

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

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Inc. held a Board Meeting on Monday, August 27, 2018, at 2:00 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. Donald Godwin, Vance Moore, 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 Rodney Cannon, Richie Stetter, Cecil Terry and Stephanie Todd.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hughes asked for any questions on or amendments to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 24, 2018, as contained in the Agenda Packet; however there were none.

Mr. Schwartzkopf moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 24, 2018. There was a second by Mr. Campbell. There being no further discussion, the Motion was carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Amelia Wood thanked the Board and commented that she would be making general comments. She informed the group she was interested in environmental issues since college. Ms. Wood stated she remembered when gas rationing, energy and water conservation started. She commented she taught in Horry County Public Schools and encouraged students to study environmental issues.

Ms. Wood told the Board she valued the SWA friendship and thanked the group for allowing her to speak. Chairman Hughes said he was glad to have Ms. Wood speak and appreciated her comments. Ms. Creech thanked Ms. Wood for speaking on behalf of the environmental issues.

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 15-23 in the Board Packet.

Talkin' Trash 2018-2019 Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the group that Talkin' Trash proposals for 2018-2019 school year had been submitted and reviewed. She stated the evaluation team, consisting of herself, Kendra Hooks, Victoria Johnson, Jeff Mishoe and Jamie Suggs, reviewed and discussed each proposal. Mrs. Murphy indicated that WPDE-TV15, WFXB-Fox and WBTW/Motion Works presented their proposals to the Evaluation Team and WBTW/Motion Works was selected. She commented the 2018-2019 Talkin' Trash Campaign would begin October 2018 and run through March 2019. Mrs. Murphy stated each school's overall recycling efforts, food waste composting and the amount of solid waste generated would be evaluated in determining the winners. She commented that there would be educational components in this year's campaign as well.

SWA Recycling Grant Update – Mrs. Murphy indicated in the FY2019 budget funding was allocated for SWA Recycling Grant for the local governmental agencies. She commented that staff had contacted the municipalities, Horry County Schools and Coastal Carolina University to encourage participation in the program. Mrs. Murphy stated that an informational flyer was shared on the SWA's website and Facebook page. She commented that the flyer with grant information was advertised in the local area newspaper and staff would insert this in the next month's billing statements.

Mrs. Murphy stated that an application was received from the Town of Surfside Beach. She informed the Board that the application was reviewed by herself, Mr. Bessant, Mrs. Bitting and Mr. Knight. Mrs. Murphy stated this application was forwarded to the Corporate Affairs Committee and an update would be given in the Committee Section of the Board Packet.

Recycling Center of the Quarter – Mrs. Murphy stated the Jackson Bluff Recycling and Convenience Center was selected as the Recycling Center of the Quarter ending June 30, 2018. She commented that Amy Swafford, Bill Howard and Larry Buckingham worked hard to maintain the site. Mrs. Murphy indicated the next Recycling Center of the Quarter would be announced in October.

Caught Green Handed Update – Mrs. Murphy informed the group the July "Caught Green Handed" winner was Ms. Stephanie Igo. She indicated that Ms. Igo used the Longs Center. Mrs. Murphy stated Ms. Igo received a SWA prize pack and media recognition.

Mr. Schwartzkopf stated that the Jackson Bluff Center was well maintained, and the site attendants were very helpful. Mr. Ives informed Mrs. Murphy that Keep Horry County Beautiful would be distributing tarps at the recycling centers in October.

Financial Reports

Mrs. Bitting offered an update of the following which was included as page 24-42 in the Board Packet.

Monthly Finance Reports – Mrs. Bitting stated for the period ending July 31, 2018 the SWA revenue should be at 8.33% of budget. She indicated MSW revenue was at 11.35% of budget. Mrs. Bitting stated Construction and Demolition revenue was at 7.98% of budget and Yard Waste

revenue was at 9.51% of budget. She stated the sale of recyclables revenue was at 7.33% of budget. Mrs. Bitting stated the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility revenue for July was \$37,050.62 and expenses were \$31,274.62 with airspace saved equating to 4.59 days. Mrs. Bitting commented the MRF revenue year-to-date was \$403,322.40 and the expenses year-to-date were \$280,502.65 with a savings of 5.90 days of airspace. She indicated net income for July was \$727,080.94 and year-to-date was \$727,080.94.

Mrs. Bitting explained the MRF processed 5,057.53 tons of material for July. She stated the current market value for processed material was \$136.38 for July. Mrs. Bitting informed the group that tonnage sold for July was 2,458.80 tons. Mrs. Bitting indicated the total MRF revenue for material sold in July was \$335,324.57 and expenses were \$186,915.09 resulting in revenue over expenses of \$170,758.09. She stated year-to-date total MRF revenue was \$357,673.18 and total MRF expenses were \$186,915.09 with revenue over expenses of \$170,758.09. Mrs. Bitting indicated the cost share due to Charleston County would be \$22,348.61.

Operations Update

Mr. Bessant presented the following update which was included as pages 43-55 of the Board Packet.

Collection & Hauling Update – Mr. Bessant stated the Collection and Hauling Department had a 60% increase of material for July.

MRF Update – Mr. Bessant informed the group that the national average on commodities prices were below the monthly pricing the SWA received. Mr. Bessant commented that the national commodities average per ton versus the SWA MRF facility:

National average per ton price		SWA’s MRF average per ton price
Cardboard	\$ 70.63	\$114.15
OCC	\$199.00	\$245.00
PET	\$.1671	\$.1819
HDPE	\$.3881	\$.43
HDPE-C	\$.1405	\$.1725

Driver of the Month Update – Mr. Bessant stated the July Driver of the Month was Jeffery Alford from the Go Green Disposal. Mr. Bessant commented Mr. Alford has worked for Go Green Disposal for 1 years. He informed the group that Mr. Alford worked well with staff.

C&D Processing Facility Update – Mr. Bessant informed the group the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility received an upgrade. He stated that concrete pads and concrete walls were installed at the Construction and Demolition Processing Facility. Mr. Bessant commented when the facility overflowed staff would place material on the ground. He stated that DHEC would comment about the material being placed on the ground during inspection.

Mr. Schwartzkopf asked if the shed would be expanded in the future. Mr. Bessant indicated the shed was used for excess material and if material was stored for any length of time then a cover would become necessary.

MRF Inspections – Mr. Ives asked Mr. Bessant to give a report on the two inspections from India and China the MRF received on its material. Mr. Bessant commented that vendors from India traveled to inspect the material of the MRF facility. He indicated the vendor from India had purchased over 1,000 tons of the material and were examining the single stream system. He

indicated the MRF received vendors from China as well. Mr. Bessant stated several bales of material were examined by the vendors from China. Mr. Bessant commented that both vendors were impressed by the quality of the MRF's material.

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Bessant and his staff for their efforts especially for the quality of the product. He asked Mr. Bessant what would make the MRF material an exceptional product and what could the Board do to achieve this process. Mr. Bessant stated the upcoming upgrade to the MRF facility would ensure the operation ran smoothly.

Chairman Hughes asked Mr. Bessant if more markets were opening since the MRF did not ship as much to China. Mr. Bessant indicated that since the MRF has a better quality of material this attracts more vendors. He thanked his MRF operations staff Rodney Cannon and Richie Stetter for all the hard work.

Executive Director Update

Mr. Knight offered an update of the following which was included as page 56 in the Board Packet.

SWANA Conference Update – Mr. Knight gave an overview of the SWANA Conference held in Nashville, TN, August 20-23, 2018. He commented the focus was China rejecting commodities from the United States. Mr. Knight indicated that on the average China was purchasing 90% of the US market but at the present was only purchasing 5%. He stated some companies were landfilling their material since no alternative was available. Mr. Knight indicated companies had difficulty recruiting and keeping of millennials. He asked the Board Members if they wanted to comment on the conference.

Ms. Creech commented she enjoyed the conference especially the focus group with Proctor and Gamble whose focus was on reducing the packaging of their products. Mr. Ives stated he also enjoyed the Proctor and Gamble focus group. He commented that the Chirping Birds had 300 restaurants participate in the Straw-less Summer along the Grand Strand.

Chairman Hughes commented that since less material was shipped to China everyone would have to find ways to recycle the material or find alternatives for it. He indicated the need for more recycling and more employees to process the material. Chairman Hughes stated safety was a major concern and working within the solid waste industry was the fifth leading cause of death.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operation and Planning Committee Meeting Update – Committee Chairman Michael Campbell stated the Operations and Planning Committee met on August 13, 2018 at 1:30 P.M. He and Committee Members Norfleet Jones and Michael Hughes were present. He stated the following items were discussed.

Collection & Hauling – Frontload Purchase – Committee Chairman Michael Campbell stated that the Collection & Hauling Division needed to purchase a frontload truck for \$270,678.08 and rear loader truck for \$130,163. He indicated the Committee discussed the purchase of these two trucks.

Mr. Campbell made a Motion to purchase a frontload truck for \$270,678.08 and a rear loader truck for \$130,163. There was a second by Mr. Jones. There being no further discussion, the Motion was carried.

MRF Storage Building – Committee Chairman Michael Campbell stated the Operations and Planning Committee discussed enclosing the existing electronics building. He commented that staff was awaiting bids for the project. Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Bessant if any contractors had contacted him. Mr. Bessant relied that he was still waiting on the information.

Charleston County Contract – Committee Chairman Campbell informed the group that Charleston County had not responded to any calls or emails as of August 13, 2018. He commented that Mr. Knight had received a letter the day of the board meeting. Mr. Knight stated he received a letter from Charleston County saying they appreciated the SWA's willingness in accepting their recyclables. He informed the group that construction was still suspended on their MRF facility. Mr. Knight commented that Charleston County had given notice of their intent to execute a new contract with the SWA within 90 days of the expiration of the current contract. He indicated that Charleston County would provide proposed terms for a future agreement with 30 days of the date of this letter. Mr. Knight stated he wanted to meet with representatives from Charleston County and discuss what was expected from SWA.

Mr. Jones commented that information was needed from the MRF operations before any decisions could be made. Ms. Creech commented the MRF facility overhauling of the equipment was a major concern. Chairman Hughes indicated that staff wanted as much information as possible before a decision could be reached on Charleston County recyclables.

Recycling and Corporate Affairs Meeting Update – Committee Chairman Carl Schwartzkopf stated the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee met on August 13, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. He and Committee Members Pam Creech and Bo Ives were present. He stated the following items were discussed.

SWA Recycling Grant Application Consideration – Town of Surfside Beach – Committee Chairman Schwartzkopf stated the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee approved a grant for the Town of Surfside Beach. He indicated the application was to purchase 200+/-65-gallon roll-carts.

Mr. Schwartzkopf made a Motion to approve the grant application submitted by the Town of Surfside Beach to purchase 200+/-65-gallon recycling roll-cart in the amount not exceed \$10,000. There was a second by Mr. Campbell the Motion was carried.

SC Environmental Law Project Letter – Recycling – Committee Chairman Schwartzkopf stated the Committee discussed the SC Environmental Law Project Letter-Recycling. He indicated that the public needed to know about the various recycling program offered by the SWA. Committee Chairman Schwartzkopf commented that the Committee wanted the legislature to participate and increase recycling awareness.

Chairman Hughes asked if the Recycling and Corporate Affairs Committee members knew anyone at Horry Georgetown Technical College and if they would be interested in the composting food waste program. He commented he and Mr. Schwartzkopf would contact Horry Georgetown Technical College about the composting food waste program. Mr. Ives asked if the J. Rueben Long facility and the area hospitals had been contacted about participating the program. Chairman Hughes said he had a contact at Conway Hospital. Ms. Creech commented that the area hospitals generated large volumes of solid waste and this would benefit the food waste composting program.

OLD BUSINESS

Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Mr. Bessant stated that 2018 Solid Waste Management Draft Plan needed for each of the municipality to sign and approve the resolution. He indicated that the Board needed to approve the 2018 Solid Waste Management Draft Plan and then forwarded this to Horry County Council. Mr. Bessant commented after the resolutions were signed and approved with the minutes this information would be forwarded to DHEC.

Mr. Ives stated he did make a motion during the Public Hearing, but it did not include this language. He indicated this would be forwarded to County Council with the resolution requesting approval of the updated plan. Mr. Ives wanted to amend his previous motion to approve and include the forwarding of the resolution to the Horry County Council requesting approval of the updated plan into this motion.

Mr. Ives moved that the Board of Directors approve the 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan Draft Update to include the minutes and forward a Resolution to Horry County Council requesting approval for the updated Plan then submit this information to DHEC. There was a seconded by Mr. Schwartzkopf. The Motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

Notice of Compliance – Mr. Ives commented that staff discussed submitting a letter to DHEC requesting a Notice of Compliance (NOC) to increase the capacity of the SWA landfill. He asked the Board to submit the application or NOC certification which was required before beginning this process.

Mr. Ives made a Motion to submit to DHEC the application for the Notice of Compliance which was a requirement for DHEC consent. There was a second by Mr. Campbell. 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 3:00 P.M.

Minutes approved on October 9, 2018.

HORRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, INC.

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

ATTEST:

J. Michael Campbell, Secretary

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