

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.  
June 30, 2014**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Board Meeting on Monday, June 30, 2014, 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: Rev. James H. Cokley, Chairman; M. Lance Thompson, Vice Chairman; Dan P. Gray, Board Secretary; and Board Members J. Michael Campbell, Pam J. Creech and W. Norfleet Jones. John R. Long, II was absent.

Ex Officio Members Kevin Blayton and Steve Gosnell were in attendance. Vance Moore of Garrett and Moore Engineering and Brett Taylor of Horry County Parks and Recreation represented the public in attendance. There were no members of the media in attendance.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Executive Director, Danny Knight; Assistant Executive Director; Mike Bessant, Esther Murphy, Director; Bill Hilling, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; Mrs. Emma Ruth Brittain, SWA Attorney and other staff to include Jamie Suggs, Cecil Terry, Stephanie Todd, and Susie Wofford.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Staff 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. Gray commented he had questions and concerns about the Nomination Committee and the Charleston Composting Facility visit. He asked if these items could be added to the Agenda. Chairman Cokley stated Mr. Gray could voice his concerns during the Roundtable discussion or during the Executive Director's report. Mr. Gray asked if the Bylaws could be added to the Agenda. Chairman Cokley indicated the Roundtable discussion was a part of the Agenda and this could be discussed during either of the reporting sessions. Mr. Gray asked if he would be allowed to speak. Chairman Cokley stated yes he would be allowed to speak. Mr. Gray said he was under the assumption that Chairman Cokley would discuss the Bylaws at the June Board meeting. Chairman Cokley stated he spoke with staff attorney and determined the Bylaws would be discussed at a later date. Mr. Gray asked who made that decision. Chairman Cokley stated he had the right to determine when certain items would be discussed being he was the Chairman. Mr. Gray asked if he could request that the Bylaws be placed on the Agenda. Chairman Cokley stated the Bylaws would not be added to the Agenda at this meeting. Mr. Gray said he would not approve the Agenda. Chairman Cokley reiterated that the Bylaws would not be added to the Agenda and indicated a Board Workshop was needed before any revisions were made to the Bylaws. Mr. Gray stated for the record the Bylaws had been discussed for over a year and he would like to discuss the Bylaws at this present time. Chairman Cokley stated the Board would vote on whether to discuss the adding of

the Bylaws to the Agenda. Mr. Gray stated he could not vote for approval of the Agenda because the Bylaws were not added. Chairman Cokley read the Roundtable discussion from May 27, 2014, Board Meeting which read "Chairman Cokley recommended that the Board have a Board Workshop in the upcoming year. Mr. Gray asked if the Bylaws would be taken up again this upcoming year. Chairman Cokley commented he would discuss this with Mrs. Brittain and would report back at the June meeting". Chairman Cokley stated the Bylaws would not be discussed at this meeting. He indicated the Board of Directors should have a workshop then would schedule a workshop to discuss the current Bylaws.

**Mr. Jones moved to approve the Agenda as presented. There was a second by Mr. Thompson. The Motion was carried with Mr. Gray voting no.**

Chairman Cokley asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2014, as contained in the Agenda Packet.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2014, Regular Meeting. There was a second by Mr. Campbell.**

Mr. Gray indicated it was his understanding the contract for HDR was \$105,000 and was divided into three (3) sections. He said the minutes stated the cost was \$47,000 for the contract and believed this was incorrect and indicated the Board should not approve the minutes because the information was not correct. Mr. Bessant stated staff recommended a contract cost of \$45,000 to \$47,000 with \$35,000 funding for HDR to complete the Solid Waste Management Plan and \$12,000 was for a Request of Interest for Alternative Disposal Plan options for Horry County Solid Waste. He stated the Disaster Debris Plan was approved for \$18,000 in the FY2015 budget year. Mr. Bessant indicated several proposals were offered and turned in but the SWA wanted specific changes to the contract. Mr. Gray asked Mr. Bessant if HDR submitted a proposal for \$105,000. Mr. Bessant requested the bidders submitted alternative bids for a different approach to completing the project at a lower cost. There being no further discussion, **the Motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no requests to present Public Input.

#### **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 12-20 in the Board Packet.

**FY2015 SC DHEC Grant Update** – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that the SWA had been awarded the following SC DHEC FY2015 grants which staff applied for in April:

- **Waste Tire Grant - \$45,600** = \$41,600-Contractor Costs; \$3,000-Public Education; \$750-Professional Development
- **Used Oil Grant - \$35,178** = \$29,428-Equipment; \$5,000-Public Education; \$750-Professional Development
- **Solid Waste Grant - \$10,000**- \$10,000-Contractor Costs (Electronic Waste Recycling Program)

Mr. Thompson asked if there was an increase in grant funding. Mrs. Murphy stated that was correct a \$35.00 increase was given for the Waste Tire Grant.

**Bulk Waste Compactor Update** – Mrs. Murphy stated on June 12, 2014, a bulk waste compactor was installed at the Carolina Forest Recycling Center. She stated this was the fourth (4) compactor installed at a recycling center and she expected the number of bulk waste pulls at the center would decrease due to this installation.

**Smart Gardner/Grow Workshop Update** – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> the SWA hosted its annual Smart Gardner/Grow Workshop. She indicated the workshop was very well attended with 41 in attendance on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 44 in attendance on June 25<sup>th</sup>. She said Gary Forrester from Clemson Extension was the instructor for the workshop. Mrs. Murphy thanked Ms. Creech, for attending the two (2) day workshop. She thanked staff members Kendra Hooks, Victoria Johnson and Cecil Terry for their planning and overseeing all aspects of the workshop. Ms. Creech replied that she enjoyed the workshop and stated a lot of good information was given.

Ms. Creech explained to Mrs. Murphy she had spoken with Mr. Bo Ives from Keep Horry County Beautiful and his organization used the Disposal Participation Program. She informed Mrs. Murphy the group would separate any material collected to receive a cheaper disposal rate and this would help with the recycling efforts.

**Upcoming Events Update** – Mrs. Murphy gave an overview to the Board of the following upcoming events:

- **July 4, 2014 – July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday** – Mrs. Murphy stated the landfill would be open from 5:00AM to 1:30PM; all other SWA facilities and recycling centers will be closed.
- **July 15 & 16, 2014** – Quarterly Unincorporated Collection System Meetings – Mrs. Murphy indicated to the group the quarterly meeting for Unincorporated Collection System staff would be held from 7:00am-9:00am on these dates.
- **August 5, 2014** – Environmental Awards Banquet – Mrs. Murphy indicated that Horry County Schools Recycling Liaisons, teachers, support staff and administrators would be honored by the SWA at this banquet. She stated the guest speaker would be Dr. Cindy Elsberry, Horry County Schools Superintendent.
- **August 24-28, 2014** – SWANA 2014 WasteCon Conference – Mrs. Murphy reminded the Board that the Solid Waste Association of North America would be holding the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual WasteCon Conference in Dallas, Texas on these dates. She said the conference would offer several training sessions, tours, and technical sessions.

Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that they were welcome to attend any of the SWA events and asked them to RSVP for the Environmental Banquet. Mrs. Murphy indicated that a memorandum was sent to all members who might be interested in attending the SWANA Conference in Dallas, Texas. She asked members who wanted to attend to contact Chairman Cokley or her as soon as possible.

### **Operations and Planning Update**

Mr. Hilling offered an update of various projects in the Operation and Planning Division that were

included as Pages 21-38 in the Board Packet.

**East Hill Fill Closure Update** – Mr. Hilling showed the group samples of the geo-net and the HDPE liner used on the East Hill Fill Closure Project. He stated King Construction was doing an excellent job on the closure area. Mr. Hilling indicated with the relocation of the shingle area, King Construction was using the area for the staging of the soils and material as indicated in the value engineering contract savings. He stated the company had started stripping the area and the first phasing of the project had begun. Mr. Hilling indicated work was progressing well and invited the Board to come and tour the landfill during the first phase of the project.

**Land Use Plan Update** – Mr. Hilling offered an update on the Green Sea property timbering and chipping project. He stated Mr. Joe Floyd of the Brigham Company was overseeing the project and Low Country Forest Products had done an excellent job with thinning and harvesting of the timber on the property. Mr. Hilling commented that Squires Brothers did a good job on the farming of the Green Sea acreage. He indicated that Horry County Storm Water had cleaned out and restored the original contour on all 84,000 linear feet of ditches along the southern and north boundaries. Mr. Hilling commented that Mr. Gosnell's staff did a wonderful job cutting and cleaning out the ditches. Mr. Thompson asked what the contract price for the Green Sea project. Mr. Hilling stated that Brigham Company worked off of a 10% commission of the timbering price. Mr. Hilling indicated that the SWA should receive about \$50,000 in revenue on this project for the timber. Ms. Creech asked if Mr. Hilling received any of the loads slips from the timbering. Mr. Hilling stated that Brigham Company would submit a report and breakdown all of the loads of timbering and chipping that was being done on the property. Mr. Campbell confirmed that in case of a storm the farmer understood that the property usage would revert back to the SWA. Mr. Hilling stated that was correct.

### **Finance and Administration Update**

Mrs. Bitting presented the Finance & Administration reports to the Board, which were included as Pages 38-54 in the Board Packet.

**Monthly Finance Reports** – Mrs. Bitting offered a review of financial reports as contained in the packet and informed the Board that the balance sheet indicated the SWA was at 91.63% of budget through eleven months of the year. She stated on the summary sheet MSW was at 94.43% of budget; mixed construction was at 83.76% of budget; and yard waste was at 116.54% of budget. She stated recyclable sales were at 87.61% of budget, which was less what was anticipated. Mr. Gray asked about the decrease in construction and demolition waste. Mrs. Bitting stated as of June 28, 2014, the total decrease in construction and demolition waste was 7,959 tons or \$211,000 in revenue as compared to last year. Mr. Gray asked if the figures are consistent with the projected loss. Mrs. Bitting stated that was correct. She informed the Board for the month of May net income was \$104,529.04 and revenue was 86.08% of budget. Mrs. Bitting stated that the SWA would not meet the expected revenue for the year but commented that expenses are below budget at 80.47% of budget. She stated the tonnage decline in construction and demolition 2013-2014 could be compared to 2010 year. Mr. Gray asked if the budget was balanced. Mrs. Bitting stated with the cuts in the unfunded positions was how the budget balanced. Mrs. Bitting indicated these positions would not be funded in the next fiscal year.

### **Special Projects & Governmental Affairs Update**

Mr. Bessant presented an update on various projects which were included as Pages 55-56 of the

Board Packet.

**Recycling Incentive Programs Update** – Concerning the recycling incentives, Mr. Bessant indicated the following incentives were given by the SWA in year to date through May: MSW Recycling \$212,893.75, C&D Recycling Facility \$57,872.35, C&D Designated Facilities \$10,251.35. He stated the total incentive saving year-to-date for SWA customers was \$281,017.45. Ms. Creech asked if any haulers were giving incentives to their customers. Mr. Bessant commented it was rumored that a company was offering a reduction in waste services to customers who were recycling.

**Contractual Service Update** – Mr. Bessant reminded the group that the HDR contract needed to be executed in order to start updates for the Solid Waste Management Plan and Disaster Debris Plan. He indicated he would inform the Board when this would take place. Mr. Gray asked Mr. Bessant if he would notify the Board in a timely matter. Mr. Bessant commented that the Technical Advisory Committee and the community interest group would schedule the dates for meetings to take place. Ms. Creech asked Mr. Bessant about the information request from DHEC regarding C&D recycling haulers. Mr. Bessant stated the recyclers had not reported any new information since the last inquiry. Ms. Creech asked Mr. Bessant for his contact person at SC DHEC. Mr. Bessant replied that his contact person was Mr. Marty Lindler.

#### **Executive Director Update**

Mr. Knight briefly discussed the following item with the Board on Page 57 in the Board Packet.

**Charleston County Composting Facility Update** – Mr. Knight gave a brief overview of the trip to the Charleston County composting facility which was attended by staff and Board Members. He stated he and Mr. Bessant had previously traveled to Charleston to visit the facility. Mr. Knight indicated that Mr. Campbell, Ms. Creech and Mr. Jones were excited about this composting process. Mr. Knight recommended that staff review the cost estimates for food waste composting. He indicated he wanted the Board's direction. Ms. Creech said she had researched this process especially with the restaurants and motels in the area. She stated she had concerns about the smell but after she toured the facility was pleased with the outcome. Ms. Creech said she was impressed with the facility.

**Ms. Creech moved to authorize staff to begin reviewing the cost estimates to develop/ implement food waste composting at the Horry County Solid Waste Authority landfill. There was a second by Mr. Jones.**

Mr. Thompson asked if this was voluntary program with the restaurants in Charleston County. Mr. Knight commented it was voluntary and indicated the schools were involved in the composting program. He indicated reductions in tipping fees were offered to the participants. Ms. Creech asked if the SWA could incentivize the program to create added appeal to companies or restaurants that have food waste.

Mr. Gray asked why he was excluded from attending the trip to the Charleston County Composting Facility. He said he had asked to attend the trip and was sent an acknowledgement in an email from Ms. Powell saying he was on the list for the trip. Mr. Gray said he received a telephone call the next day from Mr. Bessant informing him he would not be allowed to go on the trip. Mr. Gray said he was told by Mr. Bessant that Mr.

Knight said Mr. Gray could not attend because Mr. Campbell, Mr. Jones and Ms. Creech were attending and a fourth member would constitute a quorum. Mr. Gray said he was invited and then he was told he could not attend. Mr. Gray asked both Chairman Cokley and Mr. Knight why he was excluded from the tour of the composting facility. Chairman Cokley explained if there are four (4) Board Members on SWA business then it becomes a meeting of the entire board. Mr. Gray commented four (4) Board Members attended the Re-Power South and when the Board Members attended the lobbying in Columbia more than four (4) members attended. *(Notation: Please see July 29, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes for Motion amending these minutes to contest the statements pertaining to quorums made by Mr. Gray.)* Mr. Gray asked why that group of Board Members went and he was excluded. Chairman Cokley commented to Mr. Gray that he always feels he is being excluded at every single meeting; however, he is not. Chairman Cokley informed Mr. Gray he could not attend the trip because it would have constituted a quorum. Mr. Gray again asked why he was excluded and stated it was a legitimate question. Chairman Cokley indicated he had answered the question. Mr. Knight stated the SWA has a Diversion Committee which includes Mr. Jones and Mr. Campbell. He commented that Ms. Creech previously expressed interest in the program. Mr. Knight indicated he asked Mr. Gray if he wanted to go the following week. Mr. Gray says he received a call and was asked if he wanted to go but had a scheduling conflict. Mr. Gray says he spoke with Art Braswell and Ms. Creech shared information with him. Mr. Gray suggested the program was fine. There being no further discussion, **the Motion was passed.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Nominations Committee** – Mr. Jones reported the Nominations Committee met on May 27, 2014 after the Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Jones stated because of the previous questions the Committee did not have a slate of officers to present to the Full Board. He asked that the Board officers' nominations come from the floor during the Annual Meeting. Chairman Cokley asked if the Board would accept the report from the Nominations Committee.

**Mr. Thompson moved to accept the recommendation of the Nominations Committee that Board officers nominations from the floor during the Annual Meeting. There was a second by Mr. Campbell.**

Mr. Gray commented that he attended the meeting and it was a secret meeting. Chairman Cokley says the meeting was not a secret and said it was announced at the May Board Meeting. Mr. Gray stated it was not announced. Mr. Jones said the meeting was announced during the May Board Meeting and stated the meeting was held that night because Mr. Long was leaving the country. Mr. Jones said Mr. Long requested the meeting be held that night. Mr. Gray said Mr. Long did not leave until June 18, 2014, and the Committee had three (3) weeks until he left the country. Mr. Gray said the previous year the meeting was open and advertised. Mr. Gray said this meeting was not handled like the previous year's meeting. Mr. Gray said during the meeting Mr. Long pulled out a list and read four (4) names and the names were voted on. Mr. Gray said Mr. Long said there were secret telephone calls beforehand. Mr. Gray said it took longer for the pledge, he said the nominations were all decided. Mr. Gray told Mr. Thompson he was supposed to be Chairman and commented this was a terrible and horrible way to run an organization. Chairman Cokley then shared the following message from Mr. Gray with the Board: "Please consider putting me on the Nominations Committee. I pledge not to promote myself for any position even if I am asked

like John Long proposed me last year. I promised Mike Campbell support for secretary or treasurer. I know Mike wants to be an officer and has worked hard. I don't have anyone in mind for Vice Chair of course it is customary for Lance to move to Chairman certainly, I am in favor of that. I did ask Pam if she considered Vice Chair several months ago. I think she would be a good one. She did not give an answer I will stay out personally but would like to be on the Committee. Hope you have a successful Mother's Day crowd. I'm sure you will have a strong meaningful message. See you Monday. God Bless". Chairman Cokley indicated the same thing Mr. Gray was accusing others of he has done. Chairman Cokley asked Mr. Gray if this was his text message. Mr. Gray replied yes. Mr. Gray stated he asked to be put on the Committee. Chairman Cokley commented that is Mr. Gray's issue was he was not asked to serve on the Committee. Mr. Gray again stated it was a secret meeting. Chairman Cokley read the following from the New Business portion of the minutes of the May 27, 2014, meeting minutes: "Chairman Cokley appointed Mr. Jones, Mr. Long, and Mr. Campbell to the Nomination Committee. He stated Mr. Jones would serve as Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Long commented that he would be out of the country for the June Board Meeting. Mr. Jones asked the Committee Members to meet after the Board Meeting". Chairman Cokley again stated the meeting was announced during the May Board Meeting.

**There being no further discussion, the Motion carried with Mr. Gray voting in opposition.**

**Finance and Administration Committee** – Mr. Thompson reported the Finance and Administration Committee met on June 17, 2014 at 10:00AM. He indicated the Committee discussed emailing of statements/invoices to customers, purchasing card program and printing and signing accounts payable and payroll checks. Mr. Thompson asked Mrs. Bitting to give an overview of these items.

**Emailing Statements/Invoices to Customer** – Mrs. Bitting stated the Finance Department currently mails 140 statements monthly and 500 cardboard customers quarterly. She indicated emailing the invoices would result in the saving of \$3,500.00 a year in postage, and printing costs. She said statements would be transmitted directly to customers. Mrs. Bitting stated customers would receive emailed copies of their landfill tickets and monthly billing. She indicated this would also save time and money.

**Purchasing Card Program** – Mrs. Bitting indicated the purchasing card program was new to the SWA but the Horry County School District, Horry County Government and the City of North Myrtle Beach used the program. She stated she and Mr. Bessant contacted Mr. Gardner from Horry County School District to ask how well the program worked. Mrs. Bitting indicated the card was no cost to the SWA and the SWA would receive a 1% rebate on all purchases made with the card. She stated she met with Mr. Gray regarding questions he had about transparency and if records of purchases would be available online. Mrs. Bitting indicated that SWA would generate a report with the cardholder name, amount of purchase and date similar to the check register. She stated that Horry County Government did not put any of its purchasing card transactions online. Chairman Cokley asked Mrs. Bitting about the pros and cons of using the card and the posting to the accounts. She stated this would be an automatic posting to the general ledger accounts and stated this will

save time and resources in the Finance Department. Mr. Thompson asked about the reward program with the card. She said the rewards program consisted of 1% rebate of all purchases with the card. Mr. Gray asks Mrs. Bitting if there will be an individualized report of all purchases made with the card. She stated that was correct.

**Mr. Thompson moved to accept staff recommendation for changes to the Purchasing Policy. There was a second by Ms. Creech and the Motion carried.**

**Print and Sign Accounts Payable and Payroll Checks** – Mrs. Bitting reviewed the SWA’s plan to process and print the checks in-house. She explained that the County was updating its computer system which would result in the SWA being charged a fee for the processing and printing of checks. Mrs. Bitting stated there was startup cost of \$14,000 which; this included the purchase of software and a pressure sealer. She indicated direct deposit would be mandatory for all employees. Mrs. Bitting informed the Board employees would have until September to sign up for direct deposit. She stated anyone currently not on direct deposit could see Mrs. Powell.

**Haulers License Recommendation** – Mr. Thompson stated since the amendment of the Flow Control ordinance a Haulers License extension was needed because renewals are currently due by June 30, 2014. Mr. Bessant explained the extension would allow haulers an extra 30 days for the license renewal.

**Mr. Thompson moved to accept staff’s recommendation that the current Haulers License be extended through July 31, 2014. There was a second by Ms. Creech and the Motion carried.**

**Farming A-2 Buist (1187) Tract** – Mr. Thompson stated a mandatory pre-bid conference was held on June 23, 2014, at 10:00A.M. He indicated two (2) attended the meeting but the SWA only received one (1) bid on the property. He asked Mr. Hilling to give a brief review of the meeting. Mr. Hilling stated a bid was submitted by Strickland Farms. He informed the group the A-2 property had 108 farmable acres and the bidder offered \$10.00 per acre which equated to \$1,081 per year and \$5,405 if a five- year contract was awarded. Mr. Hilling stated the cost to maintain the A-2 property was about \$8,000 annually. Mr. Hilling indicated the Green Sea property which had 98 farmable acres was leased at \$85 per acre which equated to \$10,069 per year and \$50,345 over a five-year contract. He stated the Squires Brothers who leased the Green Sea property were responsible for the property maintenance. Mr. Hilling stated staff was seeking direction from the Board on how to proceed.

**Mr. Jones moved for staff to provide a recommendation for the leasing of the A-2 property and to provide a minimum price point as well as a detailed plan with an escalating scale for the leasing of property. There was a second by Mr. Campbell.**

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Hilling to address the condition of the A-2 property. He asked about the conditions of the soil. Mr. Thompson asked why the Squires Brothers did not bid on the property. Mr. Hilling stated the Squires Brother determined the soil was too sandy. Mr. Hilling stated the Squires Brothers examined



the property and it did not meet the soil specifications.

Ms. Creech said she questioned the \$85 per acre price and stated she leased farm land for \$110 per acre. She indicated she was not opposed to the leasing of the property but thought the liability would cost more than \$10 per acre. Mrs. Creech said she would like a plan of what the property would be used for but did not like the idea of a five-year contract. Mr. Campbell said new ground development was costly and specifics on property usage and escalating price scale were needed for the general leasing of property. Chairman Cokley asked Mr. Hilling for a report at the July Board Meeting on the leasing of the A-2 property. There being no further discussion **the Motion was carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Work Shop Dates** – Chairman Cokley indicated there was a need to schedule two workshops, prior to the Bylaws being discussed. After general discussion, it was decided by the Board that the general workshop would be held on July 10, 2014, at 2:00P.M. a workshop to discuss revisions to the Bylaws would held on July 31, 2014, at 2:00P.M. Mr. Gray asked Chairman Cokley if there would be more discussion or changes to the Bylaws. Chairman Cokley stated the Bylaws would be reviewed again but had no changes at the present time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed DNR Gun Range** – Mr. Steve Gosnell, Horry County Director of Infrastructure and Regulation Division gave a brief presentation of a proposed Horry County Shooting Range. He stated Rep. Clemmons was instrumental in acquiring federal funds from DNR in order for Horry County to build the first phase of a public gun range. Mr. Gosnell indicated the A-2 Buist tract was discussed as a proposed location. He stated Horry County would be the owner and the Parks and Recreation Department would manage the shooting range. Mr. Gosnell explained if selected 5-20 acres of the A-2 tract would be needed. He stated the facility would have firing ranges for shotguns, pistols and rifles. Mr. Gosnell indicated current sites were built in Laurens County. He stated DNR had the federal funding available for Horry County once a site was determined. Mr. Jones asked if the SWA site was chosen what sort of contractual arrangement would be made. Mr. Jones asked about lead contamination and indicated he needed more information before he could make any decision. Mr. Gosnell explained to the group he was just asking permission to use the SWA as one of the proposed sites to choose from. He stated the lease would have to be long-term and the questions would be answered in detail if Horry County Council chose the SWA site for the proposed public gun range. Ms. Creech asked how long the federal funding for the gun range would be available. Mr. Gosnell informed the group if a site was not available then the funds would go to another county. He stated that the federal funds were for building the site and after Horry County Parks and Recreation Department would operate and manage the site. Mr. Thompson asked if there would be a charge to use the facility. Mr. Gosnell stated this would be a manned site and the public would pay for the use. Mr. Knight informed the Board the A-2 Buist Tract was a storm debris site and if the site was needed the property would revert back the SWA. Mr. Jones stated he was not opposed to adding the SWA's name to a list as long as no commitments were made.

**Mr. Jones moved to give permission for the 1187 A-2 Buist Tract to be put on a list for a possible site for the proposed DNR gun shooting range. There was a second by Mr.**

**Thompson and the Motion was carried.**

**Roundtable Discussion** – Mr. Gray stated he did not think the Board should travel to San Diego or Dallas in that the SWA is always threatening to cut jobs. Mr. Gray stated the group attended a SWANA convention in the fall. He explained SWANA has the same information online that would be given at the conference.

Ms. Creech informed the Keep Horry County Beautiful organization to separate and recycle the material to save money when using the Disposal Participation program. Ms. Creech asked if there are programs to keep the plastic bags out of the landfill. She offers suggestions about making the school children more aware of this problem and maybe write papers about this problem or give the SWA ideas. Ms. Creech discussed the recycled art with the River Keeper and was telling her about the wolf that was in last year’s POPART presentations. She discussed the possibility of auctioning off some of the art to offset the cost of educational programs. Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Bessant if there were any landfills that eliminated the use of plastic bags. Mr. Bessant stated in Charleston County eliminated bags from yard waste.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried** and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes approved on July 29, 2014.

**HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.**

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

ATTEST:

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Dan P. Gray, Secretary

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