

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

October 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Beaufort Industrial Village Building #3 Conference Room

Board Members

Present

Don Smith
Allyn Schneider
Marc Feinberg
Larry Meisner
Patrick Mitchell
James Fargher

Absent

William Bruggeman

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Andy Kinghorn
Scott Liggett

Absent

Van Willis
Jeremy Ritchie

Beaufort County Staff

Eric Larson
Eddie Bellamy
Patricia Wilson
Kevin Pitts
Danny Polk
Allison Coppage

Visitors

Anthony Maglione, Applied Technology Management
Ed Modzelewski, Applied Technology Management
Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Denise Parsick, BSWCD

1. Meeting called to order – Don Smith

- A. Agenda – The Agenda was approved.
- B. September 30, 2015 Minutes - Approved.

2. Introductions – Completed.

3. Public Comment(s) – Mr. Eric Larson expressed condolences for the passing of Mr. Lamar Taylor's father. Mr. Taylor is the City of Beaufort's Public Works Director.

4. Reports – Mr. Eric Larson and Mr. Eddie Bellamy provided a written report which is included in the posted agenda and can be accessed at: <http://www.bcgov.net/departments/Administrative/beaufort-county-council/boards-and-commissions/council-appointed/board-list/stormwater-management-utility-board/agendas/2015/102115.pdf>

A. Utility Update – Eric Larson

Rate Structure Ordinance and Rate Increase – Staff have been putting in overtime to make sure the tax system reflects the new rate increase on the tax bill. Staff is also working on public information to be included with the tax bill and have been updating the website to provide more information. The Utility is preparing for a high volume of calls once the bills are sent out.

B. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4 Update) – Eric Larson

MS4 Permit Application – Mr. Larson stated that the effective permit date has been pushed back to possibly December 1, 2015. SCDNR commented that they did not have sufficient time to review the permit, so a re-notice has to be issued.

MS4 Staffing – The MS4 Coordinator position has been accepted by Rebecca Baker, the MS4 coordinator for the City of Bartow, FL. Her anticipated start date is November 9, 2015.

Beaufort County Pond Conference – Mr. Larson reminded the board members of the Neighbors for Clean Water Pond Conference on October 22, 2015 at USCB’s Gateway Campus. He stated that those who were not signed-up could pay at the door.

C. Monitoring Update – Eric Larson

SCASM Presentation - In November, Mr. Kevin Pitts (Beaufort County Stormwater Inspector) along with Ms. Kim Jones (Town of Bluffton) and Dr. Alan Warren (USCB) will report on benefits of collaborating with surrounding municipalities and utilizing local assets to meet stormwater goals.

Pre and Post Construction - USCB lab staff had a meeting with Mr. Danny Polk and Mr. Kevin Pitts about the pre and post-construction sampling for the Wal-Mart sites to help measure the effectiveness of Stormwater BMPs.

US 278 Pond Project – Mr. Larson clarified for Mr. Don Smith that the four ponds are located near Highway 278. One pond is located on Pinckney Colony Road, one pond is located at Berkley Hall Maintenance Facility and two other ponds are located on Barrel Landing Road. Staff is measuring pre and post sampling to study the efficacy of the BMPs.

D. Stormwater Implementation Committee (SWIC) Report – Eric Larson

SWIC Meeting October 8, 2015- Reviewing ATM’s Scope and Fee was the main topic. Included in the posted agenda are the meeting minutes, Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District report and attachments.

E. Stormwater Related Projects – Eric Larson

Okatie West / SC 170 Widening Retrofit Land Purchase – The contract with DHEC has been signed and a RFQ for design services will be issued within the next few months.

Huspah Court South Ditch Easement / Mike Zara – Mr. Larson updated his written report by stating that the county has a tentative agreement with the property owner.

Island Shops Final Development Plan Review – Mr. Larson reminded the board that Island Shops is the new development on Sea Island Parkway which includes Wal-Mart. His participation with plan reviews is complete.

F. Professional Contracts Report – Eric Larson

Utility Rate Study – The portion of the rate study for the municipalities will be completed in November and presented to the Board at the November meeting. Two municipalities have asked to bring the Rate Study before the County Stormwater Utility Board prior to going before their board.

Stormwater Management Plan (Master Plan) Update - Applied Technology and Management, Inc. (ATM) and the SWIC have agreed to a scope, fee, and schedule. This was included in the posted agenda. The Board voted unanimously to recommend ATM for the \$475,000 Management Plan Update to Beaufort County Council’s Natural Resources Committee.

G. Regional Coordination - Eric Larson

City, County and State Partnership - Mr. Larson met with the City of Beaufort and SCDOT to discuss stormwater projects within the City to include a partnership with the County and State. The County would be reimbursed for some of the work being proposed. The City is currently working on designs and budgets to correct the drainage projects.

H. Financial Report –

The report was not provided this month.

I. Maintenance Projects Report – Mr. Eddie Bellamy

Mr. Eddie Bellamy referred to his written report included in the posted agenda which consisted of 1 major and 15 minor or routine projects. Mr. Bellamy added that crews have completed a significant amount of work on Huspah Drive. He also discussed difficulties the county experiences obtaining easements and permits to complete needed projects such as Mint Farms wetlands. Mr. Bellamy responded to a question of consequences to significant rainfall by saying the only bad issue was a blocked median on Highway 278 caused by silt filter cloth blocking the drainage.

5. Unfinished Business –

2016 SWMU Board Draft Schedule – The SWMU Board unanimously approved the 2016 draft schedule.

6. New Business – Mr. Eric Larson

Overview of MS4 Implementation Permit Year 1 (PY1) - Mr. Larson’s PowerPoint presentation was included in the posted agenda. Mr. Larson discussed current MS4 locations and future locations. He also discussed the following Minimum Control Measures (MCM):

1. Public Education
2. Public Outreach and Involvement
3. Illicit Discharge, Detection, and Elimination (IDDE)
4. Construction Run-Off
5. Post – Construction Best Management Practices (PC-BMP)
6. Good Housekeeping in Municipal Op

Discussion of Shellfish Harvesting Status – Board members would like a status report on shellfish harvesting included in new business next meeting.

7. Public Comment(s) – None

8. Executive Session -

Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements and Proposed Purchase of Factory Creek Watershed Site – Following the Executive Session, the Board voted unanimously to approve funding for a Feasibility Study for the Factory Creek Watershed Site to evaluate an alternate location for implementing the project listed in the 2006 Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Larson was given the discretion to procure a consultant by either selection of a pre-qualified contractor or utilizing the ATM contract for the Management Plan.

9. Next Meeting Agenda- Approved with item 6A removed from the agenda. The agenda is included in the posted agenda.

10. Meeting Adjourned.