

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
August 20, 2019**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 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; and Board Members W. Norfleet Jones and Carl H. Schwartzkopf. Board Member Samuel T. Johnson, Jr., was absent.

Steve Gosnell, Horry County Administrator was present. 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 Victoria Johnson, Wayne Martin, Nannette Powell, Richie Stetter, Stephanie Todd and Susie Wofford.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hughes asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the July Board Meeting held on July 23, 2019, as contained in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Ives moved to approve the Minutes of the July 23, 2019 Board Meeting. There was a second by Mr. Campbell and the Motion was carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests to present Public Input.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Recycling and Corporate Affairs Update – Esther Murphy, Director of Recycling and Corporate Affairs offered an update of various projects in the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Division that were included as pages 11-19 in the Board Packet.

SWA Recycling Grants Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the group that the SWA Recycling Grants were now available. She commented that staff had contacted several businesses and municipalities informing them of the grants. Mrs. Murphy stated that advertisements were published in the Horry Independent, Carolina Forest Chronicle, Myrtle Beach Herald and the North Strand News.

Mrs. Murphy commented that the first two SWA Recycling Grant Applications received were from Smart Recycling and the City of North Myrtle Beach. She indicated that Curbside Compost and Recycling which was a food waste composting company had submitted an application as well. Mrs. Murphy commented the Grant Review Committee was in the process of reviewing the submissions and would keep the Board apprised.

Chairman Hughes asked Mrs. Murphy how many recycling grants were given in the last fiscal year. Mrs. Murphy replied that six SWA recycling grants were given out last year. Chairman Hughes asked if the Town of Aynor had completed their grant application. Mrs. Murphy explained that the Town of Aynor recycling grant application was not completed therefore they did not receive any funding.

Mr. Campbell asked if the funding allocated for the recycling grant program rolled over for the next year. Mrs. Murphy replied the funding did not roll over each fiscal year and the applicants must re-apply.

Talkin’ Trash 2019-2020 Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the group that Talkin’ Trash proposals for 2019-2020 school year had been submitted and reviewed. She stated the evaluation team, consisting of herself, Jan Bitting, Kendra Hooks, Victoria Johnson and Cindy Keith reviewed and discussed each proposal. Mrs. Murphy indicated that WMBF/MIM Media and WBTW/Cooper Communication presented their proposals to the Evaluation Team and WMBF/MIM was selected.

Ms. Creech asked about the Talkin’ Trash proposals from the television stations and said that at last month’s Board meeting Mr. Schwartzkopf suggested working with area television stations on recycling facts or tips. Mrs. Murphy stated that Talkin’ Trash advertising campaign was complete for this year. She stated one of the components that the television station included in the Talkin’ Trash campaign was highlighting recycling facts in some of the advertising segments. Mrs. Murphy stated she was reviewing other avenues to promote recycling facts on a regular basis on air.

General discussion ensued about having the recycling facts or tips televised on local stations. It was suggested that live streaming videos could be sent to the television stations highlighting some of the recycling programs the SWA sponsored. Mr. Knight stated that staff would provide additional information at the September Board Meeting on the televising of recycling information.

Environmental Awards Banquet Update – Mrs. Murphy thanked the Board for attending the Annual Environmental Banquet. She commented that the awards banquet was to show the teachers, administrators and staff how much the SWA appreciated the hard work that goes into the recycling program in the area schools.

Caught Green Handed Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the group that the July “Caught Green Handed” winner was Mr. Jason Medeiros. She indicated that Mr. Medeiros used the Carolina Forest Recycle Center. Mrs. Murphy stated Mr. Medeiros received a SWA prize pack and media recognition.

Financial Reports

Mrs. Bitting offered an update of the following which was included as pages 20-34 in the Board Packet.

Monthly Finance Reports – Mrs. Bitting stated for the period ending July 31, 2019, overall revenue was at 8.33% of budget. She indicated MSW revenue was at 11.53% of budget. Mrs. Bitting stated Construction and Demolition revenue was at 8.22% of budget and Yard Waste revenue was at 7.71% of budget. She stated the sale of recyclables revenue was at 7.89% of budget. Mrs. Bitting stated the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility revenue for July was \$35,146.01 and expenses were \$38,070.83 with airspace saved equating to 5.79 days. Mrs. Bitting commented the MRF revenue year-to-date was \$205,063.35 and the expenses year-to-date were \$197,043.55 with a savings of 7.89 days of airspace. She indicated net income for July was \$645,690.01. Mrs. Bitting stated last year a total of 145 days of landfill airspace had been saved.

Capital Improvement Program Preliminary Budget – Mrs. Bitting stated for FY2019 two capital improvement items were overbudget. She explained that the multipurpose room sound system and projector upgrades for taping of the Board Meetings and the warranty for the air conditioning units caused the overages however these were necessary expenditures.

FY2019 Audit – Mrs. Bitting informed the group that the Auditor would begin his work on September 3, 2019.

Operations Update

Mr. Bessant presented the following update which was included as pages 35-50 of the Board Packet.

Mr. Bessant thanked Mrs. Todd, Mr. Wayne Martin and landfill staff for a job well done during his absence.

Waste Characterization Study – Mr. Bessant stated the landfill had another waste characterizing study in July and the second part of the study would take place in either January or February. He indicated that Horry County's waste stream had less paper than the previous study. Mr. Bessant commented that HDR would present their finding when the study was complete.

Scale house Upgrades – Mr. Bessant indicated that the scale house upgrade was going well. He commented that the roof and vinyl siding on the building had been replaced. Mr. Bessant stated that the foundation had been raised by 8 inches and that the scales would now be above ground. He remarked that the upgrade should be complete by mid-September.

C&D Recycling Facility – Mr. Bessant presented a drone video of the Construction and Demolition Facility. Chairman Hughes asked Mr. Bessant who purchased the boiler fuel chips. Mr. Bessant replied that Holmes Farms purchased the bulk of the material.

MRF Update – Mr. Bessant commented that commodity prices were still decreasing. He indicated that MRF facility has an increase in material without the Charleston County material. Mr. Bessant commented that he hoped for an increase in pricing for August. He indicated that he did not have a buyer for PET plastics this month but hoped for a change in the future.

Ms. Creech asked Mr. Bessant about the article she forwarded to him and Mrs. Murphy about the unrecyclable plastic bottles. She commented a group was using these materials for the paving of roads. Mr. Bessant remarked that he read the information but had not heard about this project.

Driver of the Month Update – Mr. Bessant stated the July Driver of the Month was Mr. Jajuan Woods from the City of Conway. Mr. Bessant commented Mr. Woods has been driving for four years. He commented that Mr. Woods worked well with staff.

Executive Director Update

Mr. Knight offered an update of the following which was included as pages 51-54 in the Board Packet.

Horry County Parks and Recreation Request – Mr. Knight indicated that the Horry County Parks and Recreation Department would be hosting an outdoor event on November 2, 2019. He stated HC Parks and Recreation Department were asking for permission to utilize one of the SWA roads on the 1187 property to gain access to their property. Mr. Knight explained that the participants would be riding mountain bikes and traveling from International Drive to the Clear Pond area.

Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to accept staff recommendation to give permission to the Horry County Parks and Recreation to utilize the road on the 1187 property. There was a second by Mr. Campbell and the Motion was carried.

Piggyback Expansion III – Mr. Knight informed the Board that he received a letter from SC DHEC on the SWA's permit application. He stated a Demonstration of Need was needed and the SWA was consistent with the State and County Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Knight indicated that there was a 15-day waiting period prior to the application being finalized.

Mr. Knight stated this would give interested parties the opportunity to ask for a review with the SC DHEC Board. He commented the interested parties would have 30-days to ask for a review which would be sent to the Administrative Law Court for a hearing. Mr. Knight indicated this process would include a hearing and should be finalized by November. Chairman Hughes asked when was the letter received. Mr. Knight replied on August 16, 2019. He commented that the deadline to request a review would be September 2, 2019.

Mr. Knight stated that three interested parties that contacted SC DHEC were Mr. Vincent Lethosky, League of Women Conservation Voters and Ms. Amelia Wood. The group expressed their concerns about the Piggyback Expansion III permit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports to come before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Roundtable Discussion** – Chairman Hughes remarked he wanted to discuss the WasteCon trip to Phoenix, Arizona. He commented the Phoenix trip cost \$3,000 per person in addition to \$900 for a rental car. Chairman Hughes indicated the trip to Asheville to attend Quad State cost \$1,516 per person without mileage. He commented that the WasteCon convention hotel was sold out and the closest hotel had ongoing construction. Chairman Hughes stated the cost for at least three Board Members traveling to Phoenix would be about \$10,000. He commented that he did not have a problem with Board Members traveling to Phoenix but the SWA would be better served if SWA staff traveled instead. Chairman Hughes said that SWA staff could view a piece of

equipment or a process that could be discussed or reviewed by the Diversion Committee. Several Board Members commented that they were in favor of SWA staff traveling to Phoenix for the WasteCon convention.

Mr. Ives commented that the Children's Art Museum had a presentation on straws and the series thus far was very enlightening. Ms. Creech asked about Horry County Parks and Recreation utilizing the 1187 property in light of the SWA's policy on property usage. Mr. Knight commented that he reread the resolution and it was for private individuals but Horry County Parks and Recreation were only using the 1187 property to access their own property. He indicated the SWA has knowledge beforehand for this event.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Ives moved, seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried** and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Minutes approved on September 24, 2019.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

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

ATTEST:

J. Michael Campbell, Secretary

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