

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
March 27, 2018**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 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 Michael H. Hughes and Samuel T. Johnson, Jr. Board Member Dan P. Gray was absent due to an illness.

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

The following individuals were also in attendance: Danny Knight, Executive Director; Esther Murphy, Director; Bill Hilling, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; Mike Bessant, Director; and other staff members to include Chris Calhoun, Wayne Martin, Nannette Powell, Cecil Terry, Stephanie Todd and Susie Wofford.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Creech called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Ives to render the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Johnson 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.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Agenda as presented. 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 February 27, 2018, as contained in the Agenda Packet; however, there were none.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2018. There was a second by Mr. Hughes. There being no further discussion, the Motion was carried.

Chairman Creech asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Board Workshop held on March 12, 2018, as contained in the Agenda Packet; however, there were none.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Minutes of the Board Workshop held on March 12, 2018. There was a second by Mr. Campbell. There being no further discussion, the Motion was carried.

Chairman Creech asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Budget Workshop held on March 13, 2018, as contained in the Agenda Packet; however, there were none.

Mr. Hughes moved to approve the Minutes of the Budget Workshop held on March 13, 2018. 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. Murphy offered an update of various projects in the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Division that were included as pages 29-35 in the Board Packet.

RMDAC Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the group that she attended the Recycling Market Development Advisory Council (RMDAC) meeting in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She stated that markets were challenging throughout the states, but fiber was an issue for everyone. Mrs. Murphy informed the Board that she was retiring from the council where she served as the representative for the glass industry.

Mrs. Murphy commented she would still attend some meetings since the council served as a statewide outlet for commodities information.

Tire Buyback Event – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board the Horry County Tire Buyback event would be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018. She indicated this was for Horry County residents only. Mrs. Murphy stated each resident would receive \$2.00 per tire and said it was limited to 10 car tires per vehicle. She commented that the SWA was advertising this event in the local newspapers, on the radio and that Horry County had the information on its public access information channel.

Caught Green Handed Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the group the February “Caught Green Handed” winner was Mr. Charles Hardee. She indicated that Mr. Hardee used the Dorman’s Crossroad Recycling Center. Mrs. Murphy stated Mr. Hardee received a SWA prize pack and media recognition.

Mrs. Murphy distributed a flyer to the group informing them that the Chirpin’ Birds Society would be showing the movie “Bag It” at local library’s during April. Mr. Ives commented that Chapin Memorial Library was showing the movie on April 26, 2018.

Mrs. Murphy stated the Chirpin’ Birds Society was hosting a Strand Strawless Summer Campaign along the grand strand. She commented this was to reduce the amount of plastics used during the summer months.

Carolina Recycling Association Conference – Mrs. Murphy commented that Mr. Hughes attended the Carolina Recycling Association Conference (CRA) held in Cherokee, North Carolina. Mr. Hughes stated he enjoyed the conference and received a lot of recycling information for Mr. Bessant, Mr. Knight and Mrs. Murphy. Mr. Hughes advised the group that the SWA received an award for the Talkin’ Trash program. He indicated that he could not share the information at present but would schedule a Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee meeting.

Operations and Planning Update

Mr. Hilling presented a Power Point of the landfill and various SWA programs. He commented he worked for an amazing organization with amazing people. Mr. Hilling gave praises to a great landfill staff. He thanked Chris Calhoun, Peggy Crawford, John Doyle, Wayne Martin, Ritchie Stetter and

Stephanie Todd for a job well done these past eleven years. Mr. Hilling thanked the Board of Directors for its willingness to support the landfill in its endeavors.

Financial Reports

Mrs. Bitting offered an update of the following which was included as page 37-55 in the Board Packet.

Monthly Finance Reports – Mrs. Bitting stated for the period ending February 28, 2018 the SWA revenue should be at 66.64% of budget. She indicated MSW revenue was at 65.91% of budget. Mrs. Bitting stated Construction and Demolition revenue was at 107.60% of budget and Yard Waste revenue was at 61.22% of budget. She stated the sale of recyclables revenue was at 75.65% of budget. Mrs. Bitting stated the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility revenue for February was \$223,055.20 and expenses was \$390,188.41 with a deficit of (\$167,133.21) with airspace saved equating to 46.60 days. Mrs. Bitting commented the MRF revenue year-to-date was \$3,912,156.45 the expenses year-to-date was \$3,712,756.14 with a savings of 39.26 days of airspace with revenue over expenses of \$199,400.31. She indicated net income for February was \$282,965.27 and year-to-date was \$2,377,573.57.

Mrs. Bitting explained the MRF processed 3,970.24 tons for February. She stated the current market value for processed material was \$127.60 for February. Mrs. Bitting informed the group that tonnage sold for February was 2,502.64 tons. Mrs. Bitting indicated the total MRF revenue for material sold in February was \$360,560.05 and expenses were \$263,904.87 resulting in revenue over expenses of \$96,655.18. She stated year-to-date total MRF revenue was \$3,383,761.04 and total MRF expenses were \$2,761,150.67 with revenue over expenses of \$622,610.37. Mrs. Bitting indicated the cost share from Charleston County would be \$41,229.27.

Mr. Ives asked Mrs. Bitting why container rental was running below budget. Mrs. Bitting explained some customers opted out of the program or a company closed its doors. Mr. Ives asked if the SWA was contacting customers that cancelled their service. Mrs. Bitting replied that the SWA did contact the customer and asked businesses why it no longer utilized the service.

Special Projects & Governmental Affairs Update

Mr. Bessant presented the following update which was included as pages 56-65 of the Board Packet.

MRF Update – Mr. Bessant informed the Board that the MRF had purchased and installed seven (7) fans that were requested for the facility. He indicated the fans were only operational while employees were on the premises because the fans were not integrated into the fire alarm system. Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Bessant when would he purchase the other five (5) fans for the facility. Mr. Bessant replied that more fans were budgeted in FY2019.

Mr. Bessant stated that the MRF tonnage was the same as last year. He indicated that fiber prices had decreased for the month of February and cardboard prices decreased from \$101.00 to \$80.00 per ton from last month. He commented that newspaper prices per ton decreased from \$116.00 to \$25.00 per ton and office paper price per ton were stable and holding.

Mr. Bessant indicated he had difficulty finding markets for material this year. He commented that transportation issues were still a concern. Mr. Ives asked Mr. Bessant where was he finding markets for the MRF material. Mr. Bessant stated he was selling the material to Sonoco and GP Harmon.

Executive Director Update

Mr. Knight offered an update of the following which was included as pages 66-70 in the Board Packet.

H3529 Plastic Bag Bill Update – Mr. Knight informed the group that he and Chairman Creech traveled to the South Carolina General Assembly to speak on behalf of H3529 Plastic Bag Bill. Chairman Creech commented she spoke about the impact of the plastic along the coast and the problems and concerns the municipalities have. She indicated the concerns were about the financial burden of the plastic bags and the difficulty keeping them out of the public landfills along the coastal areas. Mr. Knight commented the lobbyist had received feedback from the senators about the plastic bags and the cost.

Southeast Recycling Conference (SERC) Update – Mr. Knight stated he and Board Members Campbell, Creech and Ives traveled to Orlando, Florida to the Southeast Recycling Conference and Trade Show in February. Chairman Creech commented she spoke with a representative from the EPA who talked about the federal regulations and guidelines for machinery used on a landfill. Mr. Ives commented about the lack of information received from the private sector on the amount recyclable materials that were hauled and not reported in the various states.

Mr. Knight stated he received information about a vendor that had a fire suppression system for the MRF facility. He commented he requested information from the state insurance plan for cost savings and also budgeted figures for the system. Mr. Campbell indicated he received information about food waste recycling to help area restaurants and maybe discuss a pilot program in this area. Mr. Ives commented about the carpet recycling program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports to come before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Roundtable discussion** – Mr. Ives commented that the Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee had visited several of Horry County Recycling Centers and observed that commercial vendors were using the centers to dispose of their material and residents were not tarping their loads. He commented that Keep Horry County Beautiful had utilized resources for tarps and the residents were not using them. Mr. Ives asked if the SWA could empower the Site Attendants or someone to give out citations or tickets to residents not adhering to the tarping ordinance and commercial vendors who were not authorized to use the recycling centers. Mr. Ives stated that Keep Horry County Beautiful was going to ask Horry County Council for permission to give out citations or tickets. Mr. Knight commented that was what Horry County Police were for. He explained in the past the SWA had requested certification and a commission for an employee to carry a weapon and enforce the litter ordinances on SWA property, but it did not happen. Mr. Knight commented that Horry County Police recently issued tickets at the landfill and during this time every load was tarped. He indicated that Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Suggs communicated with the Site Attendants quarterly about the commercial disposal of debris at the centers. Mr. Ives commented he would speak with Chief Hill on this matter.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Thompson made a Motion for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter Mr. Campbell gave a second, and the Motion was carried unanimously.
The Board went into Executive Session at 6:35 P.M.

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
AND BACK INTO OPEN SESSION**

At 7:00 P.M., Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Board come out of Executive Session and back into open session.

STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD

Chairman Creech asked for the record to reflect that the Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter. She stated no votes or action was taken in the Executive Session.

Mr. Ives made a Motion to purchase 76 containers from Myrtle Beach Recycling, there was a second by Mr. Campbell and the Motion was carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Ives moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried** and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes approved on April 24, 2018.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

BY: _____ (L. S.)
Pam J. Creech, Chairman

ATTEST:

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M. Lance Thompson, Secretary

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J. Michael Campbell

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Dan P. Gray

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