

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

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

**Board Members**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Don Smith	John Youmans
William Bruggeman	James Fargher
Patrick Mitchell	
Allyn Schneider	

**Ex-Officio Members**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Andy Kinghorn	Tony Maglione
Scott Liggett	
Kimberly Jones	

**Beaufort County Staff**

Eddie Bellamy  
Carolyn Wallace

**Visitors**

Paul Moore, Ward Edwards  
Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League  
Van Willis, Town of Port Royal

**1. Meeting called to order** – Don Smith

- A. Agenda – approved.
- B. September 4, 2013 Minutes – approved.

**2. Introductions** – Completed.

**3. Public Comment(s)** – None.

**4. Reports** –

- A. **Monitoring Update** – No report provided (staff presenter not in attendance).

- B. **Utility Updates** –

*Okatie East Retrofit Project* – Mr. Eddie Bellamy said the Stormwater Infrastructure section has removed the old boiler system; installed the pipe, with headwall and flare-end; and reconstructed the road. Only remaining task is installing the gate valve. Mr. Bellamy said opening the valve during a storm event will be added to the hurricane checklist. Mr. Paul Moore added that the gate valve has been designed with an overflow option if the valve is not opened up during a storm event.

*Salinity Study* - Mr. Andy Kinghorn said they had their first advisory meeting for the Salinity Study. 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 Hill branches of Battery Creek. They are in the process of selecting the fifth watershed. The representatives from SCDNR are going to come back with a recommendation from the possibilities that were given. Mr. Smith said the study is labor intensive with the sensors having to be serviced every two weeks.

*Battery Creek Retrofit Project* - Mr. Kinghorn said Mr. Moore and Ward Edwards have been working with the City of Beaufort and the county to develop a 319 grant. Mr. Moore did a good job in pulling the information needed to respond to DHEC’s concerns with the original application. The information has been provided and the city and county should be receiving the \$350,000 grant.

- C. **Upcoming Professional Contracts Report** – No report provided (staff presenter not in attendance).

**D. Financial Reports** – Copies of the August Stormwater Financials were provided.

**E. Maintenance Projects Report** – Eddie Bellamy: Mr. Bellamy reported on (10) minor and/or routine maintenance projects in a shortened format.

He also presented (2) major projects: H. E. McCracken Middle School, and Rice Road Pond. Mr. Bellamy said he was particularly proud of the Rice Road Pond project. It is the final phase of a long term plan Public Works has had to correct the drainage problems associated with Rice Road. The Stormwater Infrastructure Section removed the existing overflow structure and replaced it with one that has a six inch hole for normal drainage and then, starting six inches higher, a weir that will handle heavy rainfall events. They dredged the silt out of the pond and established a forebay by installing a check dam at the upper end of the pond. That arrangement causes the water from the roads to overflow the forebay before entering the main area of the pond. It allows treatment of the water and catches any silt that may come off the roads.

**5. Unfinished Business** – No report provided (staff presenter not in attendance).

**6. New Business**

*Sewer Septic Master Plan* - Ms. Kimberly Jones said the Town of Bluffton and Beaufort Jasper Water Sewer Authority have hired a firm to complete a septic assessment and then provide a sewer master plan. She said she didn't know if the board members would like a presentation once it is completed this month.

*Pond Conferences* – The Coastal Training Program for Ace Basin NERR, the Sea Grant, and the Town of Bluffton are interested in bringing a pond conference to Beaufort, specifically to address the maintenance of SW BMPs ponds. This has also been discussed with the Together for Beaufort Water Quality Coalition and they are interested in participating. She also said the coalition would like to speak to the board whenever a consultant is selected for the Public Education/Public Outreach initiative.

*2013 Goals* – Mr. Don Smith would like to review the status of our top 10 goals for 2013. Mrs. Carolyn Wallace mentioned that she usually appear at the December board meeting to solicit the board members input in the top 10 goals for the upcoming calendar year since this a guiding document used in the budget process. And in January she provides the status of the previous year's goal. Mr. Smith said they would like to wait until then to receive the update.

*January 2014 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting* – Mr. Smith mentioned that the January board meeting will fall on New Year's Day. The board members decided to wait to see what topics come up for the January board meeting, before deciding if they will reschedule or cancel the board meeting.

*Vacant Board Members' Seat* – Mr. Allyn Schneider was wondering if there was an update on filling the vacant seats. There was none. Mr. Van Willis mentioned that he will be serving as the ex-officio member representing the Town of Port Royal. Mrs. Wallace will see if she can find out if Mr. John Youmans has resigned. Mr. Patrick Mitchell said he had seen where the county had been soliciting for candidates for the board.

**7. Public Comment** – None.

**8. Next Meeting Agenda** – Approving the 2014 meeting schedule and a short presentation from the Together for Beaufort Water Quality Coalition is added to the November agenda.

**9. Meeting Adjourned.**