

Beaufort County Stormwater Management Utility Board (SWMU Board)
Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Beaufort County Council Chambers
Final draft October 1, 2009

Board Members

| Present | Absent |
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| John Youmans | Allyn Schneider |
| Donald Smith | |
| Brad Samuel | |
| William Bruggeman | |
| Donald Cammerata | |
| James Fargher | |

Ex-Officio Members

| Present | Absent |
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| Scott Liggett | |
| Bob Gross | |
| Jeff McNesby | |
| Chris Ahern | |

Beaufort County Staff

Daniel B. Ahern
Eddie Bellamy
Carolyn Wallace
Lori Sexton
Rob McFee
Amanda Flake

Visitors

Reed Armstrong, CCL
Joe Croley, HHAAOR
B Flewelling, BC Council
Keith Willis, Sun City
Denise Parsick, BC S&W Conservation Dist
Laura Lee Rose, Clemson Extension
Tom Zinn, Buckwalter Place
Matt Gleen, Buckwalter Place

County Council

1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Don Smith.
2. New Board Members were introduced and gave a short background on their experience and interests.
3. Approval of the July and August Minutes were approved
4. **Initial Opportunity for Public Comment** –
Reed Armstrong wanted to bring to Board’s attention the development agreement provision that allows for application of new SW requirements to existing agreements when requirements are applied county-wide. He sited the Green leaf agreement that is being negotiated.
Brad Samuel brought up an issue he heard about about on Buckwalter Place. He was concerned about a drainage issue and would like the Board to hear about this issue at the next meeting and see if SW has a role in resolving.
4. **Monitoring Update** –
Reported on the every other month monitoring meeting on August 25.

The group did a preliminary review of the 2nd year report. This report made a number of suggestions for the Utility consider. We have agreed to immediately implements some of these suggestions. We are also considering a new MST test to determine if high FC coming from wetlands is from wildlife or regrowth.

New monitoring contract solicitation is ongoing and we received 6 proposals that will be rated by a team of county and municipal representatives.

Don Smith wanted to know when the 2nd year report would be finished. Final comments are due September 8 and when sent to GEL we expect to have the report posted on web site before the end of September.

5. Proposed SW Ordinance – Mr. Bellamy updated the board on actions since last board meeting.

The county decided to hire a consultant to assist the county in developing the ordinance changes. The changes are addressing new construction. The county is also doing a number of smaller contracts to cost out changes and has decided to delay addressing approved but not built and existing construction till after we control new construction. The plan for a study by SC DNR on Hydrology (water budget) has been delayed. It is felt to be needed to better

Board members asked about sharing data and examples as we develop cost analysis. Staff said we would do this.

The next steps are a series of meetings preparing for Planning commission meeting on October 5 and then 2nd and 3rd Council readings.

Mr. Bellamy said we will be accelerating BMP manual changes, address approved but not built and then existing development.

He also mentioned meeting August 31, 2009 with Sembler corporation who are developing Okatie Crossings at 170 and 278. They are considering volume control but there are concerns that they are depending only on infiltration. The firm is Haines, Gibson & Associates from Atlanta.

Mr Bellamy answered a number of questions on SW Volume and how we are proposing to handle.

He suggested sending new board members information on SW Volume and set up a briefing for the new board members.

Board member asked how we plan to coordinate with Municipalities after we do make these changes.

Mr. Bellamy said that the current IAG calls for municipalities to have same or at least as stringent SW requirements.

6. Annual Maintenance - Dan Ahern reported on 13 new project summaries. Also gave the preliminary FY project summary status that showed that we have had more projects in 2009 than 2008 (161 vs 139). Project summaries should be put on SW Web site in a few years.

7. Utility Updates –

May River Coordination – Listed activities included updates to County Council on August 24, 2009, and we are now saying the issue is increasing FC coming from wetlands and undeveloped land; the staff of the county and ToB had a 5 hour coordination meeting on August 18, 2009 and are developing an IGA on coordination. Continuing weekly FC sampling and explained results which highlight the problem of increasing FC levels from the wetlands. Bob Gross reported that he learned that undeveloped land can only support so much wildlife. The May River joint website has been developed and is operational.

Upcoming RFP, RFQ and contracts – There are two major solicitations being be processed. One is an RFQ for WQ improvements. We have received 11 proposals and are in process of rating and an selecting

a contractor. The second is the RFP for County wide monitoring contractor. Also mentioned the status of the Southside Pond being worked to help WQ in Battery Creek.

CCL Sector Challenge – The CCL held a meeting on August 24, 2009 to propose a new development challenge to the county and town of Bluffton. The plan made a number of recommendations

8. Utility Administration - Regional Cooperation –

At our August 17 meeting we coordinated actions on the RFQ and RFP and developed new coordination goals that the committee with tackle.

9. Utility Administration - Military Fee Effort –

No change since the last meeting

11. Final Opportunity for Public Comment – None

12. Next meeting agenda – Reviewed proposed agenda in Board packets and agreed to follow the proposed October 7, 2009 agenda with the addition of Buckwalter Place presentation.

13. Meeting adjourned