

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

November 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Beaufort County Council Chambers  
Final November 10, 2009

**Board Members**

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

**Ex-Officio Members**

Present	Absent
Scott Liggett	
Chris Ahern	
Jeff McNesby	
Bob Gross	

**Beaufort County Staff**

Daniel Ahern  
Eddie Bellamy  
Lori Sexton  
Rob McFee  
Billie Lindsay  
Bob Klink

**Visitors**

Reed Armstrong, CCL  
Joe Croley, HHAAOR  
Paul Moore, Ward Edwards  
Denise Parsick, BC S&W Conservation Dist  
Cary Gaffney, Town of HHI  
Tom Zinn, Buckwalter Place  
Matt Gleen, Buckwalter Place  
Kevin Green, Thomas and Hutton  
Keith Willis, Sun City  
Lamar Taylor, City of Beaufort  
Laura Lee Rose, Clemson Extension  
Steve Andrews, Andrews and Burgess

**County Council**

1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Don Smith.

2. October 7, 2009 Minutes were approved

3. **Initial Opportunity for Public Comment** –  
None

**4. Buckwalter Place** – Brad Samuel

Brad introduced this issue to board and asked the developers to make a presentation. Tom Zinn, one of owners of Buckwalter Place gave a background and said there had been previous proposals for cost share alternatives. He then asked Matt Green to give a power point presentation on the issues that are being discussed. Matt gave a presentation and answered questions. It was determined after a number of questions and discussion that the issue is being addressed at senior levels of the County government and the board does not need to be involved in solving the issue. The board finally said they would like to have updates on the County/developer discussions.

## **5. SW Volume Initiatives – Mr. Bellamy**

Updated board on actions since last board meeting including

- second and third readings on volume ordinance have occurred
- still plan for a DNR study on Water Budget

Next steps

- addressing the “approved but not built” which will be difficult
- address redevelopment concerns
- Linking SW requirements and form based codes.
- Resolve push for more dense development and call for restriction of imperviousness to less than 10 percent
- Changing discussion from SW being a problem to thinking SW as an asset. He thinks this will open us to more innovative solutions like utilizing SW in RO process rather than pumping out of Florida aquifer.
- The next two steps (approved but not built and existing development) will be more difficult than the first action.

Bob Gross said that we need to stress that these steps are water quality actions not an antidevelopment requirement. Donald Cammerata asked how we were going about dealing with the approved but not built and how were we going to deal with the developers.

William Bruggeman asked what the other municipalities are doing in the SW Volume area. Mr. Bellamy said Town of Bluffton is proceeding with adoption and other municipalities are considering.

## **6. Monitoring Update – Mr. Klink reported on our October coordination meeting October 27**

- o New partner attending – City of Beaufort ( now have two county contracts; one supporting North of Broad monitoring and another south of the Broad )
- o Copper monitoring plan was developed and we will test both dissolved and total copper. This will be done on some of our ponds. Staff will be drafting a new Eagles Point monitoring plan to replace the old plan that they were under for last 13 years.
- o Discussed BST and we were going to have GEL give an update. We got some other folks involved and we felt it might be better to address suggestions raised by NOAA in a meeting with GEL before we proposed a plan for the Board input.
- o Next meeting will be January 26, 2009

## **7. Utility Updates – Dan Ahern**

**May River Coordination** – Did not have an update to County Council in October. Coordinating with ToB; Jeff McNesby and I have continued our coordination and we had a coordination meeting on October 13 on Septic inspection procedures; the decision on the proposed IGA on County/Town coordination is awaiting senior level concurrence. We are continuing our weekly sampling and results are still the same as reported earlier. We have modified our reporting of weekly results to go to geometric mean and it changed the results at some of the stations. We were previously utilizing average values, but outliers could significantly change average value. Geometric mean is the standard for shellfish waters used by the

state and presenting results this way will be more comparable to state results. We are still maintaining with ToB a May River Website on our SW Website where people can go to look at all documents on the May River. We are trying to get page view software so we can see if anyone is looking. Donald Cammerata asked if it was appropriate to change this to get lower results. This was done to reflect the way SC DHEC reports Shellfish Monitoring stations results. Data is not long enough to determine any trends.

**Okatie TMDL** – Reported on the October 30, 2009 meeting that was called by the State to share the draft TMDL results. Meeting had representatives from Beaufort and Jasper County also the Town of Bluffton and City of Hardeeville. The proposed TMDL calls for reductions in the top three watersheds of between 51% to 21% FC reductions. The reductions will need to be cumulative. It is expected that the necessary approvals will be obtained and the TMDL will be issued in January 2010. Unfortunately this will set the goals not the solutions. These goals will present some interesting challenges given that the loading coming off the developed areas are low and are high from the natural areas. Also mentioned that the State said that it would be at least 2012 and possibly 2013 before MS4 permits are issued. The State said that we would also be eligible for 319 grant funding. We will be considering asking the COG to be the applicant for the 319 grant. This might better allow Jasper and City of Hardeeville to partner.

**Upcoming RFP, RFQ and contracts** – On the RFQ for WQ Retrofits the top rated firm has been contacted and we are still in negotiations to set the scope on this project. We are waiting on Town of HHI to resolve their concerns on the portion of the project in Board Creek. We now planning to take a proposed contract to the Natural Resources Committee at their December Meeting. We are still working towards a contract to design the Southside WQ Control Pond. A meeting with park planning committee, city of Beaufort, the engineer and Bob Gross was held October 20. We hope to get final park committee blessing at their November 16 meeting.

The Southside Park sort of fell in our laps but County wide contract will address the eight sites identified in the SW Management Plan and what to do when regional sites are not available. This was a major reason for our monitoring program and we have met and are coordinating with Rural and Critical Land program to link their efforts with this initiative.

We are also looking at including WQ control projects into major drainage system and are planning to some preliminary engineering on a drainage system in Huspah Creek which is a Bacteria impaired water.

**Preparation for SW Utility Budget Discussions** - Discussed other handouts in board package in preparation for the December discussion on the budget which includes:

- Status of Priorities for 2009
- Proposed priorities for 2010
- Comparison between the FY 09 and FY 10 Budgets
- Utility Balance Sheet
- Revenues and Expense Sheet
- Proposed professional services proposals to address SW Volume and May River initiatives.

Requested board input on the proposed priorities for 2010. These will drive budget proposals and the board was asked to make sure that other priorities that they felt should be included be sent in the next week so that we could include in discussions.

**8. Utility Administration - Regional Cooperation –**

The Stormwater Implementation Committee has continued to meet on coordination issues and is going to start back on Budget recommendations for FY2011. At our October 15 meeting we discussed how we would determine our NPDES outfalls and it appears we may be lucky, because our low county quad maps due not show many “blue” line streams, and we may have less regulatory outfalls to track. The next meeting of this group will be unique. We plan to have a joint meeting with the Charleston County MS4 communities on November 19 and then have a luncheon meeting where we will discuss FY2011 education and outreach budget initiatives. One of the efforts initially discussed would be SW Volume outreach or demo project education.

**9. Utility Administration - Military Fee Effort – Dan Ahern**

Nothing new to report

There was a discussion on impacts of the planned BJW&SA removal of the two military discharges at Paris Island and Marine Corps Air Station. When this happens the status of the waters around Battery and Alberghetti Creeks will be based on Water Quality at Shellfish monitoring stations.

**10. Final Opportunity for Public Comment – None**

**11. Next meeting agenda** – Reviewed proposed agenda and eliminated a number of items due to the BMP agenda item and added a Buckwalter Place update and Clemson Extension report.

**12. Meeting adjourned**