

A Solid Waste Committee meeting of the James Island Public Service District Commission was held at 6 p.m. on January 9, 2012, 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; Robert Wise, District Manager; Phillip Johnson, Solid Waste Superintendent; Susan Gladden, Deputy Manager/CFO; Tamara Eberhart, Administrative Coordinator and Danyelle Davis, Wastewater Administrative Assistant.

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 recognized Kyle Weiss (Firefighter/City of Charleston Fire Department) in the audience. Mr. Wise explained that once the County announced (July 1, 2011) that they would be banning plastic bags from the landfill; the Commission passed an ordinance banning plastic bag collection of yard debris. Ever since July 1, 2011, the District has been trying to educate the public despite the various extended deadlines issued by County Council. February 1, 2012 was the final deadline issued by the County to stop collecting yard debris in plastic bags. Mr. Wise provided the Committee with graphs, requested by Mr. Welch at the previous meeting, comparing garbage/yard debris tonnage. Mr. Engelman stated that he would still like to register a complaint amongst his peers that passing on costs to taxpayers is a no-no. Discussion followed. Ms. BrownCrouch suggested sending an additional notice regarding the February 1st deadline. Mr. Wise explained that a door hanger notice has already been implemented. Further discussion followed. Mr. Wise suggested alternative options in dealing with the County's plastic bag ban such as using a private hauler to handle the plastic bags, hiring additional staff and acquiring an additional packer truck to pick up yard debris in private cans and a paper bag subsidy for certain residents - which all would result in additional costs to the District. Mr. Engelman expressed that if Mr. Johnson says he doesn't have a problem with the issue, [complying with the County's ban on yard debris in plastic bags] then they shouldn't have a problem with it since Mr. Johnson is much closer to the issue than they are. Mr. Engelman recommended closing the meeting and moving on.
4. Mr. Engelman adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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David Engelman
Committee Chair