

**REPORT OF  
OPERATIONS & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**AUGUST 11, 2015**

A meeting of the Operations and Planning Committee was held August 8, 2015, at 11:00 A.M. at the Authority's Administrative Office in Conway, South Carolina. In accordance with SWA policy, notices setting forth the date, time and place of meeting were mailed to the news media.

Present were Committee Members Mike Campbell, Norfleet Jones and M. Lance Thompson. Board Members Dan Gray and Pam Creech were in attendance as well.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Danny Knight, SWA Executive Director; Mike Bessant, Assistant Executive Director; Bill Hilling, Director; Esther Murphy, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; Wayne Martin, Deputy Director; Nannette Powell, Human Resource Manager and Richie Stetter, Fleet Services Manager. Mr. Andy Markunas of Horry County Government and Brett Faulkner and Joe Floyd of the Brigman Company represented the public in attendance. There were no members of the media in attendance.

Committee Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order and began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked Mr. Hilling to proceed with the agenda.

**Landfill Track Hoe Equipment Upgrade**

Mr. Hilling offered general comments regarding the purchase of a replacement track hoe to be a minimum 79,000 pound unit. He said this track hoe would be primarily used in the borrow pit. Mr. Hilling commented that this larger unit will be faster, more productive and will have a 3 to 1 load difference compared to a smaller unit. He said it will have less strain on the engine and hydraulics, and will help with a shorter hauling distance. Mr. Hilling remarked the larger track hoe unit will have ability to dig deeper which would extend the life of the borrow pit due to a bigger bucket for faster loading time. It will also save electricity by not have to run the electric pumps as much.

Mr. Hilling explained that the staff would like to upgrade our specifications for the new track hoe to be a minimum 79,000 pound unit. Additional funding will be needed in order to purchase a unit of this type. To make up the cost to a larger unit difference, He proposed taking the balances from the following purchased projects: Compactor \$53,288.42; Skid Steer \$9,336.80 and LGP Bulldozer \$1,594.63 for a total of \$64,219.85. He did consult with Finance Director Jan Bitting and she indicated these remaining balances in the Equipment Replacement Fund could be used toward the purchase of the desired piece of equipment.

**Mr. Jones moved to recommend to the Board of Directors approval to purchase a specified minimum 79,000 pound track hoe unit and to utilize the remaining balances from approved FY 2016 Equipment Replacement Fund projects of \$64,219.85**

### **International Drive Project**

Mr. Markunas proceeded to explain the right-of-way acquisition for the new International Drive alignment as it crosses property owned by Horry County Solid Waste Authority. He stated the International Drive right-of-way will consist of 13.96 acres of Horry County Solid Waste Authority property and will be maintained by Horry County. Mr. Markunas indicated the remaining portion of Environmental Parkway will be maintained by HCSWA.

Mr. Markunas further explained the benefits of the International Drive realignment to HCSWA. He indicated there would be two driveways to the MRF Facility with a left turn lane at both locations. Mr. Markunas said there would also be a traffic signal at Highway 90 and International Drive and indicated there would be a reduction in costs for the SWA to maintain Environmental Parkway.

Mr. Knight expressed that the Board will wrestle with donating the land for this project. He asked Mr. Markunas if all of the right-of-ways had been donated. Mr. Markunas replied that 50 percent of the land has been donated.

Mr. Thompson said he understands the importance of the International Drive realignment to the Solid Waste Authority.

Mr. Campbell asked if there were any other questions or comments. He then thanked Mr. Markunas. Mr. Jones asked if staff would have a recommendation at the August 18, 2015, Board Meeting. Mr. Knight indicated they would.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.