

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

August 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Beaufort Industrial Village Building #2 Conference Room

Board Members

Present

Don Smith
William Bruggeman

Absent

John Youmans
James Fargher
Allyn Schneider
Patrick Mitchell

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Andy Kinghorn
Scott Liggett
Kimberly Jones

Absent

Tony Maglione

Beaufort County Staff

Robert McFee
Eddie Bellamy
Carolyn Wallace
Danny Polk

Visitors

Paul Moore, Ward Edwards
John Leffler, SCDNR
April Turner, SC Sea Grant
Eric Montie, USCB
Denise Sanger, SCDNR

1. Meeting called to order – Don Smith

- A. Agenda – no quorum to approve the agenda.
- B. June 5, 2013 Minutes – no quorum to approve minutes.

2. Introductions – Completed.

3. Public Comment(s) – None.

4. Reports –

A. Financial Reports – Copies of the June Stormwater financials were provided. Alan Eisenman was not available to present the financials but will appear at the September Board meeting.

B. Monitoring Update – Danny Polk:

- Sampling – Mr. Polk reported from the monitoring meeting that was held on July 30, 2013 at 1:00pm in Public Works (PW) conference room. From the June samples, there are high levels of fecal coliform from sites that generally see high levels such as the County’s government center and the Cross Creek area. The levels were greater than 25,000. These areas are already being addressed. The levels in the Shell Point area were in the 10,000 to 11,000 range.

Mr. McFee said they spoke with the contractors that had shown interest but did not provide a bid for the government center retrofit. The contractors did not want to bid on a demonstrative project that included porous asphalt, porous concrete, and pervious pavers.

The RFP will probably be modified to only include pervious pavers and issued again for bids.

C. Salinity Study – Dr. John Leffler with SCDNR: Dr. Leffler provided a copy of his presentation (Please see attachment. You can view the entire presentation on the county’s website at bcgov.net.) As background information, Dr. Leffler said this study began as a joint project when Mr. Dan Ahern

requested a meeting back in April 2012 between the county, USCB, SCDNR, Town of Bluffton and Waddell Mariculture Center. They discussed how they could work together to determine volume sensitive waters in Beaufort County. From that meeting each party signed a Memorandum of Understanding that outlined a five year partnership.

SCDNR would conduct a salinity study that would allow them to study the relationship between rainfall events and stormwater-induced changes in salinity within a watershed. SCDNR has received a grant that will allow them to study five watersheds simultaneously within a year. The watersheds will include the May River, Okatie River, and both the Burton Hill and Grober branches of Battery Creek. The advisory committee that will be formed shortly will help select the remaining priority watershed. Dr. Leffler provided a timeline for the study.

- D. Utility Updates** – Robert McFee: The Request for Proposal (RFP) for stormwater services have been received and distributed to the members of the Evaluation Committee. These proposals are for the administrative and technical oversight of the utility. They are being reviewed and the committee has a meeting on tomorrow. Mr. Smith volunteered to replace Mr. Fargher on the review committee.
- E. Upcoming Professional Contracts Report** – Robert McFee: Other than the RFP previously mentioned, there are no new professional contracts.
- F. Maintenance Projects Report** – Eddie Bellamy: Mr. Bellamy reported on (2) major projects: Keans Neck Road Outfall and Salem Drive East Phase II. He also presented (13) minor and/or routine maintenance projects in a shortened format.

5. Unfinished Business –

Regional Coordination – *Highway 278 project* – The County is still working through the last of the permit sites with the Army Corps of Engineers. We have OCRM approvals. Mr. Polk is helping to finish up on the approvals on the county side as well.

Okatie East retrofit project – Construction hasn't started. They are waiting on materials and should be able to start in two to four weeks.

Battery Creek retrofit project – The 319 grant has been fully submitted. SCDHEC continue to voice their support. We are hopeful that the City of Beaufort will receive the grant.

Stoney Creek retrofit – Mr. McFee and Ms. Jones have had several discussions. This 160 acres seem to be a viable site for a retrofit. This was presented to the Natural Resources Committee last June. They still have to do more diplomatic work with the property owner to get them to “buy into” the community solution and hopefully be allowed on the property to do some preliminary engineering.

- 6. New Business** – Mr. Smith asked Mr. McFee about the vacant board seats left by Mr. Cammerata and Mr. Youmans. Mr. McFee said the county was already discussing the vacancy left by Mr. Cammerata. He said he hadn't received Mr. Youmans' letter of resignation but he would check on it. (Follow up: Mr. McFee checked with the Clerk to Council office and they have not received a letter of resignation from Mr. Youmans.)

7. Public Comment – None.

- 8. Next Meeting Agenda** – Mr. Eisenman presentation will be added to the September 4, 2013 Board meeting agenda.

9. Meeting Adjourned.