

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.  
January 23, 2018**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 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: Pam J. Creech, Chairman; J. Michael Campbell, Vice Chairman; M. Lance Thompson, Secretary; Bo Ives, Treasurer and Board Members, Dan P. Gray, Michael Hughes. Board Member Samuel T. Johnson, Jr. was absent.

Steve Gosnell, Director of Horry County Infrastructure and Regulation was absent. There were no members of the media or public in attendance.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Danny Knight, Executive Director; Esther Murphy, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; Mike Bessant, Director; and Bill Hilling, Director. Other staff members in attendance included, Chris Calhoun, Kendra Hooks, Wayne Martin, Nannette Powell, and Susie Wofford.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Creech called the meeting to order and Mr. Hughes rendered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Agenda. There was a second by Mr. Campbell and the Motion was carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Creech asked for any questions on or amendments to the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 7, 2017, as contained in the Agenda Packet; however, there were none.

**Mr. Hughes moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 7, 2017. There was a second by Mr. Campbell. There being no further discussion, the Motion was carried.**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no requests to present Public Input.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **Recycling and Corporate Affairs Update**

Mrs. Esther Murphy offered an update of various projects in the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Division that were included as pages 12-23 in the Board Packet.

**Winter Storm Grayson UCS Update** – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that winter storm Grayson hit the Horry County area on January 3, 2018. She stated all the recycling centers were closed at 1:00pm on Wednesday and remained closed Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Murphy indicated that all recycling center reopened on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. She advised the Board of the precautions taken at the centers to prevent slips/falls due to the amount of ice still on the ground once the centers reopened. Mrs. Murphy commented that thankfully there were no incidents or injuries through the duration of the storm event.

**UCS Quarterly Meeting/Site of the Quarter Update** – Mrs. Murphy informed the group that on January 16 and 17, 2018 the UCS division held their quarterly meetings. She indicated items discussed included safety issues, daily operational procedures, and general customer service. Mrs. Murphy informed the group that the Mt. Olive Recycling Center was awarded Recycling Center of the Quarter ending December 31, 2017.

**Statement of Economic Interest** – Mrs. Murphy reminded the Board of the requirement that they complete the Statement of Economic Interest by March 30, 2018. She stated if any member needed assistance to please contact Ms. Powell. Mrs. Murphy informed the group of a penalty of \$100 if the form was not completed in a timely manner.

Chairman Creech reminded the Board of changes made to the form last year and stated if any member was unsure about completing it to please contact Ms. Powell for assistance.

**Caught Green Handed Update** – Mrs. Murphy informed the group the December 2017 “Caught Green Handed” winner was Mr. Martin Robinson. She indicated that Mr. Robinson used the Loris Recycling Center and was very appreciative for the gift card and recycling bins. Mr. Thompson asked what was in the prize pack. Mrs. Murphy replied that the pack included an insulated tote bag, cups, pens, green recycling bin and a \$25.00 Walmart gift card plus they receive media recognition.

**2018 Meeting Schedule** – Mrs. Murphy informed the group that a schedule of 2018 Board Meeting was on page 93 in the Miscellaneous Section of the Board Packet.

Mrs. Murphy commented that Ms. Terry sends greetings and thank yous for your wishes during her time of confinement. She says she is well and bored out of her mind and ready to return to work.

### **Operations and Planning Update**

Mr. Hilling offered an update of the following which were included as pages 24-38 in the Board Packet.

**Driver of the Month Update** – Mr. Hilling stated the December Driver of the Month was Nelson Nieves from Waste Industries. He commented Mr. Nieves worked well with staff and was well deserving of the honor. Mr. Hilling informed the group a letter was sent to Waste Industries and that Mr. Nieves picture would be displayed at the scaleshouse this month.

**Recycler of the Quarter Program Update** – Mr. Hilling indicated each quarter staff selects recipients based on the amount of loads processed through the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility. He stated Trebor Industries driver Mr. Scott Cox had been chosen as the Horry County Solid Waste Authority Construction and Demolition Recycler of the Quarter for the Quarter for October – December 2017.

**Landfill Gas Expansion Update** – Mr. Hilling stated the Landfill Gas Expansion Project was going well. He indicated that all 43 vertical wells were complete. Mr. Hilling commented that the only issue was the arrival of material for the project. He reminded the Board the company was based in Houston, Texas. Mr. Ives inquired about the 14 old gas collectors that were no longer functional. Mr. Hilling explained the old wells were filled with water and the gas could not escape. He indicated the new wells were drilled next to the old ones. Mr. Hilling stated in this expansion the leachate and gas had its own separate line. He commented that Tricon was very safety conscience on this project. Mr. Hilling stated the estimated completion date was March 12, 2018.

Chairman Creech thanked Mr. Hilling on a job well done with the landfill gas expansion. Mr. Hilling commented that Mr. Martin and Mr. Calhoun do a great job on the landfill. Mr. Ives also thanked Mr. Hilling and staff on a job well done.

### **Finance and Administration Update**

Mrs. Bitting offered an update of the following which was included as page 39-58 in the Board Packet.

**Monthly Finance Reports** – Mrs. Bitting stated for the period ending December 2017 the SWA should be at 50.00% of budget. She indicated tipping fees overall had increased 7.43% over last fiscal year due to the tipping fee increase. Mrs. Bitting stated MSW year-to-date revenue was at 51.95% of budget. She indicated Construction and Demolition revenue was at 82.20% of budget and yard waste revenue was at 48.76% of budget year-to-date. Mrs. Bitting stated the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility saved 33.36 days of airspace. She commented recyclable sales were at 59.18% of budget. Mrs. Bitting indicated the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility revenue was \$149,184.98 and expenses were \$267,127.42, which equated to a deficit of \$117,942.44. She stated net income for December was a deficit \$20,152.89 and year-to-date revenue over expenses was \$2,131,664.64.

Mrs. Bitting explained the MRF revenue was \$3,088,872.13 and expenses was \$2,805,249.01 with a surplus of \$283,623.12. She explained the MRF processed 4,079.98 tons for December. Mrs. Bitting stated the current market value for processed material was \$170.72 for December. She informed the group that tonnage sold for December was 2,340.63 tons.

Mrs. Bitting indicated the total MRF revenue for material sold in December was \$396,407.49 and expenses were \$448,846.26 resulting in a deficit of \$52,438.77. She stated year-to-date total MRF revenue was \$2,622,585.16 and total MRF expenses were \$2,104,340.35 with revenue over expenses with a surplus of \$518,244.81. Mrs. Bitting commented the MRF saved 29.14 days of airspace. She stated the total cost share the SWA would pay Charleston County was \$3,178.58.

Mr. Gray asked Mrs. Bitting if the stipulations of Charleston County contract were being adhered to with regards to the rejects being hauled back to Charleston County landfill. Mrs. Bitting replied that all the rejects from Charleston County were hauled back to Charleston. She commented that at the end of last year the tonnage in the SWA landfill was zero. Mrs. Bitting stated that Charleston County hauls all of its reject material back.

Mr. Ives indicated to Mrs. Bitting that at the next Finance and Administration Committee Meeting he would like to have a report of all the capital projects and capital purchases the SWA has had this fiscal year. He also asked for a comparison on the budgeted amount of each of these projects. Mr. Gray asked for the date of the next Finance and Administration Committee. Mrs. Bitting stated the next meeting would be held on February 20, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. She remarked that the Horry County Treasurer would attend the next meeting and give a report on the SWA's investments.

Mrs. Bitting informed the Board of the upcoming Budget Workshop. She asked the group if they had any ideas, items or projects to add or modify during the budget process to please inform the staff.

Chairman Creech commented with regards to recycling the focus should be on education and the amount spent on this. She also wanted to see the SWA lobbyist be proactive on educating the legislative body in Columbia especially on the plastic bag ban. Chairman Creech indicated the cost and expense to keep these things out of landfills was very expensive.

Mr. Thompson asked Mrs. Bitting if the Budget Workshop had been scheduled. Mrs. Bitting replied she would send out some dates and see would work best for everyone.

### **Recycling Services & Special Projects Update**

Mr. Bessant offered an update of the following which was included as page 59-66 in the Board Packet.

**MRF Update** – Mr. Bessant informed the Board that during the Christmas holiday only a minimal amount of material was shipped out. He indicated that fiber prices across the board had dropped about \$10 per ton. Mr. Bessant stated the MRF was still shipping material to China and Thailand. He commented that buyers were having problems with transportation.

**New Glass Crusher** – Mr. Bessant thanked the Board for allowing the MRF to purchase a new glass crushing machine in the FY2017 budget. He stated the new machine has a magnet that removes staples and all types of metal. Mr. Bessant showed the group a sample of the new glass aggregate. Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Bessant if the new machine removed the

needles. Mr. Bessant commented that the needles were being removed and all other metal as well. He stated the machine gives a good quality glass aggregate.

Mr. Gray asked if the SWA has a market for the aggregate. Mr. Bessant comment the old aggregate sold very steadily and when the product sold out then landfill received multiple calls asking when the product would be available again. He stated with the purchase of the new machine a cleaner product should increase sales as soon as the public knows of its availability.

Mr. Bessant indicated the new machine had become operational during the previous week. He stated staff wanted to make sure the machine was working properly. Mr. Bessant commented that the SWA has hauled 13 tons of aggregate and 20 tons of sand to the landfill daily.

Mr. Campbell asked if any other MRF facilities were crushing glass. Mr. Bessant remarked the MRF's in the upstate no longer crushed glass.

Mr. Ives asked Mr. Bessant if he oversaw the mixed construction tonnage. Mr. Bessant replied that Mr. Hilling oversees that tonnage. Mr. Ives commented there was no activity in the textile tonnages. Mr. Bessant replied Mrs. Murphy would have those figures. He commented any textiles would come from the recycling centers. Mr. Bessant stated the vendor collects the textiles from the recycling centers and sells the material in overseas markets. He commented he did not think Horry County received any revenue from the textiles. Mr. Bessant explained the vendor was responsible for the caretaking of the yellow collection boxes and also responsible to report the tonnage to the SWA.

Mrs. Bitting informed Mr. Ives that the tonnage reports were in the financial section. She explained this year's tonnage was slightly lower than last year, which reflected an increase due to Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Ives commented about an increase in land clearing debris this year. Mrs. Bitting indicated that construction had increased this year. She commented there were increased revenue for land clearing and mixed construction this year.

### **Executive Director Update**

Mr. Knight offered an update of the following which was included as page 65-74 in the Board Packet.

**Horry County Imagine 2040** – Mr. Knight advised the group that the SWA has been invited to participate with Horry County for the Imagine 2040: Horry County's New Comprehensive Plan. He indicated Mr. Ives and Ms. Creech will be on the Committee. Mr. Knight stated the SWA will have an information booth at the various public meetings to answer questions from the public.

**Highway 90 Cleanup Project** – Mr. Knight informed the Board a neighbor was complaining about litter on the road once again. He stated he and Mr. Hilling spoke with Horry County Litter Patrol and agreed to clean Highway 90 twice a month. Mr. Knight indicated that Litter Patrol would clean the highway the first week of the month and the SWA would clean the road the third week of the month.

**Charleston County Council Letter of Appreciation** – Mr. Knight commented on the letter sent by Mr. Brantley Moody extending appreciation from the Charleston County Council and citizens of Charleston County for continuing to process their recyclables.

**Lobbyist/Bottle Bill 819** – Mr. Knight stated the legislature was back in session and he had spoken with the lobbyist. He commented the magistrates in the subcommittee wanted a mandate to assign people to pick up litter certain roads and highways.

Mr. Knight stated the Bottle Bill 819 was in the Senate. He commented that the energy issue was the biggest topic this year. Mr. Knight indicated he would keep the Board informed of any information received from the lobbyist.

Mr. Hughes asked Mr. Knight if he was coordinating with the Litter Patrol. He observed the Litter Patrol only picking up garbage that could be reached while riding four-wheelers. Mr. Hughes stated he had spoken with several of them about this problem. He commented that some garbage was left by the Litter Patrol. Mr. Knight commented that both the Litter Patrol and the SWA used temporary labor to pick up the litter. He indicated the SWA was committed to keep Highway 90 clean.

Chairman Creech inquired as to whether the State would consider displaying large green sign about the littering on Highway 90. She stated the garbage was not coming from the trash trucks. Chairman Creech remarked that Mr. Ives reminded her it was time for the litter index which would be held on February 27, 2018.

Mr. Ives commented he spoke with Mrs. Murphy earlier about the tarps given out at several recycling centers and wondered if the residents used them. He indicated Keep Horry County Beautiful would like to observe at the recycling centers to determine if the tarps were utilized. Mr. Ives stated the information would determine if the tarps were helpful.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports to come before the Board.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Financial Assurance Revision** – Mrs. Bitting informed the Board that a revised Financial Assurance Letter would be reported to SCDHEC for financial assurance for closure and post closure. She explained that in prior years what was reported to SCDHEC was the percentage of capacity used; however, SCDHEC now wanted the totals for closure and post closure cost. Mrs. Bitting stated the total cost would be \$30,859,854. She said this was based on the engineers estimates and stated SCDHEC had approved these cost. She indicated that SCDHEC needed a revised letter and she wanted to review this information and bring it before the Board to be in compliance.

Mr. Ives asked if the bonding was expensive. Mrs. Bitting commented the SWA did not utilize bonds. She stated this process was based on the SWA and Horry County's revenue. Mr. Knight commented this was added to ensure that the landfills have adequate funding for closure and post closure.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MRF Light and Dust Control Fans** – Mr. Bessant indicated he was requesting approval to utilize the remaining funds from the purchase of LED lighting to purchase dust controlling fans for the MRF facility. He commented that staff had researched and found a more cost effective alternative for the lighting problem at the MRF. Mr. Bessant stated that resulted in \$50,000 in remaining funding. Mr. Bessant stated he was asking for Board approval to use the \$50,000 in remaining funds for the purchase of dust control fans.

**Mr. Campbell moved to accept staff recommendation to use the remaining \$50,000 in MRF Contingency funds for the purchase of dust controlling fans for the MRF. There was a second by Mr. Hughes and the Motion was carried.**

Chairman Creech thanked Mr. Bessant and staff for their hard work.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Minutes approved on February 27, 2018.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (L.S.)  
Pam J. Creech

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