

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners reconvened meeting  
8 a.m., November 30, 2005, landfill tour*

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**Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
Reconvened Meeting/Tour of Landfills, 8 a.m. November 30, 2005  
Scotland County Annex, 231 East Cronly Street, Laurinburg, NC**

At 8 a.m., Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston reconvened the meeting, the purpose of which was to tour two landfills in South Carolina owned and operated by Waste Management.

Commissioners in attendance: Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston and Commissioners John Alford, Leon Butler, Charles “Scoofer” Jordan and Joyce McDow. Commissioners not in attendance: Chairman J.D. Willis and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager John A. Crumpton, Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Engineer Jim Blackwell and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman.

The Commissioners toured Oakridge Landfill in Dorchester County, South Carolina, and met for an informational session with Ms. Sandra Rudy, District Manager.

Ms. Rudy discussed how the landfill is regulated and the relationship the facility has with its neighbors. She said the facility would notify neighbors if there was a problem or contamination or movement of gases. She said there is not any way people do not know what goes on at Oakridge. Ms. Rudy said the landfill has not experienced any problems.

Ms. Rudy said the Oakridge Landfill footprint is 144 acres of the total 700-acre site. Less than one-half of it is filled, and it has an additional lifespan of 16.5 years. Ms. Rudy said acreage is established in the beginning as developable while the buffer acreage remains consistent.

Ms. Rudy works closely with environmental and conservation groups. She explained that the main emphasis is on Oakridge’s community and neighbors. She said educating the community is important.

Responding to a question as to whether birds are a problem, Ms. Rudy said there are always vectors, like birds, that approach the landfill, and their numbers vary depending on the time of year. Ms. Rudy said birds do not affect the landfill operation. She discussed methods used by Oakridge to control the bird population.

She said trash at Oakridge is covered immediately in very small, tight compaction areas.

Ms. Rudy said the landfill could accept up to 4,000 tons daily, but that is not a reality. It currently accepts 1,700 tons a day, and makes a \$10,000 a month financial contribution to the community.

Municipal solid waste accepted at the site is transported from within a two-hour radius of Oakridge.

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Once closed, the capped landfill could be designed to be topographically pleasing to the environment, said Waste Management Consultant Greg Peverall.

Dorchester County Public Works Director Doug Tompkins said the County has not received complaints about odor or traffic. He said the revenue the County receives as host to the landfill supports the County's recycle sites and some Public Works employees.

The Commissioners then took a tour of Oakridge.

The Commissioners continued their landfill tour at Richlands Landfill (Screaming Eagle) in Richlands County, South Carolina.

Mr. Zane Ferris, District Manager, said Screaming Eagle serves a six-county area, with 75 to 80 percent of the municipal solid waste it receives coming from a 75-mile radius.

He discussed the process of extracting gas and collecting leachate from the site.

Mr. Ferris said the landfill accepts approximately 2,300 tons of trash a day. He said odor-control, dust and windblown litter are concerns, and he explained methods the landfill uses to control odor.

Mr. Ferris said a committee made up of citizens, elected and State officials meets quarterly to discuss the landfill operation and air concerns. Mr. Ferris said it is important to share with the public and keep them informed on what is going on at Screaming Eagle. A good relationship with the local community is very important to the company, he said.

Mr. Ferris discussed the history of the landfill at Screaming Eagle, which is 122 acres on a 900-acre site. Its remaining lifespan is about 13.5 years.

Mr. Ferris said the landfill works to reduce the bird population as much as possible by immediately covering the trash. There have been no complaints from the community about birds.

The Commissioners toured the landfill at Screaming Eagle, which included a methane gas processing operation leased by Santee Power.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Jordan to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Betty Blue Gholston  
Vice Chair