

# Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

## Thursday, February 19, 2009, 2:00 p.m.

### Public Works Conference Room

#### Attendees:

Earl Dietz, Chairman & District 8 Representative  
Gordon Bowers, V, Chairman & District 7 Representative  
Leroy Norris, District 5 Representative  
David R. Uehling, District 6 Representative  
George Potts, District 9 Representative  
Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director  
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager  
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator  
Cpl. John Eckard, Litter Officer  
Abby Goldsmith, RW Beck

#### Absentees:

Alice Derian, Town of Hilton Head Island (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Rob McFee, Public Services Director  
Billie Lindsay, Planning  
Brianna Haven, Resource Recycling Systems  
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison  
Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison  
Cpl. Richard Black, Litter Officer

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- **Call to Order:** Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:05.
  - **Minutes:** The Board approved the January 2009 minutes as written
  - **Monthly Reports**
    - Mr. Minor reviewed the December reports noting at 6 months: Hauling at 51%, Disposal at 41%, Recycling 58%. Recycling is over budget because of the downturn in the market. Disposal costs reflect reduction in garbage nationwide. Pulls were up to accommodate Landfill closing on Sundays. some downturns in collections as a result of the economy.
    - Traffic continues to grow at Pritchardville numbers at 14K+. We hope see less traffic at Pritchardville if Sun City residents utilize new curbside opportunity although it is not mandatory. The new Jasper county section of Sun City has curbside built into their fee structure.
  - **Litter Officers' Reports**
    - Cpl Eckard introduced the first Cardboard Cop, a replica of Cpl E. "TANK" Morris. 4 of these Cardboard cops will be used for litter education and in conjunction with the ZERO Tolerance Campaign April 17-19. Funds were provided by the Palmetto Pride grant for this project.
    - Ms. Goldsmith of RW Beck noted that in one of their studies that signage does help reduce litter significantly in the area of the sign. Cigarette butts were found at 8x the number of other items on the road.
    - Per Mr. Dietz's request a report was provided on litter tickets for 2008; Litter tickets Issues: 157, Successfully Prosecuted: 119 76%, Litter Warnings: 108 ,Litter Complaints: 222, Violations recorded on camera/camcorder: 87; Violations Forwarded to DHEC: 2. Litter tickets 2009 to date 36.
    - Mr. Bowers asked about using convict labor from state prisons as seen in other areas of SC. Cpl Eckard explained that we use community service people from PTI, Alcohol Diversion and day watch programs. Jim Belle is the person in charge of that weekend program If we used other type prisoners we would have to provide the funding for the officer to manage them.
    - Both litter officers attended Litter Officers Assoc. Meeting and noted two Legislative Items; Bottle & Can Deposit Bill being considered and a push to drop cigarette fines to \$25 (from \$465)
  - **Recycling Coordinators Report**
    - \$174,771 has been collected in recycling proceeds for fiscal year 2009
    - The annual E-waste collection was held 1/31/09 netting 78,000lbs of mater. Mr. Dietz received favorable comments about the special pickup at St Helena DOC used by approximately 50 cars
    - The HazMat Collection Schedule was announced:
      - Saturday, March 7 – Bluffton PW Site
      - Saturday, April 4 – Town of HH, residents only
      - Saturday, May 2 – Shanklin PW Site
    - Mrs. Murphy mentioned that Beaufort County Schools will be doing a school clean out of chemicals and also participated in the Ewaste collection through our efforts.

- **Unfinished Business**
  - Recycling RFP
    - Mr. Potts Motioned, Mr. Bowers seconded, that the Solid Waste & Recycling Board go into executive session to discuss the Recycling RFP.
    - Mr. Potts Motioned, Mr. Bowers seconded, that the Solid Waste & Recycling Board return to regular session.
    - Mr. Potts Motioned, Mr. Bowers seconded, that the Solid Waste & Recycling Board support the version of the Recycling contract presented as of 2/19/09. If, during final negotiations, there are significant changes they must be brought back to the Solid Waste and Recycling Board for further evaluation.
  - Hilton Head Recycling
    - No Report
  - Ladies Island Renovations
    - Possible changes to this project were discussed in Executive Session
  - New Burton Convenience Center on Shanklin Road
    - This project is moving forward and in the permitting process. The helicopter has been moved to the Ladies Island Airport.
- **New Business**
  - Budget 2010
    - Mr. Minor presented the first draft of the 2010/11/12 budgets. This budget was to reflect only a 3% increase to cover inflation. Personnel requested included more attendants for larger Shanklin center, a third attendant for Simmonsville, and an operations superintendent to manage the 45 employees in the Department
  - Millage Question
    - Mr. Minor noted that millage for County residents are 45.5 based on the assessed value of individual property. Solid waste is about 1.6 million or approximately 4 mills for solid Waste and Recycling.
  - Change of meeting venue
    - The board agreed to change location to BIV 3 starting in March 2009. The March meeting will be held on 3/19/09 but then the schedule will be changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month.
- **Transfer Station Report**
  - Abby Goldsmith, Consultant with RW Beck and Mr. Minor presented the Power Point regarding the need for a Transfer Station to the Board. This presentation would be given to County Council at their retreat on Friday 2/20 at the Waddell meeting center.
  - The Solid Waste and Recycling Board supports the Transfer Station concept and made comments to applaud and improve the presentation.
- **Board Reappointments**
  - George Potts, David Uehling and Earl Dietz were reappointed to the board with their term ending in 2011.
- **The Meeting ended** at 5:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 19, 2:00 pm BIV 3 meeting room.

Cc: Mr. Gary T. Kubic, County Administrator  
 Miss Suzanne Rainey, Clerk to Council  
 Rob McFee, Public Services Director  
 Eddie Bellamy, PW Director