary

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