

**A Report of the Recycling & Corporate Affairs Committee Meeting
August 13, 2018**

A meeting of the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee was held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 3:00 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 Carl Schwartzkopf and Committee Members Pam Creech and Bo Ives. Danny Knight, Executive Director and Directors Esther Murphy, Jan Bitting and Mike Bessant were in attendance. Board Members Michael Campbell and Norfleet Jones were also in attendance other staff members included Nannette Powell and Cecil Terry. Ms. Amelia Wood represented the public in attendance.

Mr. Schwartzkopf called the meeting to order and Mr. Ives rendered the invocation. Mr. Schwartzkopf led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Schwartzkopf asked for any revisions to the Agenda as contained in the Agenda Packet; however, there were none.

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

SWA Recycling Grant Application Consideration-Town of Surfside Beach Recommendation

Mrs. Murphy stated that the SWA received a grant application from the Town of Surfside Beach. She informed the Committee the Town of Surfside was asking for grant funding to purchase 65-gallon recycling roll carts. Mr. Ives commented he was glad to see that customers were applying for the grant. He asked how much funding was available through the grant. Mrs. Murphy replied \$150,000 for the entire grant fund. Mr. Knight asked Mrs. Murphy to explain about this grant application process. She commented the grants were modeled after the DHEC grants. Mrs. Murphy indicated a committee consisting of herself, Mr. Knight, Mrs. Bitting and Mr. Bessant reviewed the application and developed a scoring system. Mrs. Murphy said once it has been determined the application meets the criteria, it is forwarded to a committee for consideration

Ms. Creech asked how much was each grant. Mrs. Murphy explained applicants can request up to \$10,000 per grant. Ms. Creech commented that the Town of Surfside Beach was proactive about the ban of plastic bags and recycling.

Ms. Creech made a Motion that the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee recommend to the full Board approval of the grant application submitted by the Town of Surfside Beach to purchase 200+/- 65-gallon roll-carts in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. There was a second by Mr. Ives and the Motion carried.

SC Environmental Law Project Letter - Recycling

Mr. Schwartzkopf stated staff had received a letter from Amy Armstrong from the South Carolina Environmental Law Project. Ms. Creech indicated the letter referred to things the SWA should be doing; however, the SWA is already doing some things such as supporting the banning of plastic in yard waste in Horry County. She commented the SWA has supported not voting for the plastics bill and she had gone to Columbia and worked with the SWA lobbyist. Ms. Creech stated the SWA was trying to reduce the amount of packaging in products. She pointed out the SWA was also supporting Horry County Schools in their food waste composting programs. Ms. Creech stated that Horry County Senators should sponsor a bill for the reduction of packaging material in products. She commented the area big-box stores should be proactive on the state level to reduce the amount of packaging that goes into the landfills.

Mr. Ives commented that the letter had some outstanding points and the SWA needed to review alternatives before making any decisions on the piggyback expansion. He commented that every effort should be made to make the public aware of this process before going forward. Mr. Ives indicated that the SWA could encourage grants for packaging reduction. Mr. Schwartzkopf asked if staff could prepare a draft letter for the senators or the area representatives and House Members about the efforts of the SWA in reducing what goes in the landfill. Mr. Knight replied yes that staff would prepare a draft letter to send the Horry County representatives.

Mr. Schwartzkopf commented that the SWA could invite the mayors and have an open house to explain SWA programs and landfill operations. Mr. Ives commented he and Ms. Creech were on the Horry County Imagine 2040 committee, which has revised the projected population for growth in Horry County.

Mr. Knight commented on the letter by the South Carolina Environmental Law Project which stated the SWA had 28 years remaining for the existing Class 3 MSW landfill. However, the letter did not mention there were only five years for the Construction and Demolition landfill. He indicated that construction and demolition material remaining was needed for other projects here at the landfill. Ms. Creech asked if the SWA was doing everything to promote and encourage C&D recycling. Mr. Knight replied he believed so. He said the landfill would begin spot checking vehicles and sending them to the Construction and Demolition facility. He commented that staff was using latex paint in the daily cover. Mr. Knight ensured the Committee that staff was promoting and encouraging every program to push recycling.

Ms. Creech asked if Horry County Schools had found another sustainability coordinator. Mrs. Murphy replied that the search was still on-going, and the position had not been filled as of yet. She commented the school system was having a hard time filling the position.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 3:36 p.m.