

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
June 28, 2022**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Board Meeting on Tuesday, at 10:30 A.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: Bo Ives, Chairman; Amos C. Berry, Sr.; Vice Chairman; Carl H. Schwarzkopf, Treasurer; W. Norfleet Jones, Secretary; and Board Members Michael H. Hughes, and Samuel T. Johnson Jr. Board Member Robert J. Kemp.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Danny Knight, Executive Director; Esther Murphy, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; and staff members Stephanie Todd, Katherine Bell, and Monica Collier. Guest in attendance were Aaliyah McCray, Brady & Brody Schewd, Deb Mauldin, Robert Valliere, Jamie McCray, and Amelia Woods represented the public.

There were no members of the media in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order and he rendered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Ives asked for any revisions to the Agenda as contained in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Schwarzkopf moved to approve the Agenda as presented. There was a second by Mr. Berry and the Motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Ives asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting for the Board on May 24, 2022; however, there were none.

Mr. Schwarzkopf moved to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2022; Board Meeting as presented. There was a second by Mr. Berry and the Motion was carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Ives stated there was no Public Input.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Recycling and Corporate Affairs Update – Mrs. Murphy, Director of Recycling and Corporate

Affairs offered an update of various projects in the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Division that were included on pages 16 -26.

Recycling Student of the Year – Mrs. Murphy commented On June 28, 2022, the HCSWA recognized three (3) Recycling Students of the Year. Mrs. Murphy stated the SWA typically chooses one Recycling Student of the Year; however, this year was a little different. She indicated there were 15 nominations from various schools and three submissions were overwhelmingly touching. Mrs. Murphy announced Aaliyah McCray a fourth grader at Daisy Elementary and twin brothers Brady & Brody Schwed, fourth graders at Burgess Elementary were selected as the 2022 Recycling Students of the Year. She said these three students are a true inspiration to their classmates, school and community and are motivated to encourage others to take responsibility for the care of the earth. Mrs. Murphy remarked the SWA was honored to recognize these students as the 2022 Recycling Students of the Year for demonstrating a willingness to Protect Tomorrow’s Environment Today. Each student was awarded a prize packet from HCSWA valued at \$350.00 which included an electronic tablet, a plaque, and a prize pack of recycled content items.

Talkin’ Trash – Mrs. Murphy offered an update on the 2022 Talkin’ Trash program. She reported that Conway Elementary, Kingston Elementary and Palmetto Bay Elementary were being recognized as the Talkin’ Trash Grand Finale Winners. She explained each student received a trip to Rock & Jump. Mrs. Murphy commented that the Talkin’ Trash campaign incorporated all aspects of the school’s recycling stream in an effort to teach, encourage and promote waste diversion at all schools. Mrs. Murphy stated that each school had a great time at Rock & Jump.

UCS Staff Meeting Update – Mrs. Murphy offered an update on the UCS Staff Meeting which was held on June 7th and 8th She reported out of the 72 staff members, 68 were in attendance for training over the course of two days. She said the annual training consists of Bloodborne Pathogens, Sexual Harassment, Diversity Training and the Annual Fire Extinguisher training conducted by Captain Strickland with Horry County Fire and Rescue.

Caught Green Handed Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board the May “Caught Green Handed” winner was Ms. Eva Billings. She acknowledged Ms. Billings was a recycler at the Homewood Recycling Center. Mrs. Murphy stated that Mrs. Billings was happy to be recognized

Finance and Administration Update – Mrs. Bitting offered an update of the following which were included on pages 27 - 41 in the Board Packet.

Monthly Finance Reports – Mrs. Bitting reported that tipping fees were up by 10.74% as compared to last year. She stated Solid Waste was at 99.86% of budget and Mixed Construction revenues was all well above budget projections at 106.38%. She remarked that Yard Waste revenue was slightly below budget at 89.71% and Recyclables Sales were at 225.86% of budget. Mrs. Bitting reported landfill airspace saved was well over 46 days for the C&D Processing Facility, the MRF/ Collection & Hauling Department saved 84 days and The Store saved .97 days in airspace.

Mrs. Bitting reviewed the designated account for future landfill construction and said that at the completion of the landfill project the account had \$579,000. She said the SWA was able to complete the projects without transferring funds from the closure or post closure accounts. Mrs. Bitting stated that the SWA will continue funding the account in order that funds for the next project is available.

Mrs. Bitting reviewed the income statement and reported revenue over expenses of \$528,486.80, which was great. Mrs. Bitting said the SWA's year-to-date revenue over expenses equaled \$5,989,466.94. She said total revenue was at 103.83% of budget and expenses were at 83.5% of budget. Mrs. Bitting commented with the additional cost of fuel and other things the SWA was doing a great job with maintaining the budget.

Mrs. Bitting gave a review of the landfill tonnage report and stated Solid Waste Tonnage was up more than 3% and Yard Waste was down by ½%. She said Mixed Construction was up by 18% as compared to last year.

Operations and Planning Update – In Mr. Bessant's absence, Mrs. Todd presented the following updates which were included on pages 42 -54 in the Board Packet

Landfill Update – Mrs. Todd informed the Board there was a landfill inspection on June 9, 2022, from SCDHEC. She stated that the inspection passed all requirements and had no notation of anything that needed attention. Mrs. Todd reported the landfill staff has increased the sale of colored mulch by 26% over last year during the same period. She informed the Board there will be a Technical Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 9 A.M. in the MultiPurpose room. She also advised the Board that during the next 30 to 45 days staff will meet with HDR to review findings on the LFG Feasibility Study. Mrs. Todd indicated staff will meet with SCS Engineers to discuss the upcoming Waste Characterization Study.

Mrs. Todd offered an update on Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and reported in FY21 the SWA disposed of a total of 245,727 lbs./122.86 tons of HHW material. She said the total cost for disposal only was \$57,723.70. In FY22 Mrs. Todd said the SWA disposed of a total 231,168 lbs. /115.84 tons of material. She commented that the total cost for disposal has not yet been determined since the last disposal pick-up was Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Mrs. Todd stated that it may take a week or two before she receives the finalized invoice for disposal pick-up. She stated the SWA was only able to fill up one truck due to driver shortage, but two semi-trucks are schedule to pick up 40 pallets of leftover material on July 6, 2022.

MRF Update – Mrs. Todd stated the installation of the new baler began on Wednesday, June 15th and was completed on Monday, June 20th. She confirmed the baler was up and running. Mrs. Todd indicated staff had been training on the operation of the new baler. She stated the old baler averaged 12 to 15 tons per hour with the bale weight averaging around 1,400lbs; while the new baler averages 20 to 50 tons per hour with the bale weight averaging around 1,500-1,600lbs. Chairman Ives asked what did the SWA do with the old baler. Mr. Knight stated that the company purchased it back.

Mrs. Todd stated that MRF tonnage for May 2022 saw an increase of 2.43% as compared to May of last year. She reported for the month of May cardboard had an \$8.50 increase over May

of 2021, office paper increased \$155.74 over last year, and mixed paper showed a \$36.50 increase as compared to last year.

Mr. Knight reported there was a fire on the landfill on Monday and the fire department was called. He stated there was an operator at the landfill in 15 minutes and he believed within an hour the fire was extinguished.

Driver of the Month Update – Mrs. Todd stated the Driver of the Month for June was Mr. Michael Flynn who works for the City of Myrtle Beach. She said the SWA appreciates Mr. Flynn for being a good driver.

Chairman Ives thanked Mrs. Todd for an outstanding report.

Executive Director Update – Mr. Knight offered an update which was included on pages 58-71 in the Board Packet.

Introduction of Assistant Executive Director – Mr. Knight welcomed the new Assistant Executive Director Mr. Ed Marr. Mr. Marr stated that he was excited about coming on board and expressed his wiliness to help and offer any services that he can provide to SWA.

Electronic Waste Update – Mr. Knight gave an update on the Electronic Bill and said it was signed by the governor of South Carolina. He commented the information on the bill was included in the Board Packet. Chairman Ives expressed his appreciation to Mr. Knight for his work on this matter.

Youth Fishing Day with DNR and Horry County Parks & Rec – Mr. Knight gave an update on the Youth Fishing Day proposed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). He stated the SWA and the DNR will meet on Thursday to look at the location and test the water. He stated the event is slated for next spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Meetings held to report on.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **SWA Holiday Update** – Mr. Knight stated that information pertaining to the SWA holiday schedule was on page 74 and 75. He informed the Board that staff looked over the holiday schedule and said the SWA was on board with making Juneteenth a SWA holiday. Mr. Knight said after speaking with the County, they requested the recycling centers remain open on that holiday. He reported that Juneteenth will be managed in the same manner as the other SWA approved holidays. with the administrative office being closed, the landfill operating under holiday hours and the recycling centers operating under regular hours. Mr. Knight recommended approval of Juneteenth as a holiday and said staff who work on that day would receive additional pay.

Chairman Ives stated it was the best option to observe Juneteenth and he believed it would have minimum impact on SWA operations. He said adding Juneteenth as a holiday would be a great opportunity to recognize this day of great importance to our country. He commented that with

the SWA's five (5) floating holidays, the holiday schedule would reflect 13 holidays, which is in line with the County.

Mr. Schwarzkopf said he believed it was important that the SWA meet the needs of the constituents and citizens.

Mr. Hughes said that he would like to thank Mr. Knight and staff members for all the work they put into making Juneteenth a SWA holiday. Mr. Hughes stated that he believed the holiday was worthy and SWA staff will appreciate having the time off.

Mr. Johnson indicated that he was not comfortable with observing Juneteenth as a holiday when the SWA does not recognize Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

Chairman Ives said that it would be hard to close these days due to the SWA being an essential service.

Mr. Knight stated observing Memorial Day and Veterans Day could be looked at in next year's budget.

Mr. Jones moved to accept staff's recommendation and Mr. Berry seconded the Motion. There being no further discussion, the Motion was carried with Mr. Johnson voting in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Roundtable Discussion** – Mr. Hughes stated that he had two things he would like to discuss but said he would like to delay one until he gathered additional information. He reported on last Friday he delivered some furniture to The Store and ran into a problem with the store manager. He stated the store manager had an issue with the delivery of an expensive desk. He indicated he was told the facility was full and could not accept his donation. Mr. Hughes said that he was under the impression that items could be donated to The Store and sold for funding.

Mr. Hughes recommended The Store put up a sign if they can no longer accept donations. He reported that he was disappointed with the service he received and indicated he would be speaking with Mrs. Gore about store policy. He stated although The Store is doing well and the SWA needed to investigate The Store's business practices. Mr. Hughes stated he would follow up with the Council on Aging about these issues with The Store management. He indicated based on this experience, he would not be making any future donations to The Store. Mr. Schwarzkopf suggested staff form a relationship with the League of Cities and invite them to use the SWA facilities for future meetings. Mr. Jones commented in the past staff has offered the use of SWA facilities to the League of Cities. He said the League has used the SWA facilities in the past. He said the decision to utilize the SWA facilities was at the discretion of the League president.

Chairman Ives offered thanks to Mr. Hardee, Mr. Berry, Mr. Knight and staff members for organizing the Gathering of Friends. He stated that it was a success, and he recommended the event continued annually.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Berry moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried,** and the June Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

BY: _____ (L. S.)
Bo Ives, Chairman

ATTEST:

W. Norfleet Jones, Secretary

Amos C. Berry, Sr.

Michael H. Hughes

Samuel T. Johnson, Jr.

Robert J. Kemp

Carl H. Schwarzkopf