

# Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting

## Thursday, January 27, 2011, 2:00 pm

### BIV – 2 Conference Room

#### Attendees:

Earl Dietz, Chairman & District 8 Representative  
Gordon Bowers, V, Chairman & District 7 Representative  
David R. Uehling, District 6, Representative  
George Potts, District 9 Representative  
Leroy Norris, District 5 Representative  
Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison  
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison  
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director  
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager  
Beth Lewis, Information Coord/Analyst  
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator

#### Absentees:

Rob McFee, Director of E&I  
John Miller, Supt. Solid Waste & Recycling  
Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison  
Billie Lindsay, Planning  
VACANT, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 4 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Alice Derian, Town of Hilton Head Island (Ex-Officio)  
Sgt Carl Barr / Cpl. Richard Black, Litter Officer

#### County Council:

Paul Sommerville, District 7 Representative County Council

#### Guests

Russell Byrd, MCAS-USMC  
Jerry Roberts, Citizen, Hilton Head  
Mitchell Brothers, Rep  
Carolina Containers, Rep

#### Presentation Reps

Erin Carter & Arletta James  
WSAV TV, Channel 3 Savannah

#### • Prior to Call to Order:

Mr. Dietz took a few minutes to remind everyone that the Solid Waste and Recycling Board is an advisory board appointed by County Council. While members are assigned to specific solid waste districts, all issues are county issues. There are voting and non voting members but all are members including the representatives from the military and municipal communities. All members will receive their minutes and agenda at least 5 days prior to the meeting allowing sufficient prep time for the monthly meeting. Also, to align all county boards' procedures there would be public input and agenda adjustments.

#### • Call to Order: Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Attendee introductions

#### • Agenda: Mr. Bowers motioned, Mr. Potts seconded; all approved the agenda as written.

#### • Minutes: Mr. Bowers motioned, Mr. Potts seconded; all approved the minutes of the November 2010 meeting, as written, noting one typo.

#### • Public Comment: Mr. Dietz called for public comment. There being none, the meeting continued.

#### • Monthly Reports

- **Finance Report:** Mr. Minor introduced Alicia Holland from the Finance Department. The Finance Dept will present a report to our board monthly as part of the new format. Ms. Holland presented the report for the first six months of FY11 of the expenses by district. Mr. Bowers requested that the costs of each individual center be clear to make appropriate decisions.
- Mr. Minor reviewed the monthly reports for December 2010. The November reports had been sent electronically and were provided in each member's book.
- Total Convenience Center Traffic for December 2010 was at 135,789. Mr. Minor noted variances in the counter system with traffic higher but that tonnage dropped by 400 tons in December. The anomaly cannot be explained.. Reduced tonnage and related hauling has kept the budget at 40% expended through the first half of FY11.
- It was noted that recycling is now at 7-8,000 tons per year; 4x what it was 8 years ago. Recycling costs are under budget because of continuing MRF credits. This month over \$18,000 was received by Waste Management. The Credit from Waste Management recycling proceeds this month was \$18,267 or \$96,591 year to date.
- Total recycling proceeds from other materials for the year is \$167,375.
- Recycling by origin has 251.55 tons on route, 364.09 at centers, 8.47 at Commercial and 86.72 in news print totaling 702.36 residential tons for the month.

- **Litter Officers' Reports**
  - Ms. Murphy presented The Litter Officers report containing two large illegal dumps that were reported, ticketed and cleaned up within 24 hours. A commercial vendor dumped construction material at Airport Circle and was reported by Rob McFee. The second commercial load of material was dumped at the Beaufort Commerce Park and reported by alert representatives of Ward Edwards Engineering.
  - Gate dumping occurred at St Helena on Christmas Eve. Eight tickets were issued
- **Coordinators' Report**
  - Citizens were reminded of the upcoming Electronics and Shredding event to be held January 29, 2011, 9-3 at both Bluffton and Shanklin Public works sites.
  - County Office Recycling program - The first six months yielded 12,336 lbs (Currently averaging 500lbs p/week)  
Plus Hard Back Books – 2540 lbs or 12.70TONS
    - Locations to Date (22+): Courthouse areas/Administration Bldg areas/LEC/USCB Downtown/Magistrates/ Records Management/Master of Equity/Engineering/Finance/Purchasing/Clemson Bldg./Animal Shelter/Public Works/Mosquito Control/Stormwater/Coroner/Fuel/ Beaufort County Library-Downtown & Lobeco others in progress more awaiting Captain assignments.
  - Annual KBCB Grinding of the Greens event number were noted: 3100 trees recycled removed from the waste stream, 124,000 lbs of mulch, 6.2 tons of material diverted from the landfill. Over \$1860 saved in disposal costs.
    - Partners included: Preservation Tree, Naval Hospital Volunteers, Beaufort Plaza, Town of Hilton Head, The Family Tree Farm and Beaufort County Public Works
- **2Good2Waste**
  - Ms Lewis reported that the site now has 200 members. She has followed up with emails to members to maintain continuity while adding other advertising opportunities such as the Christmas parade.
  - All county events were posted to the site to increase visibility of information
- **Unfinished Business**
  - **Daufuskie Island Convenience Center**
    - This project continues to be on hold at the current time.
  - **Shredding Initiative Presentation by WSAV TV – 3, NBC Affiliate, Savannah, GA**
    - Erin Carter and Arletta James of WSAV presented their shredding and E –waste collection initiative that would reach 229,000 home in the area through TV plus 11 cable providers. They also reach local viewers through *My Lowcountry 3 News* with Holly Bounds. They also would advertise the event through regular banners running on their station and websites. They are the sponsor for shredding events held at local Goodwill stores.
  - **Recycling & Transfer Station (RTF) Fatal Flaw Analysis:**
    - Mr. Minor is continuing site analysis with the consultant, RW Beck, in conjunction with one of the potential sites. Success of a county transfer station will depend on local haulers wanting to use it. Mr Minor asked the Board their opinion on having local hauling companies review potential sites and provide input as to site selection. Mr. Bowers asked about the location under review but the county cannot release that information at this time. The Board requested that they be informed about potential sites even if it requires an executive session prior to talking with the hauling companies. The Board expressed the opinion that it would be a good idea to meet with the hauling companies for their input regarding potential sites.
  - **Tire Baler Building**
    - Mr. Bellamy presented the good news that construction is underway and that the tentative completion date is April 8, 2011. Beaufort Construction Company is the contractor. He clarified that this site is behind the fuel area where the old impound yard was located.
  - **Scrap Metal and White Goods RFP Process**
    - Mr. Minor reported that the RFP would be issued February 2<sup>nd</sup> with a March 10<sup>th</sup> due date. He invited the board to be on the evaluation committee. Mr. Bowers offered to participate in this effort with Mr. Bellamy's appreciation of service.
- **New Business**
  - **Solid Waste & Recycling Board Meeting Schedule**
    - Mr. Minor presented the bimonthly calendar requested at the January meeting. Mr. Dietz expressed concerns about having important items between monthly meetings and that meetings could be too long..

Mr. Bellamy noted that staff prefers monthly meetings of its boards to stay current.

- Mr. Bowers motioned, Mr. Norris seconded and all approved to stay with a monthly calendar as approved before.
- **Convenience Center Cost Reduction**

Mr. Minor followed up the boards request for more detailed information on possible closing dates and reduction of hours for the centers. He suggested points of potential cost reduction:

  - **Closing on Sundays** – Hickory Hill landfill closes at 2pm on Saturday and does not reopen until 7:30am, on Monday leaving us paying a premium to dump in Savannah to manage weekend needs. Costs for 6 months 1264 tons was \$13,461. This requires additional hauling fees for the added distance of \$14,892 for 292 pulls. Total Sunday surcharge for 6 months was \$28,353.54
    - **Mr. Potts moved to close on Sundays, Mr. Uehling seconded; Dietz, Potts, Uehling, Norris approved and Mr. Bowers voted NO, noting importance of centers being open for benefit of the citizens. The motion passed.**
  - **Increase efficiency and decrease costs** – Mr. Minor noted that peak times at the centers are 10-2 and the lowest are the 7-8am and 6-7pm hours. These are also the hours when no supervision is available. By closing Sunday and the two hours, 84 to 60 hours of operation, noted it would be a 28% reduction in salary costs of \$159,214. Closing Sunday would save another \$70,000 in hauling premiums with a total savings of \$218,770 if both programs adjusted.
    - **Mr. Bowers motioned, Mr. Uehling seconded to reduce daily hours from 8to6. Bowers, Potts, Uehling, Norris approved and Mr. Dietz voted NO, noting importance of centers being open for benefit of the working citizens. The motion passed.**
  - **Removing C&D from items accepted at the Convenience Centers-** Mr. Minor cited this as a huge operational issue at the centers with abuse by commercial vendors. This would put the cost of construction/renovation on the generator not taxpayers at large. This would save the county 2,700 tons and related hauling or over \$75,600 per year.
    - Mr. Bowers removed himself from this discussion and any potential vote.
    - **Mr. Uehling motioned, Mr. Potts seconded to no longer accept C&D at County Convenience Centers or pay for residential disposal at landfills. Potts, Uehling approved , Norris, Dietz voted no, and Bowers abstained. The motion failed.**
  - **Cost Reduction through use of Compactors** – Mr Minor is building a case to buy compactors to reduce costs at the centers. Mr. Dietz asked for the data and payback of this equipment. Mr. Minor will collect return on investment data from our compactor history at Shanklin and Simmonsville and review next month.
  - **Contractual Savings-** Mr. Minor pointed out that over the last 8 years renegotiation of contracts has saved the county millions of dollars. With the hauling contract, white goods, and yard waste contracts coming up soon he hopes to find more savings there.
- **Review of the Solid Waste Management Plan for Beaufort County-**Copies were handed out to all present with Mr. Dietz asking everyone to take the time to review and be prepared for discussion at the February meeting.
- **The Meeting ended** at 5:05 pm. The next meeting will be held February 24, 2011, 2:00 pm in the BIV 2 meeting room.

Cc: Mr. Gary T. Kubic, County Administrator  
Miss Suzanne Rainey, Clerk to Council  
J. Robert McFee, PE, Division Director, Engineering and Infrastructure  
Eddie Bellamy, PW Director