

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.
July 26, 2022**

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 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: W. Norfleet Jones, Chairman; Robert J. Kemp, Vice Chairman; Amos C. Berry, Sr., Treasurer; Bo Ives, Secretary; and Board Members Michael H. Hughes, Carl H. Schwarzkopf, and Samuel T. Johnson, Jr.

County Administrator Steve Gosnell and Amelia Wood represented the public in attendance. There were no members of the media present.

The following individuals were also in attendance: Danny Knight, Executive Director; Ed Marr, Assistant Executive Director; Esther Murphy, Director; Jan Bitting, Director; Mike Bessant, Director; and staff members Stephanie Todd and Monica Collier.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Berry to render the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Chairman Jones asked everyone to please raise their hand if they wish to speak and to please wait until their name was called to respond.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Jones asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting for the Board held on June 28, 2022; however, there were none.

Mr. Schwarzkopf moved to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2022; Regular Meeting as presented. There was a second by Mr. Kemp and the Motion was carried.

Chairman Jones asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 28, 2022; however, there were none.

Mr. Berry moved to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2022, Annual Meeting as presented. There was a second by Mr. Ives and the Motion was carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Jones stated there was no Public Input.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Recycling and Corporate Affairs Update – Esther 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 16-23.

FY2023 SCDHEC Grant Update – Mrs. Murphy gave an update on the FY2023 DHEC grant request. She stated the SWA staff applied for four (4) grants in April 2022, totaling \$307,175. Mrs. Murphy said staff received notification from SCDHEC in July 2022, of the three (3) grants that was awarded to the SWA. She reported several counties requested tire grant funding and received a reduced amount of 80% for contractor cost. Mrs. Murphy gave a breakdown of grants awarded to SWA: \$71,512 for the Waste Tire Grant, \$49,195 for the Used Oil Grant, and \$5,750 for the Solid Waste Grant/Public Education for FY2023, a total of \$126,457 in grants.

Spotlight on Environmental Awareness – Mrs. Murphy recognized the Crooked Oak Tavern as the Spotlight on Environment Awareness recipient for the month of June. The Crooked Oak Tavern, a local business in Conway, was established in 2018. Mrs. Murphy said they are committed and dedicated to being an eco-friendly atmosphere while reducing their impact on the environment. Mrs. Murphy reported that the Crooked Oak Tavern will be expanding into the old Abrams retail store. She commented the Crooked Oak Tavern will be repurposing and reusing many materials in the old Abrams building as a part of the expansion project.

Recycling Center of the Quarter – Mrs. Murphy said the North Myrtle Beach Recycling Center was recognized as the Recycling Center of the quarter. She reported there was a staffing change in the past 6 months and the new staff at the North Myrtle Beach Center was doing a superb job. She said the site attendants at NMB are dedicated to making sure the services at the center are as efficient as possible. Mrs. Murphy thanked site attendants Karen Richards and John LoPresti for their hard work and dedication to SWA.

Caught Green Handed Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the Board the June “Caught Green Handed” winner was Mr. Josh Lindh. She stated, Mr. Lindh was a recycler at the Landfill Recycling Center. Staff thanked Mr. Lindh for his efforts in saving natural resources and reducing the amount of waste at the recycling center. Mr. Lindh received a SWA prize packet and media recognition.

Finance and Administration Update – Mrs. Bitting offered an update of the following which was included as pages 24-41 in the Board Packet.

Monthly Finance Reports – Mrs. Bitting advised the Board the auditors will be at the SWA on August 16 and 17 to complete the yearly audit. She stated there was a new designated fund set up for capital contingency fund of One Million dollars. Mrs. Bitting reported that the SWA saw an increase in tipping fees by 9.5% as compared to last year. She stated MSW and Mixed Construction revenues were well above budget projections of 83.33%. Mrs. Bitting commented that Yard Waste revenue was slightly below budget projections. She stated

recyclable sales are at a high of 242.11%, and landfill airspace saved was 50.91 days for the C&D Processing Facility which was slightly below last year's 63.84 days. Mrs. Bitting reported the Material Recycling Facility had 92.55 days of airspace saved. She commented, The Store is doing a great job.

Mrs. Bitting reviewed the income statement and reported revenue over expenses of \$268,898.73, which was great. She said the SWA's year-to-date revenue over expenses equaled \$6,258,365.67 and total revenue total was at 114% of budget and expenses were at 92.97%. Mrs. Bitting replied 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 2.25%. She said Mixed Construction was up by 18.53% as compared to last year.

Operations and Planning Update – Mr. Bessant, presented the following update which included page 42 -57 in the Board Packet.

Landfill Update – Mr. Bessant informed the Board there was a landfill inspection on July 8, 2022, from SCDHEC. He stated the inspection passed all requirements and had no notation of anything that needed attention. Mr. Bessant reported that in the last few weeks there was a lot of rain at the landfill causing washouts and staff was working on getting the repairs done before the next inspection.

HHW Update – Mr. Bessant reported on the recent pickup of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) material and indicated 17.2 tons were picked up with 13 tons alone being paint. Mr. Bessant reminded the Board that staff utilizes latex paint as an alternate daily cover. Mr. Schwarzkopf asked Mr. Bessant was the paint latex or enamel. Mr. Bessant said only latex paint could be used for alternate daily cover.

MRF Update – Mr. Bessant commented there was a decrease of recyclables in June at the MRF by 8.29% as compared to last year. He anticipated that MRF sales were down due to market changes. Mr. Bessant generally discussed challenges staff was facing in finding buyers for materials. He informed the Board that the cardboard market was decreasing; however, he believed in the next 2 to 3 months it would increase. He stated that the SWA was having a problem finding a buyer for PET.

Driver of the Month Update – Mr. Bessant stated the July Driver of the Month was Mr. Wave Stanley who works for GFL.

Mr. Ives asked Mr. Bessant if there was an odor on the hill. Mr. Bessant replied since the Board approved the budget to expand the landfill gas system it does an excellent job with keeping the smell down.

Executive Director Update – Mr. Knight offered an update which was included as page 58-68 in the Board Packet. Mr. Knight asked Assistant Executive Director Ed Marr to give an update on solar panels.

Solar Panel Disposal - Mr. Marr reported the typical life of solar panels was estimated at 25-30 years depending on technology. He stated that solar panels are usually replaced due to their end of life, storm damage or if technology becomes more efficient. He reported solar

panels may be recycled as technology improves. Mr. Marr indicated that 70% of solar panels came into place about five years ago and there may be some concerns on how to manage these materials as the cost to recycle solar panels could exceed their value. He commented theoretically 95% of a solar panel's components can be recycled; however, currently recycling technology does not exist to easily separate the many layers of solar panels. Mr. Marr also discussed the cost to recycle solar panels and the potentially hazardous waste the panels might contain. Mr. Marr said currently there are 11 states that developed guidelines for solar panels disposal. He advised that SCDHEC has not released guidelines on solar panel disposal; therefore, Mr. Marr said, it was staff's recommendation to not accept solar panels for disposal until such time that DHEC establishes regulations. Mr. Johnson asked if the SWA should share the information on the company in Spartanburg that accepts solar panels. Mr. Knight commented that it would be best to direct people to DHEC for assistance. General discussion ensued.

Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Mr. Knight advised the Board that the Technical Advisory Council (TAC) will meet on July 28, 2022 at 9:00 A.M at the SWA. He informed the Board that he included a timeline of past TAC meetings in the Board Packet. Mr. Knight invited the Board to attend the meetings, but said it was not mandatory.

Mr. Knight stated, due to an increase of Covid cases, it is recommended, but not mandatory that you wear your mask in addition to social distancing. Chairman Jones stated in the event that wearing mask becomes mandatory, he will notify staff will immediately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations and Planning Committee Meeting – Committee Chairman Berry advised that the Operations and Planning Committee met on July 13, 2022. He asked Mr. Bessant to give an update to the Board.

FY2023 Budgeted Equipment Purchase/Funding Recommendations – Mr. Bessant gave a review of the following FY2023 budgeted equipment, and the additional funding needed:

- Finger Screen – \$100,000
- MRF Overhead Shelter – \$31,991
- Front Load Cardboard Containers - \$11,289.96
- Wheel Loader - \$3,454.72

Total Additional Funding Requested = \$146,735.68

Mr. Bessant explained staff was asking for approval to use funds designated in FY23 for the trommel screen which was not going to be replaced this fiscal year.

Mr. Berry moved to approve the use of \$146,735.68 from the FY23 amount budgeted for the trommel screen to cover the purchase of the above referenced equipment. There was a second by Mr. Ives and the Motion was carried.

Green Sea Property Recommendation – Mr. Bessant reported the current Green Sea property lessor, Squires Farm, had requested permission to obtain a 30-day deprecation permit from DNR to keep animals off the property.

Mr. Schwarzkopf made a Motion to allow Squires Farm to contact SC Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to obtain a 30-day depredation permit. There was a second by Mr. Berry and the Motion was carried.

Mr. Bessant mentioned that the Waste Characterization Study would begin soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Roundtable Discussion – Chairman Jones handed out the new committee appointments to the Board. He asked Board Members if there were any questions. However, there were none.

Mr. Hughes reported that he received the demographics report and asked Mr. Knight to distribute a copy to the Board Members. He stated that there was sensitive personnel information in the report. Mr. Hughes said that he would like to discuss the matter during Executive Session at the upcoming Board Meeting.

Chairman Jones distributed a copy of Mr. Knight's evaluation to the Board. He asked the Board Members to complete the evaluation and return it to him by August 12th so that he would have time to review them before the next Board Meeting.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter was made by Mr. Berry. Mr. Schwarzkopf gave a second, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:20 A.M.

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

At 11:50 A.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 Jones asked for the record to reflect that the Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter. He informed the group that no votes or action was taken in the Executive Session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Schwartzkopf moved, seconded by Mr. Berry to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried,** and the May Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

BY: _____ (L. S.)
W. Norfleet Jones, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Bo Ives, Secretary

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Amos C. Berry, Sr.

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Michael H. Hughes

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Samuel T. Johnson, Jr.

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Robert J. Kemp

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Carl H. Schwarzkopf