

Approved Minutes
Take Palmetto Pride Where You Live Commission
Rembert C. Dennis Building, Room 335
1000 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC
October 1, 2019 10:00 am

The meeting of the Litter Commission was held at 10:00 am, October 1, 2019, in room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, SC. Notice of the date, time and location of the meeting was posted.

Members in Attendance:

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Robert McCullough – SC Department of Natural Resources presided the meeting; Allen Hutto – SC Department of Transportation, John Jeffers – SC Department of Corrections, Josh Rhodes – SC Association of Counties, Deborah Parker – SC Department of Probation & Parole, Tiger Wells – Municipal Association of SC, Sarah Lyles – PalmettoPride, Mallory Coffey – Keep SC Beautiful, Major J. Gamble – SC Department of Public Safety, Tonnya Kohn – SC Court Administration join via telephone
SC Department of Natural Resources staff included Amanda Stroud and Valerie Shannon (Staff person for the Litter Commission). Also in attendance James Nelson – SC Litter Control Association & Michael Covington - PalmettoPride

Members Not in Attendance:

Tucker McGee – SC Trucking Association, Jarrod Bruder – SC Sheriff's Association

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Robert McCullough at 10:10 am.

II. Approval of minutes

McCullough asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the June 11, 2019 meeting minutes. A. Hutto made a motion to approve the minutes; T. Wells seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Best Practices Guide

Hutto thanked V. Shannon for pulling together an exceptional and straightforward document. A motion was made to approve the document; J. Rhodes seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously. Hutto questioned distribution and the availability of hard copies. Each LC member will be able to house the document on own website. Hard copies will be available at DOT regional office, DNR regional office MASC and SCAOC contacts.

Nelson presented a conflict about required supervision versus validation of completed assignment with PPP – Parker stated she would inform the agents of the change.

IV. Covered Loads Update

Rhodes stated issues at the county level have led to a desire to create a statewide standard for evidence of litter blowing from trucks and illegal dump sites that will standardize what the courts around the state accept as evidence and what they will throw out. There is consideration for making it a legislative priority by end of the year; and asked for members to consider supporting the legislation if moves forward. Committed agreed with the need of statewide standards and will support the legislative effort. Information will be forwarded to the committee as it becomes finalized in December.

Nelson inquired about legislation to include wording requiring enforcement officers to investigate any case.

V. Comments

Coffey distributed the litter “report card” – a required survey is completed by the Keep South Carolina Affiliates annually which ranks the litter in the area on a scale of 1 to 4 with 4 being a dump site. The survey indicates that local governments supports the efforts

Lyles announced the Grab-A-Bag Campaign with the Lt. Governor to commence on November 16th – which encourages people to pick up one bag of litter.

VI. Time and Location of next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for March 16 at 10:00

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 am