

A Solid Waste Committee meeting of the James Island Public Service District Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. on November 14, 2011, in the conference room of the District offices located at 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Committee: David Engelman, Committee Chair, who presided; Eugene Platt, June Waring and Donald Hollingsworth, *ex-officio*.

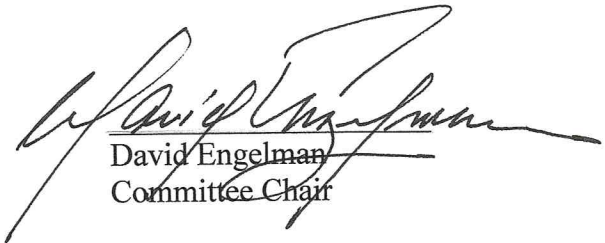
Also present were: Inez BrownCrouch, Commissioner; Rod Welch, Commissioner, Robert Wise, District Manager; Phillip Johnson, Solid Waste Superintendent and Tamara Eberhart, Administrative Coordinator.

Mr. Engelman called the meeting to order.

1. The Freedom of Information Act – In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting and its agenda were provided to all news media and persons requesting notification.
2. Roll was called.
3. Charleston County Directive Banning the Use of Yard Debris Plastic Bags from the Landfill
 - A. Mr. Engelman expressed that it is time to stop passing increases on to taxpayers and asked the Committee what their opinion was on the matter. Mr. Johnson stated that the use of paper bags has not been a problem. Mr. Engelman suggested writing a letter [expressing the impact of the plastic ban]. Mr. Welch suggested trying a program where residents are allowed to use a certified plastic can with drilled holes in the bottom for yard debris pickup. Discussion followed. Mr. Engelman suggested that a draft letter be sent to County Council for consideration. Mr. Welch stated that County Council has already taken action in the interest of taxpayers' to reduce costs and the direct cost incurred upon [JIPSD] residents is up to the Commission. Mr. Welch further stated that resident Faye Lohr came to the Commission for relief and to make a decision that does not put the cost on the [JIPSD] residents. Further discussion followed. Mr. Wise stated that he is not opposed to looking into anything the Commission suggests; however, to make a decision tonight on certifying a can program would be premature. Further discussion followed. Mr. Welch asked Mr. Engelman if they could meet again in 2 weeks. Mr. Engelman concurred. Mr. Welch asked Mr. Wise to provide them with 5 years of data on garbage/trash collection and the changes that are going on. Mr. Platt expressed that he was disappointed that 90-95% of the discussion had been about the use of plastic/paper bags or special containers and 5% or less was about the possibility of suggesting to County Council that they resume the practice of using the inmates to handle the plastic bags. **Mr. Platt moved that the Commission Chair write a letter respectfully requesting that County Council consider resuming the practice of using inmates to deal with the plastic bags, seconded by Mr. Engelman. Ms. Waring moved to table the motion. Ms. Waring's motion died due to lack of being seconded. Mr. Platt's motion carried 2 to 1 as follows:**

Mr. Platt	Aye	
Mr. Engelman	Aye	
Ms. Waring		Nay

4. Mr. Engelman adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.



David Engelman
Committee Chair

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