

**Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2011, 2:00 pm**  
**BIV – 2 Conference Room**

**Attendees:**

Earl Dietz, Chairman & District 8 Representative  
David R. Uehling, District 6, Representative  
George Potts, District 9 Representative  
Walter Becker, District 3 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Tammy Malone, District 4 Representative (Ex Officio)  
Leland McCormack, DHEC Liaison  
Rob McFee, Director of E&I  
Alicia Holland, Finance  
Eddie Bellamy, Public Works Director  
James Minor, Solid Waste Manager  
Beth Lewis, Information Coord/Analyst  
Carol Murphy, Recycling Coordinator

**Guests**

Tom Soder, S&P Paper

**Absentees:**

Gordon Bowers, V, Chairman & District 7 Representative  
Leroy Norris, District 5 Representative  
Gary Dukes, MCAS Liaison  
Brad Woods, MCRD Liaison  
Billie Lindsay, Planning  
VACANT, District 1 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
VACANT, District 2 Representative (Ex-Officio)  
Alice Derian, Town of Hilton Head Island (Ex-Officio)  
John Miller, Supt. Solid Waste & Recycling  
Sgt Carl Barr / Cpl. Richard Black, Litter Officer  
**County Council:**  
Paul Sommerville, District 7 Representative County Council

- **Call to Order:** Chairman Dietz called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Attendee introductions including introduction of new Town of Bluffton Representative, Tammy Malone.
- **Agenda:** Mr. Uehling motioned, Mr. Potts seconded; all approved the agenda as written.
- **Minutes:** Mr. Bowers motioned, Mr. Potts seconded; all approved the minutes as written, with several corrections provided by Mr. Dietz and Mr. Bellamy.
- **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 seven months of FY11 of the expenses by district. Mr. Dietz suggested that the reports be sent electronically and Ms Holland only report to the board quarterly (Apr, Jul) to save time and reduce paperwork.
  - **SW&R Monthly Reports:** Mr. Minor reviewed the monthly reports for January 2011. He reviewed the county map that notes data for each district. He commented that disposal is down across the state and nation.
    - Total Convenience Center will reflect some variance from the data collect by the attendants clicker vs. the electronic counter. Traffic was down from 2010 at 117,681.
    - The Credit from Waste Management recycling proceeds this month was \$17,501 or \$114,091 to date noting that commodity prices remain strong. We are 36% under budget for recycling services making it less costly to recycle than dispose of material.
    - Total recycling proceeds from other materials for the year is \$174,403 with a check pending from Charleston Steel.
    - Recycling includes 210.37 tons curbside, 336.10 tons from centers, 7.83 tons from Commercial and 71.69 in news print totaling 618.16 residential tons for the month. Year to date residential was 4395 tons

- **Litter Officers' Reports**
  - Ms. Murphy presented The Litter Officers report containing one of the largest illegal dumps this year. It contains hundreds of tires in addition to mattresses and all other types of debris. DHEC will provide a letter that will allow the County to assist with the removal of the tires. The landowner will be responsible for the other material.
  
- **Coordinators' Report**
  - The public was reminded about the Hazardous Waste and Medication collection to be held March 5, 9-3, at the Bluffton Public Works Site.
    - The flyer for management of prescription medications was presented.
  - Ewaste Collection History was shared:
    - 2008 118,954 lbs/60 tons Patrons: 220 Bluffton, 150 Shanklin
    - 2009 141,760 lbs/71 tons Patrons: 250 Bluffton, 160 Shanklin
    - 2010 68,186 lbs/32 tons Patrons: 440 Bluffton, 200 Shanklin
      - Commercial/Schools 41,212 lbs /21 tons
    - 2011 53,049 lbs/27 tons Patrons: 550 Bluffton , 260 Shanklin
      - 4 Year Totals: 423,161 lbs/211.58 tons
  - County Office Recycling program -
    - Moving South of the Broad by adding Bluffton & Hilton Head Libraries then the addition of Bluffton & Hilton Head County Complexes
    - Average Weekly collection 600lbs
    - Locations to Date (24+)
    - More awaiting Captain assignments
  
- **2Good2Waste.org**
  - Ms Lewis updated News & Information Section of the Site Highlighting the Recyclopedia Feature of the Website and Teaching members how to upload a Picture with their new listing
  - 2good2waste.org cards were handed out to the participants of Ewaste and also will at the HazMat events reaching 750 families.
  - 2good2waste.org was also advertised on the monthly Kidsville News ad that reaches 18,000 students monthly
  
- **Unfinished Business**
  - **Daufuskie Island Convenience Center**
    - No change or action on this project.
  - **Simmonsville/Shanklin Compactor Return on Investment**
    - Shanklin in 2009 average of 62 pulls p/mo in 2010 there was an average of 30 pulls p/mo. Or a 52% reduction in pulls
    - Simmonsville (6 months data) had 250 less pulls in 6 months reflecting a 30% reduction in pulls.
    - The Return on Investment for compactors is 1.69:
      - \$318,000 installation cost, 85,000 savings p/year x 10 years = \$855,000 saved over the life of the compactor
      - Mr. Dietz noted that this is a short 4 year payback noting clear justification for installation of compactors.
    - We should consider compactor use at larger stations including Hilton Head, St Helena, and the gate to save future dollars.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - **Recycling & Transfer Station (RTF) Fatal Flaw Analysis:**
    - Mr. Minor explained the procedure for going into Executive Session. Mr. Potts motioned, Mr. Uehling second and all agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss issues regarding potential property acquisition by Beaufort County for a transfer station.
    - The Board exited the Executive session and the regular meeting reconvened with no action taken by the Board.
  - **Tire/Baler Building**
    - Mr. Bellamy presented the good news that the building continues to progress 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. This building will be an asset to not only Solid Waste but all of Public Works. He invited the board members to stop by and see the building, describing as “elegant in its simplicity”.
  - **Scrap Metal and White Goods RFP Process**
    - Mr. Minor noted that 4 firms were at the pre proposal meeting and proposals will be due the end of March.
  - **Convenience Center Cost Reduction**
    - Mr. Minor presented and read Mr. Dietz’s letter to County Council with the Solid Waste and Recycling Board Recommendation to reduce hours to save budget dollars.
    - The savings noted included:
      - Sunday Closing \$138,236
      - Reduced Hours \$ 77,641 (change 7-7 to 8-6)
      - Total Annual Savings \$215,877
    - Mr. Uehling motioned, Mr. Potts seconded and all approved this memo as presented.
    - Mr. McFee will add this memo to the larger package of of budget suggestions to council for discussion at their retreat.
- **New Business**
  - **Representatives from Municipalities**
    - Tammy Malone from the Town of Bluffton was introduced again to the Board. She will be attending in the future on behalf of the Town. Mr. McFee announced that Isaiah Smalls, PW Director from the City of Beaufort and Van Willis, Manager from the Town of Port Royal would be attending in March.
  - **Election of Officers**
    - The Election of Officers was delayed until the March Meeting.
  - **Review of the Solid Waste Management Plan for Beaufort County-**
    - A full copy of the SWM Plan was provided to all board members for review.
    - Updating the plan should focus on waste management for the next 20 years.
    - Mr. Dietz suggested a work session after the June budget process is over to update the plan and invite the public to attend. Board members must review and staff will provide statistics and other information.
  - **Goals and Objectives**
    - Mr. McFee suggested that Mr. Dietz draft a framework to flow between ordinance and objectives and the goals would come out from there.
      - The objectives must be measurable and quantifiable, consistent with the plan

and consistent with the vision for the next 20 years.

- Mr. McFee complimented the Board, Mr. Bellamy and Mr. Minor for their vision and ideas.
- Mr. Dietz asked that Objectives be on the March agenda.
  
- **Public Comment:** Mr. Dietz called for the final public comment.
  - Tom Soder, SP Paper, offered comment mentioning the valuable partnership enjoyed by the County and SP Paper. He noted that single stream recycling garners volume but not quality needed in the fiber market.
  
- **The Meeting ended** at 3:45 pm. The next meeting will be held March 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