



Take Palmetto Pride Where You Live Litter Commission
Virtual Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023 10:00 am

The meeting of the SC Litter Commission was a virtual meeting at 10:00 am, April 10, 2023. Notice of the date, time and location of the meeting was posted.

Members in Attendance:

Robert J. Boyles Jr. – SCDNR Director / Chairman presided meeting; Sarah Lyles – PalmettoPride, Capt. C.B. Hughes – SC Department of Public Safety, Tonnya Kohn – SC Court Administration, Deborah Douglas - SC Department of Probation & Parole, Jarrod Bruder – SC Sherriff’s Association, Ted Creech – SC Department of Transportation, John Wienges – SC Association of Counties, and Joe Berry – Keep South Carolina Beautiful
SCDNR staff Valerie Shannon

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Boyles at 10:02 am.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to approve September 6, 2022 and approved without changes.

III. SCDOT Litter Pickup

Creech provided an update of the \$8M appropriation for litter pickup. Pilot program started in District 7 of the seven engineering divisions to include Orangeburg, Aiken, Clarendon, and Calhoun to name a few. \$1M was distributed to each district; contractors are paid a fixed rate to pick up litter that has been identified as hot spots; coordination of cleaning prior to mowing and the removal of road hazards with county coordinators. A budget request of \$8M reoccurring has been submitted.

IV. Litter Law Study

Lyles provided an update on a yearlong litter law study which included Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas. A consulting firm was brought in to help coordinate, provide comparative analysis of statutes, court cases, interview litter control officers and judges. The study identified illegal dumping as a major problem for many states across the board and how to combat the problem with growing populations vs. available enforcement. The study also identified more awareness is needed about litter laws, the current

community service structure is noteworthy to share with other states. Initiative to help LE officers share litter cases and people (offenders).

V. Comments

Boyles welcomed Joe Berry as the new member of the LC and as the representative to Keep SC Beautiful. Berry stated they now have 37 affiliates in South Carolina.

Boyles thanks Lyles for the speaking invitation to Zero Tolerance event. Lyles added the support and attendance of the Lt. Governor as well as members from Highway Patrol and Forestry Department and thanks everyone for their support and attendance at the annual event. A tool kit for Zero Tolerance is available on the PalmettoPride website if anyone is interested.

VI. Time & Location of Next Commission Meeting

Boyles suggested that V. Shannon get with the group to poll for the next meeting around August, September, or October.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.