

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.  
June 25, 2013**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June, 25, 2013, 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: Danny J. Hardee, Chairman; Rev. James H. Cokley, Vice Chairman; M. Lance Thompson, Board Treasurer; Basem E. Hilal, Board Secretary; and Board Members J. Michael Campbell, Dan P. Gray, and John R. Long, II.

Ex Officio Member Kevin Blayton was in attendance. Ex Officio Member Steve Gosnell was absent. Highway 90 Liaison Michael Hughes, Pam Creech, and W. Norfleet Jones represented the members of the public that attended the meeting. There were no members of the media in attendance.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Executive Director; Danny Knight, Esther Murphy, Director; Bill Hilling, Director; Donna Crump; Director, Jack Thomas from Thomas & Brittain Law Firm and other staff to include Rodney Cannon, Jan Bitting, Wayne Martin, Mike Bessant, Cecil Terry, Chris Calhoun and Stephanie Todd.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Hardee asked for any revisions to the Agenda as contained in the Agenda Packet; however, there were none.

**Mr. Hilal moved to approve the Agenda as presented. There was a second by Rev. Cokley and the Motion was carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hardee asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 28, 2013, as contained in the Agenda Packet.

**Mr. Hilal moved to approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2013, Regular Meeting. There was a second by Mr. Long and the Motion was unanimously approved.**

Chairman Hardee asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Workshop held on June 7, 2013, as contained in the Agenda Packet.

**Mr. Hilal moved to approve the Minutes of the Workshop held on June 7, 2013. There was a second by Mr. Campbell and the Motion was unanimously approved.**

## PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests to present Public Input.

Chairman Hardee asked the Board Members to review the thank-you cards on display from various schools throughout the county. He stated the Loris Elementary School wrote a book, titled “The Journey of a Bottle”, which was very well written. Chairman Hardee talked about recycling efforts in the schools. He indicated with the loss of flow control, programs such as the recycling grants which enabled the school to publish a book about recycling would no longer exist. Chairman Hardee stated the SWA touched many young minds through the Talkin’ Trash program and urged the members to come by the display table to see the cards.

## 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 1-13 in the Board Packet.

**Thank You Cards Update** – Mrs. Murphy commented about the thank-you cards and “The Journey of a Bottle”, which were both products of environmental grants. She indicated that the SWA offers the grants to all schools in Horry County.

**Glass Cleanup System Update** – Mrs. Murphy stated that the Andela glass cleanup system installation was completed on June 13, 2013. She reminded the group that SCDHEC had awarded the SWA a \$50,000 grant to install a cleanup system. Mrs. Murphy indicated that the new product was cleaner and safer. She stated this new system removed the large pieces of metal and has a blower system that removes the shredded paper. Mrs. Murphy stated there was a magnet that removed the finer metals such as paper clips and needles. She indicated that product was ready for sale and was \$5 per ton.

**Clemson ARTS Visit Update** – Mrs. Murphy stated herself along with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Cannon visited Clemson University on May 29, 2013. She stated the group met with the State Glass Recycling Group, SC Commerce Department and Horry County Government and Clemson University’s Asphalt Rubber Technology Service (ARTS) to discuss the use of recycled glass in concrete and asphalt. Mrs. Murphy informed the group that Clemson University had contacted the SWA because of the glass recycled product. She stated the project would make a marketable product for the glass aggregate in roads and parking lots. Mrs. Murphy indicated the University was seeking funding to perform extended research on the use of recycled glass in various public works projects. She informed the representatives from Clemson that the SWA would not be able to assist with monetary funding. She indicated it was staff’s recommendation that the SWA support the performance of an extended research program on the beneficial use of the recycled glass by Clemson University’s ARTS through donations of a specified amount of recycled glass aggregate/sand to the program. Mrs. Murphy informed the group that staff had prepared a draft resolution which stated the Board supported Clemson ARTS performance of extended research on recycled glass, concrete and asphalt public works applications. She indicated staff was also recommending that if the need arises to do field testing in Horry County, that the Board consider using SWA property. Mrs. Murphy stated the intent of the resolution was to support an extended research project through the donation of recycled glass product and support. She indicated that Mrs. Jana White with SCDHEC indicated

grants may be available to assist in support with the research. Mrs. Murphy stated the amount of material to be donated had not been determined. Mr. Long inquired about the current stock pile of product. Mrs. Murphy indicated Mr. Hilling, Mrs. Crump and herself agreed the best use would be on the roads of the landfill. Mrs. Murphy the stated new material was the cleaner material and ready for sale. Mr. Knight suggested that 100 tons of material be donated to the extended research project.

**Mr. Campbell moved that the Board accept staff recommendation and execute a resolution donating the SWA's support of the performance of an extended research program on the beneficial use of the recycled glass by Clemson University's Asphalt Rubber Technology Service and would do so through donations of 100 tons of recycled glass aggregate/sand to the program. There was a second by Mr. Long and Motion was unanimously carried.**

**Quad State SWANA Update** – Mrs. Murphy stated that the Quad State SWANA Conference would be held August 27-30, 2013. She asked any Board Member was interested in attending to contact her.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Update** – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that all recycling centers would be closed for the July 4, 2013 and would all open on the following day.

### **Operations and Planning Update**

Mr. Hilling reviewed his reports with the Board, which were included as Pages 14-22 in the Board Packet.

**Landfill Inspection Update** – Mr. Hilling advised the Board that the landfill received all 1's for May. He stated staff did a great job. He informed the Board that hours of operations for July 4, 2013 would be 5:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

**Driver of the Month Update** – Mr. Hilling stated Stephen Wolf from the City of Conway was named Driver of the Month for May and was well deserving of this honor.

**Household Hazardous Waste Update** – Mr. Hilling informed the Board the volume of household hazardous waste material collected was up over last year. He stated year-to-date 95.18 tons had been collected. Mr. Thompson asked about the monthly drop-off for HHW and if residents could drop off material anytime. Mr. Hilling stated that residents could call and make an appointment for weekly drop-offs if needed.

**Saddle Area Closure Update** – Mr. Hilling stated the saddle area closure and access road project were ready for closure. He indicated a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on June 18, 2013, to answer any questions about the project. Mr. Hilling stated Garrett & Moore was also on site to answer any questions concerning the closure project. He indicated that tours of the construction area to close were given to the prospective bidders of the project. Mr. Hilling informed the Board the project would take about nine (9) months to complete. He stated he would keep the Board informed on the progress of the closure project. Mr. Campbell asked if the project had been split into different jobs. Mr. Hilling stated this was one project but two (2) companies could work together and split the work. Mr. Gray asked how much money was being budgeted on this project. Mr. Hilling stated that the saddle area project would be \$950,000 and \$2.1 Million for the access road. Mr. Gray also asked how many companies bid on the project.

Mr. Hilling stated nine (9) contractors with two being from outside Horry County.

### **Finance and Administration Update**

In Mrs. Crump presented the Finance & Administration reports to the Board, which was included as Pages 23-38 in the Board Packet.

**Monthly Finance Reports** – Mrs. Crump stated net income for May was \$ 56,201.64. Mrs. Crump indicated the year-to-date net income was \$583,465.92. She indicated that revenue is 3% over expenses. Mrs. Crump stated the overall budget was 92% for the eleven months of the year. She indicated The Store has \$7,231.76 in net income for the year. Mrs. Crump stated the operating expenses report was 87% of expenses without the unincorporated expenses; however, she indicated this figure was not included in the report. Mrs. Crump indicated during the month of May MSW had 1% increase over last year. She stated the mixed construction had 5% increase over last year. Mrs. Crump indicated The Factory had processed 11% of all C&D material coming into the landfill for the past eleven months. She stated that 62% of all material taken to the facility had been processed. Mrs. Crump indicated this was under the projected goal but The Factory was making every effort to recycle more material. She stated tonnage was up at the MRF but revenues were down. Mrs. Crump indicated there was a 20% decrease in revenue year-to-date for commodities.

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

Mr. Bessant presented an update on various projects in which were included as Pages 40-44 of the Board Packet.

**C&D Recycling Incentive Program Update** – Concerning the C&D Recycling Incentive Program, Mr. Bessant stated, for May, the total tons of material received from the designated C&D recycling centers was 724.94 tons, of which, 596.41 tons was recycled. Mr. Bessant indicated the total incentive tons for May were 128.59 tons. He stated the reduction in tipping fees to the designated C&D haulers was \$642.95 for May. Mr. Bessant indicated the year-to-date tonnage for the program was 10,372.10. He commented that the total tons of concrete recycled for May were 3,936.89 tons. Mr. Bessant stated the year-to-date recycling tonnage was about 7,022.31 tons or 68%. He indicated the year-to-date recycling tonnage without concrete was 2,744.26 or 48%. Mr. Bessant stated the year-to-date recycling credits in tipping fees were \$15,213.40. Mr. Thompson inquired about E-Z Dump Disposal. Mr. Bessant stated he had not received any communication from Mr. Burroughs. Mr. Gray asked if E-Z Dump had stopped recycling. Mr. Bessant replied he did not know.

**MSW Recycling Incentive Update** – Concerning the MSW Recycling Incentive, Mr. Bessant indicated he had several municipalities sign agreements and several haulers had signed also. Mr. Bessant informed the group that he had met with Santee Cooper, Watts Sanitation, Waste Management, Horry County Public Works, and the City of Myrtle Beach and they were also offered the incentive. Mr. Knight asked Mr. Bessant about his meeting with the City of Myrtle Beach. Mr. Bessant stated Mr. Leath was given the agreement and was in the process of reviewing it.

**SWANA Flow Control Position Update** – Mr. Bessant offered an update on the current SWANA position on flow control. He indicated SWANA National was contacted to help with an Amicus brief on behalf of the Horry County and the SWA for the Fourth Circuit Court of

Appeal. Mr. Bessant stated the state chapters of North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee were in favor of the brief. SWANA National has submitted an Amicus brief on behalf of the Horry County flow control ordinance.

### **Executive Director Update**

Mr. Knight briefly discussed the following items with the Board on Page 45 in the Board Packet.

**NMB Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting Update** – Mr. Knight stated he and staff traveled to North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. He remarked on the Chamber’s enthusiasm about the partnering with the SWA on recycling. Mr. Knight indicated the Chamber desired to initiate and promote recycling among areas businesses. He stated staff was ready to meet and assist any business in their recycling efforts.

**Sandlands Landfill Ownership Update** – Mr. Knight commented that Sandlands Landfill had been purchased by a local company. He stated the SWA was working with the owner on a haulers license. Mr. Thompson asked who purchased the landfill. Mr. Knight answered Donald Godwin purchased the Sandlands Landfill and Express Disposal.

There were no other questions or comments on the remaining reports.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Nominations Committee**

Mr. Hilal reported on the Nominations Committee meeting held on June 4, 2013, for the purpose of developing a slate of nominees for Board Officers for Fiscal Year 2014. He indicated the Committee developed the following slate of officers for consideration:

Chairman – James H. Cokley  
Vice Chairman – M. Lance Thompson  
Secretary – Dan P. Gray  
Treasurer – John R. Long, II

**Mr. Hilal moved that the above slate of officers be approved and accepted for Fiscal Year 2014. There was a second by Mr. Thompson.** Mr. Hardee asked for any nominations from the floor; however, there were none. Mr. Hardee stated the voting would occur at the Annual Meeting and Board Members would be given a ballot.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Proposed By-Law Amendments Review Update** – Mr. Knight gave a brief update on the proposed amendment changes to the SWA By-Laws as discussed at the May 28, 2013, Board meeting and at the Workshop held on June 7, 2013. He stated that a 10-day notice must be adhered to in order to make any changes. Mr. Knight indicated the Board could recommend any changes that were needed which would then be voted on at the July Board meeting. He stated following the next meeting there would a public hearing to discuss any changes made to the By-Laws. Mr. Knight stated after the public hearing any proposed By-Law changes would go before County Council. Mr. Knight asked the Board for any recommended changes to the By-Law changes. Rev. Cokley asked about the redline changes in the draft. Mr. Knight stated the red line items were the current By-Laws and the blue would be the new changes in the By-Laws. Mr. Knight stated this was reviewed

at the June 7, 2013 Workshop and the changes were discussed. He indicated some changes were more stringent to reflect County Council guidelines. Mr. Knight stated this clarifies the question of whether the SWA Board can remove a member who has been appointed by County Council and the changes reflect this question. Mr. Campbell commented that any Board Member who would have a monetary gain from any resolution or amendment would recuse themselves from voting on that issue. Mr. Knight stated this was not listed in the SWA guidelines but was listed in the County guidelines. Mr. Knight stated this verbiage could be added under the code of ethics. Mr. Thompson asked if the Board would receive "The Board Team Hand Book" for reference. Mr. Knight stated the books were ready to give to The Board.

**Mr. Long moved that the Proposed By-Law Amendment changes be made at the July Board Meeting. There was a second by Rev. Cokley and the motion was carried.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Roundtable Discussion**

Mr. Gray expressed his appreciation that the Miscellaneous Section of the Board Packet included an article on his son, Roger Gray, who was the former principal of Myrtle Beach Middle School. Mr. Gray also expressed his gratefulness for the card he received during his illness and phone calls from his SWA family. Chairman Hardee thanked the SWA staff for the caring and support during his eight (8) year tenure here at the SWA. Mr. Long thanked Mr. Hardee for his guidance and support to the Board as Chairman. Mr. Gray also thanked Mr. Hardee for his support while on the Board.

#### **MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter was made by Rev. Cokley. Mr. Long gave a second, and the Motion was carried unanimously.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:20 P.M.

#### **MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND BACK INTO OPEN SESSION**

**At 6:35 P.M., Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Board come out of Executive Session and back into open session.**

#### **STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD ATTORNEY JACK THOMAS**

Mr. Thomas stated no votes or action taken in the Executive Session.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Minutes approved on June 25, 2013.

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

BY:

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James H. Cokley, D. Min., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Dan P. Gray, Secretary

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J. Michael Campbell

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