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July 13, 2005

Mr. Randy Hartmann, Director
Office of Waste Management
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
60 Executive Park South, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231

RE: Transmittal of Ben Hill County Vertical Expansion Amendment
Dear Mr. Hartmann:

The Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Solid Waste Development Authority conducted a public hearing June 9, 2005 (minutes enclosed) for a vertical expansion at the county's sub-Title D landfill. The City of Fitzgerald adopted a Transmittal Resolution on June 13, 2005. Ben Hill County adopted a Transmittal Resolution July 12, 2005.

At this time, the regional/state review process has been initiated. Since the operation of the transfer station at the landfill there is a small quantity of solid waste that cannot be disposed in Pecan Row, and consequently the requested vertical expansion amendment became a necessity. From a regional perspective this vertical expansion amendment is consistent with regional goals, policies and plans.

Thank your staff for your continuing support of our local and regional planning programs. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Michael F. Morgan
Principal Planner

Enclosures

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Fitzgerald – Ben Hill County Landfill Development Authority

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Hearing Purpose: Vertical Expansion Amendment to Solid Waste Management Plan

Date, Time, Place: June 9, 2005 5:00PM Fitzgerald City Hall

Persons in Attendance: Henry Tyson, Fitzgerald, City Administrator, and Michael Morgan, Principal Planner, South Georgia Regional Development Center.

Mr. Tyson called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 PM. The rationale for the vertical expansion at the landfill was discussed from a memo issued by Mr. Hal Newberry the City's landfill engineer. Design and operation plans will change the 3.5:1 slopes to 4:1 slope and increase the air space of Area I by 45,950 cubic yards. This additional air space will complement the operation of the transfer station by allowing the disposal of small quantities of sewage sludges and other wastes not handled by the transfer station.

The public hearing was closed at 5:20 PM.

TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BEN HILL COUNTY COMMISSION, TO TRANSMIT A VERTICAL EXPANSION AMENDMENT TO 1992 BEN HILL COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Ben Hill County recognizes the need to amend their Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ben Hill County agreed, through the adoption of joint resolutions, to develop a county-wide plan solid waste management plan; and

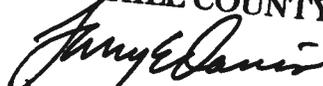
WHEREAS, the 1992 Ben Hill County Solid Waste Management Plan and the vertical expansion amendment was prepared for the Ben Hill County by the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Landfill Development Authority in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management Planning; and

WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management were met with one public hearing held June 9, 2005 to receive input on the vertical expansion amendment.

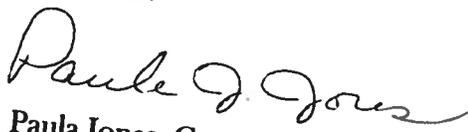
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed vertical expansion amendment be accepted by the Ben Hill County Commission, and that this amendment be transmitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review as required by the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act.

DULY RESOLVED: THIS 12th DAY OF July, 2005.

BEN HILL COUNTY


Larry E. Davis, Chairman

ATTEST:


Paula Jones, County Clerk

R05-0008
TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE FITZGERALD CITY COUNCIL, BEN HILL COUNTY, TO TRANSMIT A VERTICAL EXPANSION AMENDMENT TO 1992 BEN HILL COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the City of Fitzgerald recognizes the need to amend their Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fitzgerald agreed, through the adoption of joint resolutions, to develop a county-wide plan solid waste management plan; and

WHEREAS, the 1992 Ben Hill County Solid Waste Management Plan and the vertical expansion amendment was prepared for the City of Fitzgerald by the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Landfill Development Authority in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management Planning; and

WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management were met with one public hearing held June 9, 2005 to receive input on the vertical expansion amendment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed vertical expansion amendment be accepted by the Fitzgerald City Council, and that this amendment be transmitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review as required by the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act.

DULY RESOLVED: THIS 13th DAY OF June, 2005.

CITY OF FITZGERALD
Gerald Thompson
Gerald Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Rineair
Linda Rineair, City Clerk

MEMO
May 25, 2005

TO: Mike Morgan

FM: Henry Tyson

Subject: Solid Waste Management Update – Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Landfill

Dear Mike,

Hal Newberry, our landfill engineer, sent the following rationale for the vertical expansion at the landfill:

“The vertical expansion of the Ben Hill County-Fitzgerald Kiochee Church Road Phase II Municipal Solid Waste Landfill revised the final grades of Area 1 and increased the available air space. Area 1, according to the Design and Operation Plan, had 3.5:1 slopes with terraces. The vertical expansion changed this configuration to uniform 4:1 slopes making the final slopes easier to maintain. The revised final grades increased the air space of Area 1 by 45,950 cubic yards. This additional air space will complement the operation of the transfer station by allowing disposal of small quantities of sewage sludges and other wastes which are not handled by the transfer station. For this reason, the vertical expansion of Area 1 is both consistent with and integral to the operation of the transfer station.”

This is why we moved forward with the vertical expansion.

Thanks.

Henry Tyson
City of Fitzgerald

**South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan
Ben Hill County & City of Fitzgerald: 1998-2002 Report of Accomplishments**

Activity	Status	Explanation
Collection Ben Hill County mans five collection centers for MSW and co-mingled recyclables	Completed/Ongoing	Greenbox system was phased out between 1997 and 2000
Fitzgerald collects MSW, yard waste, c/d waste, industrial and commercial waste	Completed/Ongoing	Curbside collection of MSW and dumpsters for commercial, industrial and c/d wastes
Monitor effectiveness of collection practices on an on-going basis	Completed/Ongoing	
Disposal Continue using existing landfill for disposal	Completed	In June of 2003, MSW will be disposed in Pecan Row Landfill under contract with Onyx Waste Services
Post closure monitoring of "old" landfill	Completed/Ongoing	
Waste Reduction One drop-off center in Fitzgerald provides the opportunity for citizens to recycle (Est. reduction 5%/y)	Completed/Ongoing	
Use C/D landfill (Est. reduction 5%/y)	Completed/Ongoing	
Identify and implement incentives to encourage source reduction	Completed/Ongoing	
Establish on-going market identification program	Completed/Ongoing	
Monitor effectiveness of waste reduction programs on an on-going basis	Completed/Ongoing	
Participate in solid waste related seminars and workshops on an on-going basis	Completed/Ongoing	
Education & Public Involvement Support educational programs in school system	Completed/Ongoing	
Hold special events, activities and contests annually	Completed/Ongoing	
Encourage source reduction, home composting and recycling programs	Completed/Ongoing	
Actively enforce anti-littering laws	Completed/Ongoing	

Encourage local community groups to take the lead in countywide education/public involvement programs	Completed/Ongoing	
Work with local/regional media regarding public education	Completed/Ongoing	
Develop local recycling directory and update on an on-going basis	Dropped as a priority	No recyclers exist and City had to provide a recycling center
Encourage business, industry, and government to use recycled products	Completed/Ongoing	
Annually publicize the full cost of providing solid waste service	Completed/Ongoing	
<u>Land Limitation</u> Use land limitations map in future planning efforts	Completed/Ongoing	

South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan
Ben Hill County and City of Fitzgerald

Solid Waste Short Term Work Program 2003-2006

	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06			Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Collection									
Operate five collection centers for county residents	X	X	X	X			Ben Hill County	\$75K/y	General Fund
Continue curbside collection of MSW; yard waste; c/d waste; commercial/industrial waste from dumpsters	X	X	X	X			Fitzgerald		User Fees
Continue and monitor collection practices and make modifications as necessary	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Waste Reduction									
Continue to promote the use of the Fitzgerald recycling center	X	X	X	X			Fitzgerald		General Fund
Continue to use C/D landfill (Estimated Reduction 5%/yr)							County/City	\$10K/y	Enterprise Fund
Identify and implement incentives to encourage source reduction	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Encourage business, industry, and government to use recycled products	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Monitor effectiveness of waste reduction programs on an on-going basis	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Work with local industries to target industrial waste reduction (Est. Reduction 5%/Yr)	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Participate in solid waste related seminars and workshops on an on-going basis	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Disposal									
Construct transfer station and use Pecan Row Landfill in Lowndes County	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$30.65/Ton	General Fund/User fees
Continue closure monitoring at "old" landfill	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$9K/y	Enterprise Fund
Continue use of inert landfill	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$10K/y	Enterprise Fund
Education & Public									

South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan

Ben Hill County and City of Fitzgerald

Solid Waste Short Term Work Program 2003-2006

	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06			Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
<u>Involvement</u>									
Work with local/regional media regarding public education	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$2K/y	General Fund
Encourage source reduction, home composting and recycling programs	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$1K/y	General Fund
Encourage community education through schools, community clubs, business, media and government	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$1K/y	General Fund
Actively enforce anti-littering laws	X	X	X	X			County/City		General Fund
Annually publicize the full cost of providing solid waste service	X	X	X	X			County/City	\$200/y	General Fund
<u>Land Limitation</u>									
Use land limitations map in future planning efforts	X	X	X	X			County/City		