

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

March 6, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Beaufort County Council Chambers
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Board Members

Present

Don Smith
Donald Cammerata
James Fargher

Absent

William Bruggeman
John Youmans
Patrick Mitchell
Allyn Schneider

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Andy Kinghorn
Ron Bullman
Scott Liggett

Absent

Tony Maglione

Beaufort County Staff

Lori Sexton
Eddie Bellamy
Bob Klink
Rob McFee
Danny Polk

Visitors

Paul Moore, Ward Edwards
Laura Lee Rose, Clemson Extension
Denise Parsick, BC S&W Conservation Distr.
Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Lamar Taylor, City of Beaufort

County Council

1. Meeting called to order – Don Smith

- A. Agenda – Not approved; no quorum.
- B. Minutes – Not approved; no quorum.

2. Introductions – Completed

3. Public Comment – Laura Lee Rose informed the Board of an intern at the College of Charleston that has been working with Katie Giacalone (Carolina Clear) and put together “Stormwater Pond Maintenance and Resources Log”. Laura Lee Rose said these would be useful for Stormwater Managers, property owners association, Boards who have stormwater ponds, etc... She has a box of them if anyone was interested in having one.

4. Reports

A. Monitoring Annual Report – Bob Klink

Mr. Klink reported that there have been a couple of sampling events with all the rainy weather. Next GEL Monitoring Meeting is March 26, 2013 at 1:30 at PW Conference Room. Will be checking on progress with USCB with their lab and purchasing equipment.

B. Utility Updates – Bob Klink

Mr. Klink reported that there will be another webcast at BIV 2 titled “Smart Stormwater Retrofitting in the Urban Environment” March 13th from 12 – 2pm.

C. Upcoming Professional Contracts Report – Rob McFee

Mr. McFee reported that there are no upcoming contracts. Informed the Board that we are in the process for the court house retrofits, working on the contract documents. Design is complete but we’re working with

Andrews & Burgess and part of their scope of services, already approved by the Board and that this should go out for bid next month.

Mr. Andy Kinghorn asked if there had been any movement with a new Stormwater Manager and Mr. McFee said not at this time.

D. Financial Reports – Mr. McFee said there will be no report this month.

E. Inspector Report – Danny Polk

Mr. Polk reported his updates for monitoring, other initiatives, special projects and future inspector activities. Mr. Donald Cammerata asked regarding the data when they will see analysis. Mr. Polk said because of the setbacks in the field it will take time to process. Hopefully in the next 2 – 3 months, that’s an estimate however he and Dr. Badr need to get together to go over some issues. Mr. Don Smith wanted to know if monitoring was done on Huspah. Mr. Polk told him that there was not too much done there. There have been samples right when the water comes out of the pond but it always shows up clean. Duncan Farms may be another area to look at, doesn’t carry a lot of water but it moves and doesn’t puddle. Mr. Reed Armstrong wanted to know what the impairment was on Huspah Creek and Mr. Polk told him it was bacteria.

F. Maintenance Project Reports – Eddie Bellamy

Mr. Bellamy reported (1) major project: Ball park Road/Village Creek Outfall Phase I and (16) minor and/or routine maintenance projects in shortened format.

Mr. Bellamy told the Board how they fared with the weather last month. The Beaufort Gazette reported last week that we had experienced record rainfall in the month of February. Our gauge at Public Works showed 12.57 inches for the month, including 6.09 inches Saturday, Feb 23, through noon Tuesday, Feb 26. Last Tuesday was wettest he had seen the surface of Beaufort County in the past 11 years. With all that rain, we did not have one county road fail. They became really messy, but they remained passable. Mr. Bellamy said he attributed that to several factors. First, we developed a source of road-maintenance quality dirt about two years ago. Second, our road maintenance sections have done a great job adding dirt where necessary, shaping the roads properly, and working to keep the roadside drainage in good shape, and identifying areas where they needed the assistance of the SW Infrastructure section. And third, the work that the SW infrastructure section has been doing to maintain and improve our drainage systems is paying off.

Mr. Donald Cammerata asked Mr. Bellamy if he knew what the material was that’s being pulled out of the catch basins and if it was natural material or discarded trash. Mr. Bellamy said they were always pulling out vegetation and dirt. Mr. Andy Kinghorn asked what was done with the trash and Mr. Bellamy said it gets to the landfill.

Mr. James Fargher said that most of the projects reported are small, have all the major projects been completed? Mr. Bellamy replied that there are still major projects to be done but have not been able to get an easement and also we don’t have many areas that are catastrophic flooding.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Regional Coordination –

Mr. McFee reported:

- 1) Closed loop with Gray family on Battery Creek Retrofit, they are ready to get started;
- 2) Okatie East – Paul Moore to update - made contact with the Army Corp. and their processing the permit as a nationwide permit, 6-8 weeks out to start construction if the permit comes in next week;

- 3) U.S. 278 Retrofits – Meeting set for later this week with Consultant on the almost final design;
- 4) USCB progress – Mr. Klink updated earlier;
- 5) Capehart Circle Drainage Easement – County going for renewal at the next Public Facility Committee Meeting.

6. New Business – Did not discuss with no quorum.

7. Public Comment – Mr. Don Smith said that “Dude” magazine had an article on monitoring, partnership with Bluffton, Stormwater and the Waddell Center. This is a free paper and he was glad to see they were trying to give some exposure to the sporting community.

Ms. Denise Parsick wanted to brag that BC S&W Conservation District was named the “Outstanding Conservation” for the state of South Carolina at their annual convention. Also, their district manager Shelby Berry was named “Outstanding Employee”. A lot of it is due to their involvement with stormwater , water quality and the things that go on with Beaufort County.

8. Next meeting agenda – Not approved; no quorum.

9. Meeting adjourned.