

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

January 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Beaufort County Council Chambers
Final February 3, 2010

Board Members

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

Ex-Officio Members

Present	Absent
Scott Liggett	
Chris Ahern	
Jeff McNesby	
Bob Gross	

Beaufort County Staff

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

Visitors

Reed Armstrong, CCL
Joe Croley, HHAOR
Charlie William - Citizen
Denise Parsick, BC S&W Conservation Dist
Robert Barlow - Citizen
Steve Andrews, Andrews and Burgess
Michael McNally - Citizen
Keith Willis, Sun City
David Tedder, David Tedder PA
Ryan Lyle, Andrews and Burgess

County Council

Paul Sommerville

1. Meeting called to order by Don Smith.
2. December 2, 2009 Minutes were approved.
3. **Initial Opportunity for Public Comment** – None

4. Buckwalter Update – Rob McFee

Rob shared a December 18, 2009 letter from Town of Bluffton that recapped the issue with this development. He pointed out item 3 of letter, calling for multifunctional approach and that this approach could utilize MCIP funds. Rob has also been in discussion with Ward Edwards to bring a different set of eyes to this situation. Brad Samuel asked why Matt Green was not copied on the letter. Rob assumed they are aware of letter, but Town of Bluffton would need to answer this. Rob said there are solutions to the drainage but the issue is form not solution. Donald Cammerata said it seems like the esthetics are being put at the same par as the drainage solution.

5. Clemson Extension Update – Laura Lee Rose

Laura Lee gave the board a 6 month update. She shared a three page report with the board; it highlighted her work in the following areas:

- **Water Quality** – serving on board of Lowcountry Estuarium.
- **Community Garden** – support for downtown community garden on vacant commercial land.
- **Master Gardeners** – have 200 active master gardeners in Beaufort County. They reported 2,725 hours of educational service to the community. Continuing training new gardeners. Outreach programs like Turf Love (Sun City) and Rent a Master Gardener.
- **Professional Horticulture** – keeps updated distribution list of local municipal and private professional horticulturists and sends out notices on programs and share information.
- **School District** – training given at 3 schools and STEM program.
- **Articles to Newspaper** – writing monthly articles to the Island Packet and Beaufort Gazette.
- **Consumer Education through Extension** – 634 direct contracts in last six months.
- Bob Gross asked if working with new schools – Laura Lee is working with them.
- Donald Cammerata – asked what is a Master Gardener –assistants to the Extension Service.
- Chris Ahern – asked about data collected on field visits – documentation would be through Carolina Clear but they do mainly through soil test.

6. Monitoring Update –Bob Klink

Letter sent to Eagles Point on monitoring changes, we meet with them later.

Next Monitoring meeting is January 26, 2010 with GEL Staff.

TMDL Meeting public information meeting January 26, 2010 and also in the evening on the Okatie River.

Showed slides of new Shellfish Classifications Maps and these are on the SW Web Site. Explained the different classifications that where on the maps. Mentioned that the prohibited areas are administratively closed due to Wastewater Discharges and does not mean the water is bad. When the two military base plants are taken off line there could be waters that are opened. Don Smith asked if we knew the current status of the water in this area. Bob Gross said that both plants will be eliminated and moved to the existing BJWSA plant that discharges into the Beaufort River. Bob explained that the Monitoring page on the SW Web Site. There was a discussion on the other classes of areas like restricted and conditionally approved.

7. SW Volume Initiatives Update – Eddie Bellamy

Eddie Bellamy reviewed SW volume efforts to date. Current efforts have been focused on the second step concerning “approved but not built.” We have worked with planning and they have determined the total vacant lots are 22,000 of which 16,000 are in PUD’s and SD’s. We have also developed volume sensitive waters and determined that what portion of the above universe which is in the volume sensitive waters. The numbers are 5,000 and 2,000 respectively. The strategy for addressing volume will be two fold. We will control on an on-lot basis and have two sets of controls based whether they are in volume sensitive watersheds. The numbers were for the unincorporated Beaufort County. The breakout forms by geographic were given to the Board. The municipalities will need to consider what universe they are faced with.

8. Annual Maintenance – Project Reports – Dan Ahern

Thirty projects have been completed and 20 were above the \$1,500 cutoff for presentation. Power point presentations of these 20 projects were presented and will be posted on web within a week. Brad Samuel asked about maintenance on Sam Point Road DOT BMP's. We get quarterly reports from DOT but don't report on them. Mr. Samuel thought in might be a good idea. Chris Ahern reported about the drainage issue being handled between Town of Port Royal and the County at Shadow Moss Subdivision.

9. Utility Administration – Updates including BMP Manual Update - Dan Ahern

Most new initiatives were briefed by Bob Klink and Eddie Bellamy then reviewed a series of maps on FC results. We are continuing our coordinated FC sampling and have decided to monitor Turbidity to see if there is a linkage between FC and Turbidity.

Showed board how we are handling one hot spot in Gascoigne Bluff and explained efforts to-date on this potential project. Plan to construct a pond with utility staff. We are continuing coordination with Town of Bluffton to better monitor in the May River. Board member asked if we were doing quality control on data and we said that these are planning numbers.

There are two May River meetings scheduled this month, one is May River Implementation meeting and the other is the Technical Advisory Committee.

Reported that Rich Wagner will get a staff draft in the next day or two and we should be on schedule to get a public draft by the end of January.

William Bruggeman asked about the budget and we said it will be in February. Also mentioned that we received a report from ATM that outlines their read on SW Permit areas and we are going to use this to discuss with municipalities on how to operate under permits. Donald Cammerata asked if this will be our first 5 year budget and the answer was yes because last year was a 3 year budget.

10. Utility Administration – Regional Cooperation

The implementation committee met December 16, 2009 and reviewed the proposed “approved but not built” SW runoff volume. Committee had input into volume sensitive waters designation that was previously presented. Noted that we have asked municipalities for their FY2011 support requests and they are due in early February to be included in the budget.

The committee is also working on developing recommendations on jointly funded projects to be included in the budget. Don Smith asked if any thing new had occurred in military fee issue. There has not been any new activity. Don Smith asked about SW Regulations acceptance by municipalities. We said that there are not any objections for new development but there is some concern it might have an impact on infill and redevelopment. It is hoped that the Step 2 work might lead to resolving some of these questions and concerns.

11. Final Opportunity for Public Comment – None

12. Next meeting agenda – Approved proposed agenda.

13. Meeting adjourned

