

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

January 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina

Board Members

Present

William Bruggeman
Steven Andrews
Patrick Mitchell
Allyn Schneider
James Clark
Marc Feinberg

Absent

James Fargher

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Van Willis
Scott Liggett

Absent

Kim Jones
Nate Farrow

Beaufort County Staff

Daniel Rybak
Melissa Allen
Katie Herrera
Amber Woods
Matthew Rausch

Visitors

Alan Warren, USCB
Alice Howard, County Council
Ellen Sturup Comeau, Clemson Extension
Danielle Mickel, USCB
Tye Pettay, USCB

1. Meeting called to order – William Bruggeman

- A. Agenda – Approved.
- B. December 11, 2019 Minutes – Approved.

2. Introductions – Completed.

3. Public Comment(s) – None.

4. Reports – Mr. Daniel Rybak provided a written report which is included in the posted agenda and can be accessed at:

<https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/stormwater-management-utility-board/agendas/2020/010820.pdf>

A. Utility Update – Daniel Rybak

In reference to item #1, the draft manual and ordinance are available online for public review and comment. It was posted on the County Stormwater page on January 6th and the comment period will close on February 17th. The Public Stakeholder meetings will be held on January 23rd at Palmetto Electric, January 28th at Beaufort County Council Chambers, and January 30th at the Town of Bluffton Town Hall.

In reference to special presentations, staff is reaching out to Dr. Eric Monti with USCB.

Delinquent accounts, item #5, the County is moving forward and will be meeting with Gentry Locke relative to delinquent fees associated with federal properties on January 16th.

Annual reports have been received from Town of Port Royal and Town of Bluffton and they are attached in the packet. Beaufort County is pending CAFR completion.

B. Monitoring Update – Daniel Rybak

Please reference the report, no additional updates.

C. Stormwater Implementation Committee (SWIC) Report – Daniel Rybak

Please reference the report, no additional updates.

D. Stormwater Related Projects – Daniel Rybak

In reference to the Shell Point, a meeting is to be scheduled.

E. Professional Contracts Report – Daniel Rybak

Please reference the report, no additional updates.

F. Regional Coordination – Daniel Rybak

Please reference the report, no additional updates.

G. Municipal Reports – Daniel Rybak

Please reference the report, no additional updates.

H. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4 Update) – Daniel Rybak

Mr. Rybak briefly went over the MS4 activity comparisons for plan review, stormwater permits and inspections and pointed out periods of rain on the weather station chart.

Ms. Ellen Sturup Comeau shared that she is gearing up for Cultivating Carolina Yards presentation at Port Royal Plantation on HHI. She will be attending two workshops in January. They are getting ready to launch the 2020 projects as outlined in the strategic plans and reordering merchandise.

In reference to Energov permitting software, there is a meeting scheduled in March.

I. Maintenance Projects Report – Matthew Rausch

Mr. Matthew Rausch shared that there was one major project and nine minor projects. Crystal Lake was the major project that improved 1,024 feet of drainage.

Mr. Billy Bruggeman asked about Okatie East Retrofit, was it problem that needed fixed. Mr. Rausch said they repaired a catch basin and washout.

5. Unfinished Business –

RV Park Update – This is to follow up on a question. Mr. Rybak spoke with the zoning office on the submittal and they advised that the determination was a developed camp group which is outside of the zoning for the area. That decision is currently under appeal [by the applicant].

6. New Business – None.

7. Public Comment(s) – Dr. Warren acknowledged Matt's effort assisting the lab. The crew has recently pumped out storm drains on Saint Helena and Lady's Island. The lab is going through it to classify the material recovered (debris, litter, etc.). This is modeling what is done in California.

The Saint Helena portion is complete and about to begin the Lady's Island portion. The vac-truck dumped the contents on a piece of land that John Trask III has allowed the lab to use.

Mr. Marc Feinberg asked if they are going to do a write up. Dr. Warren responded they plan to do a write up and photo documentation as well. They are quantifying everything.

8. Next Meeting Agenda – Approved.

Mr. Scott Liggett asked when they should be preparing to review the proposed budget for the next fiscal year and when should we expect to see stakeholder comments from the public meeting. Mr. Rybak replied staff is currently working on the stormwater budget and a meeting with administration is scheduled for next week about the date for the first draft. Concerning regional ordinance and manual, the public comment ends on February 17th. The comments will be gathered and evaluated and determination will be made for those that warrant modifications or revisions of the draft as proposed. The final draft will probably be ready by the end of March.

9. Meeting Adjourned