

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

May 4, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Beaufort County Council Chambers
Final June 1, 2011

Board Members

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

Ex-Officio Members

Present	Absent
Scott Liggett	Andy Kinghorn
Ron Bullman	Tony Maglione

Beaufort County Staff

Daniel Ahern
Robert Klink
Lori Sexton
Billie Lindsay
Amanda Flake
Eddie Bellamy
Carolyn Wallace
Alan Eisenman

Visitors

Reed Armstrong, CCL
Dick Stewart, Port Royal Sound Foundation
Bates Rambow, ToHHI
Paul Moore, Ward Edwards
Lamar Taylor, City of Beaufort
Cary Gaffney, ToHHI
Jeff Buckalew, ToHHI

1. Meeting called to order - Don Smith.

- A. Agenda approved with three additions to include consideration of 3 motions.
- B. April 6, 2011 Minutes were approved

2. Introductions

3. Public Comment - None

4. Reports -

- A. **Stormwater (SW)/Form based code - Subcommittee Report** - Don Smith - nothing to report from the subcommittee. Dan Ahern reported that we had received document from the consultant. Don Smith asked that it be sent to subcommittee.
- B. **Quarterly Financial Report** – Alan Eisenman reviewed the third quarter budget versus actual expenditure figures and answered questions. Board member asked how the income has changed over time. Alan said he could get this information together but the County has annual summaries based on audited results posted on web site.
- C. **Friends of the Rivers** – Dick Stewart came forward to report that Friends of the Rivers is changing its name to the Port Royal Sound Foundation. He presented a copy of the Friends of the Rivers report. He said they are working with the Low Country Institute and helping Jasper County

on the SW ordinance. They are also working with a number of other organizations to help improve water quality.

D. Monitoring Update – Bob Klink reported about the three findings in the Eagles Point Copper Sampling Report that is in the board packet. This will be a discussion item in the monitoring meeting and we might be back for board action next meeting. Board wanted to know when they apply copper on the pond – as needed to control aquatic vegetation. Why are they doing these tests- to determine if the recorded values are toxic. Is this due to excessive application – no generally applied rates are below regulated amounts. Can we get someone who deals with Copper to brief the board – probably the best person would be Alan Warren and we would see if we can get him to a meeting.

E. Upcoming Professional Contracts Report – Dan Ahern reviewed a one page summary document. Since the last report the County has selected a consultant for the Coosaw Point study and has authorized a portion of the BC Admin Parking retrofit design that is needed for permits. Also approved a contract that had not been presented before on the O’Bryan Pond. This was done because we are scheduling this for initiation and after having a number of meetings on construction sequencing, we felt the utility needed some additional support on this being our first retrofit pond project. The Utility is dealing with an existing pond, wetlands permits and unfamiliarity with this type of construction.

Board requested clarification on some of the proposed contracts. One was why would the Stormwater Utility be paying for Coosaw Point development retrofit to decide whether this could be done by development controls verses on-lot controls. This is being done to learn if it was possible to do this on a development basis, if so, this would be used as a pilot for other developments.

5. Utility Updates – Dan Ahern –reported on the following:

Paper Reduction Efforts – The board was asked to go paperless and are seeing if we can electronically access documents and not have large board packets. The goal is to plan to have the agenda and attachments posted the weekend before the board meeting and then not have a large board packet. Board was in favor of this if historic attachments are available. Staff thought it was but will confirm.

First Retrofit – O’Bryan Pond – Staff had a final meeting with the property owner and reviewed the planned construction sequence and area to be impacted. We agreed on the temporary area to be impacted during construction and storage area for soil from pond. Memo documenting discussions was developed and we are in the process of getting temporary construction easement from property owner. This project should start in May.

Gascoigne Bluff Retrofit – This project may have some new problems. Our weekly sampling has shown a remarkable decrease in FC concentration. The only explanation that anyone can come up with is that the amount of wildlife has been reduced considerably. The sampling indicates it went from one of the highest concentrations in May River to one of the lowest. Board asked if we could share the data we have collected.

Water Budget Study– The County has now authorized this agreement with Clemson and we will be setting up a kickoff meeting with our partners: Dr Badr; ToB; Sun City; Palmetto Bluff and GEL.

This has tentatively been set up on May 11th and hope to have time to purchase equipment and install in time to get summer sampling. This may be challenging in the present budget environment.

FEMA CRS rating effort – Staff is now targeting on getting the new application completed by the end of May, 2011. We had a meeting with FEMA representative at the end of April and got better guidance on documentation needed for the application. We also got figures from FEMA on what the benefits will be for increasing our CRS class from current 7 to expected 6. It will be \$450,000 annual policy fee reduction and will average around \$40 per policy in the flood zones.

Beaufort County Participation on Center for Watershed Protection/Chesapeake Stormwater Network Webcast – Bob Klink and I participated in this web cast on April 13, 2011 on SW design in Coastal environment. It was interesting to be presenting on the same web cast with Tom Schueler. He has developed a Technical Bulletin on Stormwater Design in the Coastal Plain of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Sponsoring New Webcast – We are going to again sponsor a webcast by the Center for Watershed Protection and have decided on an upcoming one that may be of interest. It is May 18, 2011 on Ultra-Urban SW Design and Retrofitting. It will be in the County Council Chambers.

- 6. Maintenance Project Report** – Eddie Bellamy –Staff suffered a little setback in resolving the backlog in our reporting system. We went from a backlog of 7 major projects and 34 maintenance projects to 10 and 40 respectively. The setback was caused by the unplanned leave of one our key staff members that had to take care of some family issues. The good news is that the work continues; we are still having problems keeping up with the reporting. There is light at the end of the tunnel in that I expect we will have the automated work order and reporting system online within the next month or so and have it operating effectively within two months after that.

Reported on three large projects; Wimbee Landing and Kinloch Roads; Church Road on Daufuskie Island; Pinewood Circle Outfall and 9 small projects.

7. Unfinished Business -

- A. Lots of Record but not Built Status** – The Natural Resources Committee again considered the Step 2 controls last Monday. The County had a star packed support group with Drs. Marsh, Holland and Scott and Ed Modzelewski. The committee unanimously approved the ordinance changes and it will be going to County Council for three readings. It appears now with the elimination of the mandatory storage and reuse requirement that the additional costs of compliance will be below \$2,000 per lot and in some cases have no cost. When it is approved we will need to revise the web-based program to reflect the changes and suggestions that have been made to improve understanding.

B. Regional Coordination – Dan Ahern - The SWIC met on April 28th and addressed possible recommendation to address the administrative fee that appears to be the major hurdle in adopting new IGA agreements. The committee did not change previous recommendations but liked the idea of having administrative fees tied to SFU units. This way rate changes will not affect the amount of administrative fees.

This was tied into the IGA agreement.

C. Utility IGA Agreement – Dan Ahern - Rob Mc Fee is on vacation and staff is presenting unofficial position of the county. The County has received the undated response to Mr. Kubic’s April 6, 2011 letter on April 22, 2011. This letter is in your packet.

Yesterday we received a modified IGA from the Town of HHI. It has incorporated ideas discussed at the SWIC meeting and appears to address the concerns the county had on administrative fee and on the length of the agreement. It is also proposing additional responsibilities for the SWIC concerning this IGA.

The Town asked that this be added on the agenda so that it still keeps open the option of approving this agreement by September. The use of SFU makes the proportion reflective of the size of the jurisdiction. The proposed draft is setting the SFU rate at \$2.80 which would cover the presented budget that was presented to the board. The town had a number of representatives to answer any questions. Scott Liggett said that in future years that figure would be adjusted to reflect the Utility administrative cost.

8. New Business -

A. Proposed Letter to MC Installations East –Dan Ahern

Board was given a draft letter that was based on updating a 2009 draft. Mr. Kubic has asked that the SW Board and the ex-officio members make suggestions on the actions the county should take.

We have shared this draft with Town of Port Royal and City of Beaufort and got comments from Town of Port Royal. We have incorporated these comments in the draft you have in your packet.

We would like the board to consider passing the proposed motion on this letter. After discussion the Board approved the following resolution: *The Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board recommends the issuance of a letter from the County requesting Marine Corps to resolve outstanding stormwater fee billings.*

B. Additional Proposed motions -

The board also discussed and approved the following motions:

River Buffers

The Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board recommends Beaufort County Council increase enforcement actions and penalties for violation of the County’s River Buffer Ordinances. Enforcement action and penalties should apply to the owner as well as any person, firm, corporation, association or partnership violating any provision of ordinance.

Public Education

The Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board recommends the Utility's 2012 Public Education program be targeted toward River Buffer protection and the 2012 Public Education contacts should stipulate significant effort be placed on Beaufort County's River Buffer Protection Ordinances and penalties for violation.

- 9. Public Comment** – No comments
- 10. Next meeting agenda** – Approved the proposed agenda for June 1, 2011 meeting.
- 11. Meeting adjourned.**