

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

September 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in Beaufort County Council Chambers
Final Oct. 3, 2012

Board Members

Present

John Youmans
Allyn Schneider
Donald Cammerata
Patrick Mitchell
William Bruggeman
Don Smith

Absent

James Fargher

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Andy Kinghorn
Ron Bullman
Scott Liggett

Absent

Tony Maglione

Beaufort County Staff

Dan Ahern
Lori Sexton
Rob McFee
Bob Klink
Eddie Bellamy

Visitors

Reed Armstrong
Laura Lee Rose

County Council

1. Meeting called to order – Don Smith

A. Agenda approved

B. August 1, 2012 Minutes were approved as posted

2. Introductions – Completed

3. Public Comment – Chairman recognized board member John Youmans for his recent state swimming records.

4. Reports –

A. Stormwater (SW)/Form based code – Subcommittee Report

- No actions since last meeting

B. Monitoring Annual Report –Bob Klink

Short report this month:

- MOU with USCB has been approved by the County Council on August 13, 2012
- Next GEL Monitoring Meeting is September 25, 2012 at 1:30 in the PW Conference Room.
- CDM Smith has been asked to review the current monitoring program to make suggestions for any needed changes. CDM developed the original monitoring program.

C. Upcoming Professional Contracts Report – Dan Ahern

The September report had only one addition and that is a request for a proposal from GEL to develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan or QAPP to submit to DHEC to take Open Water Copper samples. As we have discussed before, we have some copper violations in Port Royal and St Helena Sound.

We have determined that these violations are based on limited and old data. It is difficult to plan actions for copper reductions when the violations are essentially ocean violations. We have determined that we can use the Public Works boat and take samples but need an approved QAPP for DHEC to accept the results. Depending on results we will either:

- request violations be removed or
- Confirm violation and then wait till DHEC develops a TMDL to clean up the ocean.

A number of the previously reported proposals have been approved.

In response to questions, the State is doing very little metal monitoring

D. Utility Updates – Dan Ahern

Webcasts: The next one will be the rescheduled September 19, 2012 webcast titled “Get the Dirt on Stormwater”. It will be scheduled for BIV #2.

Financial Reports: Were attached with the agenda

StormCon Presentation: Bob Klink and Dan Ahern presented the Beaufort County volume controls on September 23, 2012 at this national conference. It was well received and we have been asked by Stormwater Magazine to publish our article in a future issue. Requested and obtained permission to do an encore presentation of the StormCon under new business to see if we can record it for the County Channel.

Balance Utilization Plan: Passed out our Balance Utilization Plan that was submitted in July based on a request from senior management. We have received word on August 21, 2012 that the County wants to proceed. We have had a long history of trying to determine the appropriate reserve for the Utility and it appears that we have now got guidance on a goal to manage to. It will fit well with our watershed restoration initiative. I will ask Carolyn Wallace and Alan Eisenman to explain this in more detail at the November board meeting.

Succession Plan: I will be transitioning to a part time work schedule this month. Rob McFee is managing the selection process for the new SW Manager. In response to board questions, he said that he expects to have a new SW manager in position in 6 to 8 weeks.

E. Maintenance Project Reports – Eddie Bellamy

Mr. Bellamy reported on two major projects (1) Village Circle and (2) Country Manor. Additionally, reported 17 minor and/or routine maintenance projects which were reported in the shortened format. Discussed valley drains which are paved ditches at the side of the road where we do not have sufficient right of way for a ditch. Also discussed the Utility’s Shin Cutter and how it operates. Also discussed mosquito control and stormwater’s role in prevention West Nile Virus.

5. Unfinished Business –

A. Regional Coordination – Dan Ahern

The SWIC met on August 16, 2012 and shared restoration initiatives in our priority watersheds. Next meeting will September 20, 2012 where we hope to discuss LIDAR with Dan Morgan of County’s MIS department.

Chairman asked about status of Military Fee Issue. Utility is still waiting for response from Navy on information that we sent to them in response to their questions. We are waiting on Navy response before going further with the Marine Corps.

6. New Business – Dan Ahern and Bob Klink gave an encore presentation of the paper presented at StormCon 2012. The presentation was *Integrating Stormwater Quantity and Quality Requirements*. It is hoped that this presentation will be posted as a reference for local citizens.

It was mentioned that Beaufort County is further ahead on water quality controls than most communities and it is due in great part to the local citizens concern for their local waters.

7. Public Comment – None

8. Next meeting agenda – October 3, 2012 Agenda approved, Board meeting will be held in BIV 2.

9. Meeting adjourned.