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Recycling Market Development Advisory Council (RMDAC) Meeting Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 Truist Building 1201 Main Street, Columbia, SC 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

RMDAC

Tina Green, Mumford Industries
Norman Chandler, Republic Services
Adam Padget, Green Energy Biofuels
Chris Fisher, Fisher Recycling
Jay Spears, Continental
Andy Spicer, University of South Carolina
Ed Marr, Horry County
Brad Dutton, Dutton Polymers
Chad Prescott, Mid-Carolina Steel

ABSENT

Wes Westbrooks, RMDAC Chair, BMW Kevin Richardson, City of Rock Hill Jean Cecil Frick, Maynard Nexsen Carol James-Gilchrist, Sonoco Recycling Angel Lara, Mid-Carolina Steel

GUESTS

Leslie Skardon, Sustain SC Glenn Odom, Retired; Emeritus Member Nick Murray, First Tuesday Strategies Grant Fontaine, First Tuesday Strategies

STAFF

Anna DeLage, SC Department of Commerce Allyson Barbier, SC Department of Commerce Ashley Jenkins, SC Department of Commerce

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Tina Green (Vice Chair) motions to call the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The Vice Chair welcomes guests.

MINUTES

Glenn Odom needs to be added to the minutes. January meeting minutes are approved with changes.

Introductions



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Nick Murray from First Tuesday Strategies gives presentation on engaging with legislators.

- Overview of the General Assembly and how a bill is passed
- House passes more bills typically
- Senate can be more deliberative
- House has become more conservative of the years- there has been more friction between the House and Senate in the recent years
- SC General Assembly is economic development driven
- When engaging with legislators, you need to provide a solution and not just a complaint
- Identify a champion
- Push report through different media channels (earned media)
- Important for RMDAC to interact with local delegation
- RMDAC needs to identify problem and solution
- Making a moral argument to lawmakers is not always effective- economic and national security argument is effective
- Engage lawmakers personally with graphics and report- put out one-pagers on lawmakers' desks
- Coalition building around recycling consolidating those action items and approaching legislators with that request

Ashley Jenkins gives overview of the 2023 RMDAC Annual Report.

Potentially do a series on the report- find someone w/ a viewpoint potentially use Sustain SC social. https://issuu.com/recyclingsc/docs/rmdac 2023 annual report

Ally Barbier reviews upcoming events

- 3/26- SC Scrap Tire Sustainability Coalition
- 4/8-4/11- CRA Annual Conference
- 5/14-5/15 SC Battery Symposium 2024
- 5/29 CPRC YPMP Roadshow Session II

Market Updates:

Tires: Inflation is hurting the price of hauling tires.

Petroleum: Slight uptick in biofuel feedstock.

Solid Waste: No update.

Carpet: Nylon 66 is holding steady. Nylon 6 is 20-25 cents a lb which will impact the industry.

Glass: Mixed is 0 + trucking. Most is going down.

Metal: Aluminum is steady; up to 78 cents a lb. Steel is down.

Plastic: PET is going up, baled bottles are at \$0.16/lb. Oil is going up therefore polyester is too.

Adjourn: 11:36 AM