

AUGUST 9, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2004, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

Mr. Phillip Gouaux, Chairman of the Solid Waste Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Michael Delatte, Co-Chair
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II - Chairman
Mr. Brent Callais
Mrs. Charlotte Randolph, Parish President
Mr. Lindel Toups, Council Chairman

ABSENT: None

Mr. Gouaux announced that Mr. Tyrone Williams and Mr. Jerome Danos were also present.

DISCUSSIONS

The first item (1) on the agenda was a discussion concerning a contract amendment with River Birch. Mr. Gouaux stated that members of the subcommittee had been having conversations with River Birch. He said that Mr. Jerome Danos was working really hard with contracts and negotiations. Mr. Gouaux said that on Monday, August 2nd, River Birch came back to the subcommittee with a contract that was thought of as acceptable. He referenced to the original contract that was discussed with Terrebonne Parish and that the parish would have a savings of \$2.5 to \$3 million over the course of the five years, if they went with the River Birch contract. A brief discussion ensued about the amounts of money and the term of the contract. Mr. Gouaux stated that the contract was for 30 years. Mr. Lindel Toups asked to see the figures for comparison on how the parish would save money. Mr. Danos clarified how the savings were figured. Discussions continued on it being a five year contract and with the option for renewal. Mr. Phillip Gouaux stated that the first amendment to the disposal agreement for landfill between Lafourche Parish and River Birch Incorporated needed to show a change in Paragraph E, Section 10.1, on page 2, to add "*contracted by the Parish*", so that the Parish would not be locked in as "commercial waste". The section would then read, "The Gate Fee for the Solid Waste generated within the Parish, whether collected by the Parish or a Solid Waste hauler *contracted by the Parish* and delivered to the Landfill, shall be at the rate of \$24.00 per ton. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, to **amend** the contract to add the words (*contracted by the Parish*), and the amendment **carried**.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next item on the agenda was other business. Mr. Phillip Gouaux talked about commercial waste and getting out of that business to save the parish money. He also suggested enhancing the area of recycling. Discussions ensued on franchise fees and then again on the recycling. President Randolph stated that there was a plan to conduct a year long campaign in schools and civic clubs to increase participation in recycling. Mr. Gouaux asked Mr Danos about how much money was spent in tipping fees for commercial. Mr. Danos said that it is approaching \$800,000 a year. Mr. Gouaux suggested that we get a legal opinion and a ruling from the District Attorney. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, to get a legal ruling from the District Attorney, and *carried*.

Mr. Michael Delatte asked Mr Danos at the rate ,in deficit, which was being spent now, which was 7/10 %, how much money was left in the Solid Waste account. Mr Danos responded with approximately \$4 million, at the end of the year. Mr. Delatte then asked if it was possible to roll it back up to a 3/10 %, and how much would that generate. The response was, about another million a year, from Mr Danos. Further discussions ensued on rolling taxes back, evaluations, and possible solutions. Mr. Delatte asked if the recycling effort would be done, for a year, through advertisement, school education, billboards, etc.; and if there was no improvement, would the program be canceled. Mr. Brent Callais asked how much it cost to recycle. Mr Danos stated that it costs \$1 per household, with calculations, \$450,000 to \$500,000 a year is paid for recycling. Roddie Matherne stated that recycling reduces the amount of disposal going to the landfill. He gave numbers from 2002, which was at 620 tons and from 2003, which was at 649 tons. Discussions continued. Mr. Gouaux stated that this issue will be introduced as a proposed ordinance at the next full Council meeting and will be on the 2/3 Agenda. He also said that the contract will be back dated to August 1st and that the parish would receive a refund.

ADJOURNED

On **motion** by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Solid Waste Subcommittee of August 9, 2004, **adjourned** at 6:00 P.M.

**PHILLIP GOUAUX, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH SOLID WASTE
SUBCOMMITTEE**

**SHEILA B. BOUDREAUX, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**