

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
May 26, 2015**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 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: James H. Cokley, Chairman; M. Lance Thompson, Vice Chairman; J. Michael Campbell, Secretary; W. Norfleet Jones, Treasurer; and Board Members Pam J. Creech, Dan P. Gray and John R. Long II.

Steve Gosnell, Director of Horry County Infrastructure and Regulation and Michael Hughes, Highway 90 Liaison were absent. Bradley Blanton, Patrick Blanton, Tanya Blanton, Bouloy Fulmer, Dennis Fulmer, Vance Moore of Garrett and Moore Engineering and Donnie Ray of A.O. Hardee 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; Mike Bessant, Assistant Executive Director; Esther Murphy, Director; Bill Hilling, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; and other staff members to include Chris Calhoun, Rodney Cannon, Victoria Johnson, Wayne Martin, Nannette Powell, Richie Stetter, Cecil Terry, and Susie Wofford.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cokley called the meeting to order and rendered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Cokley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Cokley 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. Campbell and the Motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Cokley asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 30, 2015 and the Public Hearing held on May 21, 2015 as contained in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 30, 2015 and the Public Hearing held on May 21, 2015. There was a second by Mr. Long and the Motion was carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Dennis Fulmer, a Highway 90 resident expressed concerns about trash coming by way of Business 501 to Highway 90. Mr. Fulmer expressed concerns about debris during the tourist season hauled to the landfill. He indicated during the summer months a copious amount of trash such as tires, mattresses and household trash in general are discarded along Highway 90. Mr. Fulmer said

he had appealed to Horry County Council for help with this matter. He stated Mr. Knight and the SWA have done a good job with the cleanup on Highway 90; however, more effort was needed with the impending summer season approaching. Mr. Knight commented that staff would make every effort to keep trash off of the highway. Mr. Knight asked Mr. Fulmer to call if he had any problems or concerns and the matter would be taken care of.

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 15-22 in the Board Packet.

2014-2015 Talkin' Trash Update – Mrs. Murphy stated on May 12th, 13th, and 14th the Talkin' Trash program concluded for the school year with the grand finale field trips to Ripley's Aquarium. She stated fourth graders from Conway Elementary, Kingston Elementary and Burgess Elementary Schools were the grand finale winners and indicated about 325 students attended the field trip. She recognized Ocean Drive Elementary School as the new school participant this year and awarded them with a new laptop computer and recycled content prizes for each student. Mrs. Murphy thanked Mr. Cannon, Mrs. Hooks, Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Terry for their efforts in overseeing this event.

2015 Recycling Student of the Year Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that Patrick Blanton was this year's Recycling Student of the Year. She stated Patrick Blanton was a fourth grader at Daisy Elementary School. Mrs. Murphy asked Mr. Blanton if he would like to speak. Mr. Patrick Blanton addressed the Board and thanked the SWA for encouraging students to recycle. He was awarded a prize pack from the SWA which included an electronic reading device, a plaque, and recycled content school supplies.

Caught Green Handed Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the group the May "Caught Green Handed" winner was Ms. Trudy Martin and her son Mr. Randy Martin. She indicated that Ms. Martin was a resident of the Longs community and used the North Myrtle Beach Recycling Center. Mrs. Murphy indicated Ms. Martin received a SWA prize pack and media recognition.

Operations and Planning Update

Mr. Hilling offered an update of the following which was included as pages 23-29 in the Board Packet.

East Hill Closure Update – Mr. Hilling informed the Board the East Hill Closure project was complete. He stated the last 9 acres was seeded and cleanup had started. Mr. Hilling indicated the leak detection survey would begin June 4, 2015. He stated the survey would be completed before the next Board meeting.

Piggyback Expansion Update – Mr. Hilling informed the group that the Piggyback Expansion would be discussed in detail during the Committee report portion of the meeting. Mr. Thompson asked about the amount of debris picked up along Highway 90. Mr. Hilling explained the total figures would be given for the end of the fiscal year in June.

Finance and Administration Update

Mrs. Bitting presented the Finance & Administration reports to the Board, which were included as Pages 30-49 in the Board Packet.

Monthly Finance Reports – Mrs. Bitting reviewed the revenue percentages for April 2015 and explained revenue was at 83.00% of budget. Mrs. Bitting indicated MSW revenue was at 85.26 % of budget. She stated C&D revenue was at 89.08% of budget and yard waste revenue was at 82.34% of budget. Mrs. Bitting indicated the sale of recyclable material was below budget at 66.99%. She stated the C&D Processing Facility had saved 40.86 days of airspace and the MRF had saved 81.54 days of airspace. Mr. Gray asked if recyclable sales for FY2014 were \$2.4 Million and if FY2015 sales were less than \$2.1 Million. He asked if the C&D Processing Facility year-to-date expense was \$323,000 and revenue year-to-date was \$88,000. Mrs. Bitting explained the operational and overhead cost to maintain the facility. She stated the C&D Processing Facility did not process the same volume of material as the MRF. She indicated the \$88,000 was for the sale of recycled material and the tipping fees generated for the C&D Processing Facility year-to-date was \$174,391. Mrs. Bitting indicated revenue over expenses for April was \$58,193.10 and year-to-date revenue over expenses was \$596,043.17. She indicated the C&D Processing Facility year-to-date recycling rate was 75% of the material diverted into the facility. Mr. Gray asked how many trucks were being processed at the facility and how many trucks were sent to the C&D landfill. Mrs. Bitting informed Mr. Gray she would have that information at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Bitting stated staff was making every effort to keeping their respective division expenditures under budget.

Scrap Metal Bid Update – Mrs. Bitting explained to the group there were two scrap metal bids received they were from Waccamaw Metal and Allen’s Scrap Metal. She stated the scrap metal was collected at the recycling centers and the landfill. Mrs. Bitting indicated the SWA currently had a contract with Waccamaw Metal. She stated based on the AMA published pricing, Waccamaw Metal percentage price was 57.50% and Allen’s Scrap Metal was 48.69%. Mrs. Bitting indicated the SWA accepted the Waccamaw Metal proposal for one (1) year with the option to renew for four (4) successive terms of one year each.

Special Projects & Governmental Affairs Update

Mr. Bessant presented the following update which was included as pages 50-51 of the Board Packet.

Recycling Incentive Programs Update – Concerning the recycling incentives, Mr. Bessant indicated the following incentives were given by the SWA for FY2015: MSW Recycling \$207,690.89, C&D Recycling Facility \$53,718.50, totaling \$261,409.39. He stated the total remaining incentive FY2015 for SWA customers was \$27,250.60. Mr. Bessant reminded the Board after the approval of the FY2016 budget, there would be a 30% reduction in MSW recycling incentive credit to customers. He stated this was necessary to balance the FY2016 budget.

Legislative Update – Mr. Bessant commented about the information sent to the Board on upcoming solid waste legislation from Beam and Associates. He informed the Board that Wayne Beam was monitoring the waste legislation in Columbia. Ms. Creech asked if Mr. Beam was monitoring the SC DHEC regulations. Mr. Bessant stated he received a monthly update from Beam and Associates.

Executive Director Update

Mr. Knight briefly discussed the following item with the Board on Page 52 in the Board Packet.

SC Spring SWANA Conference Update – Mr. Knight commented he was glad several Board Members attended the SWANA Pawleys Island Conference this year. He indicated he was very impressed with a presentation given by Mr. Vance Moore and Mr. Paul King on landfills. Mr. Knight stated the conference had good information and a great opportunity to network.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nomination Committee – Committee Chairman John Long stated the Nominations Committee met on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 4:00P.M. Mr. Long, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Campbell were appointed to the Nomination Committee. He stated the Committee discussed the nominees for Board Officers (2015-2016). After some discussion, the Committee determined a slate of nominees to present at the Annual Board Meeting.

Chairman:	M. Lance Thompson
Vice Chairman:	Pam J. Creech
Secretary:	J. Michael Campbell
Treasurer:	W. Norfleet Jones

Chairman Cokley asked if there were any questions. Mr. Gray stated there was no discussion at the Committee Meeting which he said lasted 2.2 minutes. Mr. Gray said he watched the tape twice and Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. Thompson for Chairman and Ms. Creech for Vice Chairman. He commented Mr. Thompson nominated Mr. Campbell for Secretary and Mr. Jones for Treasurer. Mr. Gray stated he asked the Committee to vote on each person separately but the Committee did not. Chairman Cokley explained to Mr. Gray that the Committee met in order to bring back a report for information purposes only and the voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in June.

Mr. Long moved to receive the Nominations Committee Report as information only. There was a second by Mr. Campbell and the Motion carried.

Operations and Planning Committee Meeting – Committee Chairman Michael Campbell stated the Operations and Planning Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. He indicated the Committee was recommending the lowest responsive bidder as per the recommendation from Garrett and Moore Consultants. Mr. Campbell stated the Committee recommended Southeast Environmental Contracting for the Piggyback Expansion project. Mr. Gray indicated he disagreed with the Committee's finding and felt A. O. Hardee should have been awarded the bid since they were a local company and the most qualified. Mr. Long asked Mr. Moore if he thought A. O. Hardee was the most qualified to receive the bid. Mr. Moore replied A. O. Hardee was not the most qualified to receive the bid. Ms. Creech stated she studied the four (4) bids and Southeast Environmental was the lowest responsive bid. She said they had over 30 years of experience on piggyback and gas systems and felt they were the most qualified to receive the bid. Mr. Jones said personally he would award a local company the bid but asked about the legal aspect. Staff Attorney Emma Ruth Brittain explained the difficulty in defending a potential claim brought by the company that was the responsive low bidder based on the qualifications. She stated since Southeast Environmental had the lowest bid amount, was responsive and responsible, this bid would be difficult to dispute. Mr. Jones asked about the policy. Mrs. Brittain indicated the terms and conditions of the bid packet were the instructions or rules for this project and were accepted and evaluated for the bid. Chairman Cokley stated the only justification for awarding the bid to A. O. Hardee would be because the company was a local vendor. He commented this was not legal and the company did not have the experience or qualifications.

Mr. Campbell moved that Southeast Environmental Contracting receive the bid for the Piggyback Expansion Project being the lowest and most responsive bidder as recommended by Garrett and Moore Consultants. There was a second by Mr. Thompson and the Motion carried with Mr. Gray voting in opposition.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Consideration** – Mrs. Bitting requested approval of the 2016 Fiscal budget from the Board. She stated through the budget process the Board had met several times and thoroughly reviewed and discussed the budget. Mrs. Bitting indicated as a part of the process this information was also presented at the Horry County I&R Committee as well as Horry County Council. Ms. Creech asked about the information requested by the Finance and Administration Committee on employee benefits and if this information would impact the FY2016 Budget. Mrs. Bitting indicated any changes would affect policy and could possibly be a savings for the FY2016 budget.

Ms. Creech moved to approve the FY2016 Operating Budget totaling \$20,605,100 and the FY2016 Capital Improvement Budget totaling \$16,894,750. There was a second by Mr. Campbell and the Motion was carried.

- b. Sale of Surplus Equipment** – Mr. Hilling stated he was requesting approval to sell surplus equipment #301, a 1997 Freightliner Fuel Truck on Govdeals.com. He stated this Fuel Truck was no longer needed. Mr. Hilling recommended posting this unit for sale “as is” and needed Board approval since the item would be over \$10,000.

Mr. Jones moved to accept staff recommendation to list on Govdeals.com of the 1997 Freightliner Fuel Truck, used equipment #301. There was a second by Ms. Creech and the Motion was carried.

- c. Clarification of Mr. Jones’ Board Appointment** – Mr. Jones read the following from a prepared statement:

“Recently a question was raised concerning the number of terms I have served on the Solid Waste Authority Board and how I was appointed to three terms. I would like to clarify the issue.

My first appointment was by the League of Cities to complete the term of Carson Benton. At the end of that partial term, I was reappointed by the League of Cities and ratified by the Horry County Council for a four-year term. At the end of that term, I was once again appointed by the League of Cities and ratified by the Horry County Council for a second four-year term. At the end of that second four-year term, I came off the SWA Board for one year, as required. After that mandatory one-year break in service, I was reappointed and ratified by the Horry County Council for my third four-year term. At no time did the Horry County Council make public how the votes in this appointment were cast. However, I do know that had I received four votes while another candidate received six votes, I would not have been reappointed. While I was encouraged by Tony Cox and Doug Wendell to remain in service to the SWA Board, neither gentleman was instrumental in securing my reappointment.

Thank you for allowing me to address this issue. W. Norfleet Jones”

- d. **Roundtable Discussion** – Ms. Creech commented she enjoyed the Spring SWANA Conference in Pawley’s Island. She indicated she spoke with several solid waste professionals about maintenance issues at landfills such as landfill closings and gas systems. Ms. Creech stated before starting the piggyback expansion questions on problem solving should be reviewed. She indicated she spoke with staff and Mr. Moore on possible issues. Mr. Moore commented he saw the presentation about failed gas system and the impact on the liner and also the gas collection layer. Mr. Moore stated he researched the issues and reviewed the gas collection layer for the piggyback expansion.

Chairman Cokley reminded the Board that the June Board Meeting will be held on June 30, 2015 at 3:30P.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Long 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 June 30, 2015.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

BY: _____ (L. S.)
James H. Cokley, D. Min, Chairman

ATTEST:

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J. Michael Campbell, Secretary

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