

## **A Report of the Recycling & Corporate Affairs Committee Meeting May 22, 2018**

A meeting of the Recycling & Corporate Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. at the Authority's Administrative Office in 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 Committee Chairman Michael Hughes and Committee Member Pam Creech. Board Members Bo Ives and Michael Campbell, Danny Knight, Executive Director, Directors Esther Murphy, Jan Bitting and Mike Bessant and Cecil Terry were in attendance.

Mr. Hughes called the meeting to order and rendered the invocation. Ms. Creech led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Carolina Recycling Association Conference Update**

Mr. Hughes presented key points from the Carolina Recycling Association Annual Conference he attended March 18-22, 2018, in Cherokee, North Carolina. He informed the group that the Cherokee Indian Tribe handled the recycling for the residents in the area and Harrah's Casino. He stated the Cherokee Tribal Chief has the final say in all recycling programs. Mr. Hughes shared with the group several pictures taken from the "Cherokee Way to Zero Waste" tour he attended. He explained that Cherokee Recycling utilizes a transfer station system to pull various commodities out of the waste stream. These commodities included food waste, used cooking oil, scrap metal, lotion and soaps, composting, etc.

Mr. Hughes discussed a grant Cherokee Recycling received to perform a pilot program utilizing recycled tires. He indicated the tires are processed in a manner to remove chemicals (kerosene, gas, diesel, etc.) from the tires prior to landfilling. He indicated there were some challenges faced with the program, which included no end market for the by-product, not having enough tires and tribal chief influence.

Mr. Hughes shared with the Committee highlights from other sessions to include trends in MRF technology and recycling plastic waste at hospitals. General discussion ensued regarding recycling at hospitals. Mr. Hughes indicated he would be sharing information from the conference with Mr. Scott Goldberg at Conway Medical Center, which currently has an extensive recycling program. Mr. Ives also commented on the excellent recycling programs at Conway Hospital, which includes textile recycling.

Mr. Hughes commented that it was a good conference overall.

### **General Discussion Items**

**The Store** - Mr. Knight informed the group that The Store currently has one vendor selling strawberries onsite, two days per week. He indicated it was their goal to have certified agricultural vendors selling their products at The Store.

### **Litter**

General discussion was held regarding litter. Mr. Ives stated that a great deal of the litter on the roads is from residents not tarping their loads. He stated Mr. Knight has been meeting with Horry County Police on patrolling the recycling centers to remind residents to tarp their loads.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 4:50 P.M.