



**Beaufort County Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board Meeting**  
**September 12, 2019, 3:00pm**  
**Port Royal Maritime Center, Okatie, SC**

**Attendees:**

Christopher Campbell, District 1  
Michael Murphy, Chairman, Council District 2  
Kathleen Bray, Council District 4  
Carol Murphy, VChair, Council District 5  
Joan Gualdoni, Sec., Council District 6  
Joanie Iaco, Council District 7  
Randy Boehme, Council District 9  
Diane Voge, Council District 10

**Absentees:**

Pamela Floyd, Council District 3  
Eileen Hutton, Council District 8  
Jean Fruh, Council District 11

**Guests:**

Michelle Meissen, Pal. Ocean Conserv.  
Sallie Brach, Southern Beautification &  
Architectural Review Boards

**Support Staff:**

John Miller, Public Works Operations  
Cindy Carter, Solid Waste Coordinator  
Ashley Jenkins, Recycling Coordinator  
Caroline Dolbey, Volunteer Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** No agenda motion was requested
- b. **Approval of Minutes (08/20/2019):** Chairman Murphy requested a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bray stated she was omitted from attendees list on 8/20/19. With edits, Ms. Voge motioned; Ms. Bray seconded. All approved

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees present introduced themselves
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment
3. **REPORTS FROM BOARD REGARDING MEETINGS WITH COUNTY COUNCIL:** Chairman Murphy had contact with Councilman Sommerville. Mike Bennett with i2Recycle is planned as a presentation in November. Ms. Bray spoke with Councilman Howard. Mr. Boehme inquired about specific messages for Council; how Board can we help situations in County
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Updates from Sub-Committees:** No updates presented
  - b. **Beautification Project Updates: Friends of Gardens Corner** - Nancy Moss submitted an update summary sheet. Encroachment permits may take 2-3 months then out for bids. **Sams Point Road** – GIS provided median maps to scale for landscapers to bid. **Dale** – the current money from Planning, ½ to be used in Northern Beaufort County. This fund was from the Dale community. Not specifically in one location but looking at medians at the Whale Branch bridges. Meeting planned next Tuesday. **McGarveys Corner** – Chairman Murphy to speak at upcoming Southern Beautification Board meeting. **Veronica Miller Memorial** – Chairman Murphy reached out to her family and hopes to improve water feature at Hunting Island State Park Visitor Center. Friends of Hunting Island have been receptive. Will need Public Works assistance per

Chairman Murphy. Ms. Voge inquired per access on State Park property, but none expected per Chairman Murphy. A memorial plaque is planned

- c. **Veronica Miller Award (nomination requirements):** Warm memories were shared from Board members. A committee will be set up for the annual award (Gualdoni, Bray and C. Murphy). Mr. Boehme suggested that this could be presented by County Council
  - d. **Plastics Update:** Chairman Murphy wants this topic on each agenda to keep it on the minds of the Board and Council. Possibly a database could be established of companies that manufacture goods from recycled plastics and this could be promoted on the County website
  - e. **(added to agenda by Chairman Murphy) Litter Control:** The tarps of waste haulers are ineffective. Ms. Jenkins recommended Chairman Murphy contact Artrell Horne, County Litter Supervisor
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. **Michelle Meissen – Palmetto Ocean Conservancy:** Ms. Meissen provided an overview of the Palmetto Ocean Conservancy missions. She is working on a series of murals in the area that are constructed with recycled bottle caps. School presentations have been made in 60 schools. Video provided (Americans use 500 million drinking straws every day). Board was advised of the current “Go Strawless” campaign. Promote refusal of single use plastics
  - b. **2020 Palmetto Price Grant open – Keep South Carolina Beautiful:** Ms. Carter reminded members that the 2020 grant application is open. Please provide any ideas or needs. Hope to increase funding for kayak cleanups that were reduced in 2019
  - c. **2020 Meeting Calendar:** The proposed calendar will begin in February 2020 and continues bi-monthly meetings. Meeting start time will be 2:00PM
  - d. **Walmart Community Grant Application:** In progress. Ms. Jenkins will supply vendor information for bags being considered in application
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment. Mr. Miller advised the Board that Mr. Wilhelm was back and work and sends his regards
- 7. BOARD REQUESTS:** There were no Board requests
- 8. ADJOURNMENT:**
- a. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm. The next meeting is November 14, 2019, at the Port Royal Maritime Center, 130 Okatie Highway, Okatie, SC 29909 3:00 pm