

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
October 2, 2018**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at 1:00 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. Board Members Samuel T. Johnson, Jr., W. Norfleet Jones and Carl H. Schwartzkopf.

Steve Gosnell, Director of Horry County Infrastructure and Regulation was present. Cara Schildtknecht and Amelia Wood represented the public in attendance. 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 Nannette Powell, Richie Stetter, Cecil Terry, Stephanie Todd and Susie Wofford.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Creech to render the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no requests to present Public Input.

NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Storm Debris Disposal Resolution** – Mr. Knight commented on the devastation brought on by Hurricane Florence which produced extreme widespread flooding throughout Horry County. He indicated that he and staff discussed the possibility of removing this material out of county. Mr. Knight reminded the Board of the three days he spent in Federal Court with the electronics lawsuit. He stated that due to the chain of ownership, the SWA was liable for any material that leaves the property. Mr. Knight stated that any flood related material needed to be disposed of in the lined landfill and would be charged \$36.00 per ton. Mr. Knight stated the non-flood material would be disposed of in the construction and demolition landfill. He stated that the landfill would lose four-to-six months of landfill airspace but the liability risk of sending the material out-of-county would be far greater. Mr. Knight indicated that the airspace saving could be made up with the compaction rates.

Mr. Knight commented he visited Highway 9 and observed the devastation caused by the flooding. He indicated that the residents of the community had started lining the streets with furniture and other related debris. Mr. Knight informed the Board that Horry County and most of

the municipalities had activated their storm debris contract. He stated it was his recommendation to the Board that the flood material be disposed of in the lined landfill.

Mr. Jones commented that this was a greater liability than the electronics. He stated that the SWA did not have a choice or an option for disposal of the material since the contract was state mandated for electronics disposal. Mr. Jones commented that the SWA has a choice to assume the liability risk by allowing the flood material disposal in the landfill. Mr. Ives commented that the SWA was making the right choice by safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare and said this was the appropriate action. Ms. Creech indicated she would not want to assume any liability for material sent to another landfill because the risk was too great. She asked Mr. Knight if the concrete would be disposed of in the lined landfill. Mr. Knight stated any material with mold or any kind of contamination would be sent to the lined landfill. Ms. Creech asked about the leachate testing. Mr. Knight commented that staff and Grand Strand Water & Sewer tested the leachate samples on a regular basis. Mr. Ives asked if the SWA was required to have a separate disposal area for the flood related material. Mr. Knight commented that was not required.

Mr. Johnson inquired if the SWA could find a third-party carrier that would take this material out-of-county. He commented that if the company would assume the liability and have this written into the contract. Mr. Johnson stated if this material was hazardous, why dispose of this material in the SWA's landfill. He commented that the SWA has the option to send this material to a third-party landfill meanwhile the primary goal of the Board would be to protect the Horry County's only landfill. Mr. Johnson asked why would the SWA utilize four-to-six months of airspace. He stressed all alternatives should be explored before using the landfill.

Mr. Knight indicated that there were other options. He commented a private hauler could take the material out-of-county. Mr. Knight explained if the flooded material came into the landfill and then the SWA transferred the material to another facility, the SWA would be in the chain of ownership and would have to assume the liability of that facility. Mr. Knight commented that CRS had a contract and the SWA followed every SCDHEC regulation on the disposal of the electronics and the vendor went bankrupt. He stated that the SWA was held liable for the chain of ownership on this material. Mr. Knight emphasized that if another contractor hauled the material to another site that would be good for the SWA. Mr. Johnson indicated if the SWA sends their material to another landfill assuming they would have to adhere to the same rules and regulation as the SWA then the SWA would be absolved from all responsibility.

Chairman Hughes explained once the SWA transported the material to another facility/landfill then the SWA assumes the liability of that facility. He commented that the SWA was trying to eliminate the possibility of liability. Chairman Hughes remarked that this material was hazardous and the SWA must be diligent in the handling of this material. Ms. Creech commented that the SWA had a contract with a vendor but was still liable for the electronics that were stored in a warehouse. Mr. Schwartzkopf suggested encouraging the private haulers to use another landfill facility to dispose of the material. Mr. Campbell commented that use of the airspace savings would be minimal due to better compaction rates.

Mr. Schwartzkopf made a Motion to accept staff recommendation that the flood related material was disposed of in the Municipal Solid Waste lined landfill at the fee of \$36.00 per ton. There was second by Mr. Ives and the Motion carried.

- b. Portable Scale Purchase** – Mr. Bessant informed the Board that the landfill was having problems with the inbound scales at this time. He explained the scales needed repair at least twice a month. Mr. Bessant commented that each visit cost approximately \$3,000. He informed the

group that the scales and the foundation needed replacing. Mr. Bessant stated \$150,000 had been budgeted for scale repair. He commented a portable scale would be needed during this time. Chairman Hughes asked if the scales were digital or analog and were they portable. Mr. Bessant stated that the scales were digital, portable and heavy grade steel. Mr. Ives asked when would the scales be replaced. Mr. Bessant commented this would be discussed at the September Board Meeting. He indicated that the portable scales were needed during the times when the landfill had high volume traffic.

Mr. Stetter explained that the current scales were analog and installed in 1989. He commented that the heat distorted the weights on the scale causing them to fluctuate between 20 to 60 pounds. Mr. Stetter indicated that the current scale has a junction box that did not give an accurate reading. He stated that it was his recommendation to purchase a digital scale with a 10-year life warranty. Mr. Stetter informed the group that the digital scales were self-diagnosing and the system could send a text message or an email to the maintenance staff. He commented there was a \$15,000 upcharge for the digital scales. Mr. Schwartzkopf asked if this kind of scale was used by the Highway Patrol. Mr. Stetter replied no that these scales were portable mining scales and would arrive on October 16, 2018. Chairman Hughes asked how would staff move the scales. Mr. Stetter indicated a front-end loader would be used to move the scales to different locations. Chairman Hughes asked about the sensors on the scales. Mr. Stetter commented the sensors were sealed on the scales for 10-years. He stated that there was a 10-year warranty against things such as lightning strikes. Mr. Stetter indicated that there was an annual maintenance fee to service the scale.

Chairman Hughes asked Mr. Bessant what was the cost currently of the scale maintenance. Mr. Bessant commented \$3,200 per visit. He stated a load cell had blown out and a rewiring issue was the reason for two service calls in one month.

Mrs. Bitting informed the Board she had spoken with Wayne Floyd and discussed applying for FEMA reimbursement for the scale purchase. She explained that the volume of material from the flooding and the construction of a new road were expenses that were incurred because of Hurricane Florence.

Mr. Campbell moved to accept staff's recommendation to purchase a set of portable digital scales for the SWA to be used by the landfill and the MRF facilities. There was a second by Mr. Jones and Motion carried.

- c. **Hurricane Florence Update** – Mr. Knight explained that when the entrance to the landfill had flooded, staff discussed the building of an alternate entrance on Mill Hill Road. Mr. Knight informed the Board that staff constructed the road on Sunday so the landfill operations could resume on Monday morning. He commented that the surrounding neighbors were not enthusiastic about the traffic. Mr. Knight remarked that the back entrance was only used for three and half days. He indicated the landfill and administrative offices were open during this time.

Mr. Knight stated that the Recycling and Convenience Centers throughout Horry County were short-staffed because of the flooded areas. He commented that Mrs. Murphy and her staff had to decide which centers were operational because of the many road closures. Mr. Knight informed the Board that the traffic was at a standstill for hours due to many flooded areas of the county. He stated the administrative staff answered calls asking why the centers were closed and when would they open.

Mr. Bessant showed a PowerPoint of the flooding of the landfill entrance. He commented that the pictures showing the road construction on Mill Hill was coquina based with a clay mixture. Mr. Bessant indicated there was a sign directing traffic to the new entrance. He commented that hours

of operation for the landfill were changed to 3:00am to 1:30pm to avoid the gridlocked traffic in Horry County. Mr. Bessant thanked his landfill staff for all of their hard work. Ms. Creech commented that staff did a great job. She said she received calls about centers not opening but she could not believe there were residents throwing trash over the fence. Mr. Johnson suggested putting dumpsters at the sites during times of emergencies. Mr. Knight commented that the Lake Arrowhead facility had shingles and all kinds of debris dumped everywhere.

Chairman Hughes stated he spoke with Mr. Knight and Mr. Bessant during the pre-planning of SWA operations. He thanked staff for the hard work. Chairman Hughes thanked Mrs. Murphy and her staff for the centers that were open during this time. He commented that he had to drive 25 miles just to get to Conway. Mr. Knight stated he appreciated the comments for all of staff's hard work. He gave staff the option to stay at the landfill throughout the flood. Mr. Knight commented that the SWA fed the employees who worked during this time.

Mr. Ives commended Mr. Knight for suggesting that the employees could bring their families if they needed shelter. Mr. Jones stated the employees were the most valuable asset that the SWA has. He commented the accolades sounded good but he wanted to do something for them either cook or do something because the employees have earned something other than just the words. Mr. Jones wanted staff to come up with a program to show the Board's appreciation for the hard work. He commented the SWA employees came to work and had a good attitude. Mr. Jones said he wanted something extra for staff. Mr. Bessant stated staff did a wonderful job.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved, seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried** and the Special Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Minutes approved on November 15, 2018.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

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

ATTEST:

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J. Michael Campbell, Secretary

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