

**RMDAC Meeting Minutes
Sept 15, 2015**

Held at 2308 Two Notch Rd
Lexington, SC 29072

ATTENDEES

RMDAC

Esther Murphy, HCSWA
Ronnie Grant, Sonoco
Wes Westbrooks, BMW
Norman Chandler, Republic Services
Chuck LaGrange, GGSC
Kristen Brown, MYECO
Angel Lara, Southeast Recycling Resources

ABSENT

Dan Chuy, Michelin
Roger Player, Dilmar Oil
Vic Carpenter, Kershaw County
Glenn Odom, Wellman Plastics
Lauren Cox, Century Aluminum
Brad Dutton, FiberQuest
Scott Taylor, Wellman

COMMERCE STAFF

Chantal Fryer, SC Department of Commerce
Anna Lange, SC Department of Commerce

GUESTS

Zach Peterson, GGSC
Warren Dailey, CMC
Robert Sharp, CMC
Carol James, SONOCO

CALL TO ORDER

Wes Westbrooks, RMDAC Chair, welcomed members and guests.

MINUTES

The July 14, 2015 minutes were reviewed and adopted.

Warren Dailey and Robert Sharp from CMC gave a presentation about the history of CMC Recycling

- Fortune 500 company

- Full Service Recycling Facility: Shred Scrap metal, have 5 yards total
- Fluff: plastics, foam, dirt, glass, tires (1.4Mtons) Significant BTU value. Can be an issue with chlorinated materials. Cheaper to put in landfill compared to waste to energy right now
- Operation in Augusta, Cayce, Spartanburg, Florence
- Glut of capacity currently– exceedingly tight and competitive market
- Omnisource, CMC, Don’s Car Crushing are a few in SC
- Price, freight, service are key factors
- Eddy currents separate rare earth metals
- Electromagnetic fields are set to different wavelengths to achieve separation

Chantal Reviews Annual Plan

- Supporting institutional knowledge: Ex Officio Members
- Create Job Descriptions
- Show that RMDAC is an authority on recycling in SC and a national leader
- Develop marketing plan and create a communications committee
- Economic Impact Data
 - Drill down on commodities to show economic value and quantify jobs in individual level
 - Conducting a jobs analysis at 50% diversion and 75% Diversion
 - Comparing lifecycle costs of landfilling, recycling, and incineration.
 - Staff has asked Joey Von Nesson with USC to determine if he is interested in conducting the study.
 - There will be a call Friday at 1:30pm.
- Recycling Summit: Plan in conjunction with DHEC May 2016.
- Recommendation to move forward with all commodities except glass due to timing constraints.

Discussion

- Wes and Ronnie think this is an ambitious goal.
- Kristen mentioned glass can easily be included in the study. Volumes and commodity information will already be a component. It should be included.
- Norman mentions Joey needs to look at the “what if” analysis without the glass included. We need to know what it is.
- Angel: Why did we decide to use those metals? The unfortunate reality of aluminum can be if you are sending them to a scrap yards residents are not really receiving that much money in return.

Chantal: We will plan to encourage residents to use curbside programs.

Your Bottle Means Jobs:

- RIF Finalist for \$20,000 award
- Applied for \$12,000 Patagonia plant
- Preparing for CPRC meeting in Charlotte, NC

Carpet recycling:

- Recycling grants are available to local governments
- Markets are tight due to the low price of oil

Compost

- Upstate Food Recovery Networking Event

Market Development Video

Markets Update

Kristen: Markets are stable

Esther: Glass markets are continuing to be challenging

No major market updates

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting: Nov. 10th Century Aluminum

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