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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Harry M. Lightsey III
Secretary

Recycling Market Development Advisory Council (RMDAC) Meeting
Thursday, July 15th, 2021
10:00 AM – 11:30PM

Meeting ID: 959 5365 5639
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RMDAC

Wes Westbrooks, BMW
Tina Green, Mumford Industries
Norman Chandler, Republic Services
Dr. Andy Spicer, USC Darla Moore School of Business
Kristen Brown, WasteZero
Chris Fisher, GlassWRX SC
Carol James-Gilcrest, Sonoco Recycling
Bill Laursen, Universal Environmental Services
Tyler Smith, Michelin
Joseph McMillin, Atlas Organics
Chad Prescott, Mid Carolina Steel

ABSENT

Vic Carpenter, Kershaw County
Angel Lara, Mid-Carolina Steel
Brad Dutton, Dutton Polymers

GUESTS

Ronnie Grant, Retired
Glenn Odom, Retired
Rebecca Haynes, Speaker
Bruce Matt, Newko Polymers
Ashely Teasdel, SC Department of Commerce
Chantal Fryer, SC Department of Commerce
Jazlyn Gallishaw, SC Department of Commerce

STAFF

Anna DeLage, SC Department of Commerce
April Chaffins, SC Department of Commerce
Ashley Jenkins, SC Department of Commerce

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Wes Westbrooks motioned to call the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.



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MINUTES

The March 18th and May 20th RMDAC meeting minutes were approved.

Wes Westbrooks welcomed the guest and introduced the speakers.

RMDAC UPDATES

Reappointment Letters and Protocol: Called attention to section for meeting and mentioned members cannot miss three meeting in a row.

Secretary Of Commerce: This agenda item was added to the meeting minutes. Harry M. Lightsey III was appointed as the Secretary Of Commerce in June 2021. Bobby Hitt has resigned and Lightsey is official our new Secretary of Commerce.

Municipalities Representative Vacancy: Discussed about a replacement for Allison Brockman for the Municipalities Representative Vacancy.

Petroleum Representative Vacancy: Discussed about a replacement for Bill Laursen for the Petroleum Representative Vacancy.

Best Management Practices:

April: Presented the Best Management Practices and explained how the QR code will be used to access BMPs information in the future.

They will also be added to the website and social media. Also, a QR Code will be developed for BMPs to be able to view the on mobile devices. Also, the group discussed about more of a social media present using SC Commerce social media platforms to get information to others who do not know about RMDAC. The recycling team will set up a meeting with commerce communications department on doing a promotional push to support Best Management Practices. Tina will provide pictures of plastic Best Management Practices.

Your Bottle Means Jobs Fall Campaign: RMDAC wants the focus on their social media presence and would like to connect to universities and college aged individuals. The Mascot recycling challenge between universities will help with this effort and will support the Your Bottle Means Jobs Campaign. This challenge is a 5-week challenge and consists of each college/university providing a short video, a photo of mascot promoting and advocating for recycling plastic bottle and will need to report how many plastic bottles are recycled. Challenge will begin Monday, October 1st and end Sunday, November, 7th.



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DISCUSSION

House Oversight Committee: Not mentioned during meeting.

RMDAC's Role in Legislative – Rebecca Haynes:

There is a elevated interest in recycling and what role does RMDAC play in it. RMDAC really focused on the education on this topic and a laser focus on commerce and the recycling component. What role do we want to play in this next season? Kristen: Asked do we want to hold another presentation to educate others? Rebecca: Mentioned we could take a committee out to dinner for one on one time to educate about RMDAC. Tina: Mentioned we could campaign to raise money for a diner or lunch for this presentation.

Recycling Legislative Activity:

- Waste Tire Bill (H.3222): 2019-20; This bill is focused tire waste regulation. Representative Sylleste Davis, was the person who educated other lobbyist and legislation, she also focused on correction and compliance and educating consumers on waste tires.
- Pyrolysis Bill (H.4152): 2019; The Pyrolysis Bill is a bill trying to put a ban on high-heat melting of plastic waste processing facilities. This bill tried to change the definition of recycling this type of material (plastic) but some were concerned with the effects. There is existing regulation for pyrolysis, but other industries wanted to cut them from the law and create a new industry. (H.525) Financial insurances (five year sunset added) was a major requirement for the pyrolysis. The trails for this pyrolysis were unsuccessful and had bad contamination. Haynes: Mentioned the recycling for solar panels was a topic discussed as well. Also, that Senator Gabrell and Davey Hyatt have background is recycling plastics. Wes: Mentioned the West Coast companies want to move to the East Coast, but it is a long process. Bruce: Mentioned that they just want to build it, not to make money off pyrolysis. Tyler: Mentioned industries want to use pyrolysis for used tires but also stated that mining tires works not pyrolysis for tires. Glenn: Pyrolysis has failed with carpet as well and has had many trails but does not work economically and not the for long term.
- E-Waste Bill (H.4025): This bill is focused on electronic waste and regulates that certain electrics cannot be put in the landfill. Also mentioned an extend on the sunset on this law for two more year.

MARKET UPDATES

Paper: Everything is on the move and is expected to remain up to the fourth quarter. OCC went up to \$1.45/ton, SOP went up \$1.40/ton mixed paper went up 0.75/ton. SONOCO is going to stop using wood chips and use all recycled material. New equipment will need 600 tons a day. West Rock has the new equipment mentioned in operation.



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Recycling: Everyone is coming back into the recycling industry.

Tires: Scrap compound is in high demand. There is also natural rubber shortage. Scrap tire price has increased to 0.30/lbs.

General Public: Residentials are ready to get back to recycling at it after COVID. Meeting with Atlas Organics in Connecticut and working on creating an info structure for organic waste.

Carpet: Nylon 6 and 66, is in higher demand. PP carpet is in higher demand. PET is still a problem and PET bottles are becoming unavailable. PET is needed.

Metal: Used beverage cans are 0.80/lbs delivered to the MILS. Aluminum and Steel is up.

Petroleum: Rising and is continuing to rise, gas prices may increase up to 0.20/gallon by August.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

The RMDAC board meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next RMDAC meeting September 16th, 2021.