



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

September 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via WebEx.

Board Members

Present

James Clark
James Fargher
Marc Feinberg
William Bruggeman

Absent

Allyn Schneider
Patrick Mitchell
Steven Andrews

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Kim Jones
Scott Liggett
Van Willis

Absent

Nate Farrow

Beaufort County Staff

Jennifer Smith
Katie Herrera
Matthew Rausch
Tanner Powell

Visitors

Alice Howard, District 4, County Council
Bill Hodges, Center for Watershed Protection
Bridgette Noonan, Town of Bluffton
Ellen Sturup Comeau, Clemson Extension
Jeff Netzinger, Town of Hilton Head

1. Meeting called to order – William Bruggeman at 2:00 pm

A. Agenda – Approved with the following update:

- o James Fargher suggested moving presentations (#6 agenda item) after Public comment
- o James Clark motion, Fargher second, all approved.

B. July 8, 2020 Minutes – Approved

2. Introductions – Completed.

3. Public Comment(s) – None.

6 agenda item “New Business moved

New Business –

A. Malind Bluff Presentation – Tanner Powell

- Tanner submitted a power point presentation ([attached](#)).
- Billy asked the question, *when a development has been put into place and the area is already impaired, are we requiring the development to do anything to make sure the impairment gets any worse.* Tanner’s responded that *DHEC rules are followed.*
- 2nd question from Billy: *How are the Stormwater detention pond going to be classified?* Tanner responded that it will be a *Wet detention pond.*

B. SoLoCo Special Presentation – Bill Hodgins CWP

- Bill Hodgins with Watershed Protection presented a power point presentation ([attached](#)) Billy asked a question concerning bringing other jurisdiction into other counties. Kim Jones stated that is not the intent to bring other jurisdictions in.

C. SoLoCo Design Manual and Ordinance – Katie Herrera

- Katie presented a power point presentation ([attached](#)).
- Questions
 - Marc Feinberg asked if incentives are published. Katie stated that incentives are not currently published but will be included in the credit manual.
 - Billy asked about the timeline. Katie responded that the timeline is set so that items are easy to implement
 - Billy asked if we're getting comments. Bill stated that the majority of the comments came from the developer engineers and only a few from the public.
 - Billy asked if they could have the manual to review and Marc Feinberg asked seeing the table of content. Kim Jones stated that the design manual is available online to review on the site Appendix A of the draft document.
 - Marc Feinberg asked in reviewing home sites are there any way to distinguish for percentages. Kim stated that the home sets are small and doesn't trigger anything with Stormwater.

4.Reports

Report attached in agenda

Highlights:

A. **Utility Update** – Katie Herrera

- ✓ Southern Lowcountry Regional Board (SoLoCo)
 - a) The current schedule for completion and finalization on the document and activities of Center for Watershed Protection (CWP) is as follows:
- ✓ Remaining project milestones to be completed:
 - CWP final presentation to the Board, scheduled for today's September 9th meeting.
- ✓ Reminder: Annual Financial report from the Municipalities are due – Per the Intergovernmental Agreements for the Utility, each year on September 30th, the City and Towns are required to submit a summary of revenue and expenditures for the previous fiscal year.

B. **Monitoring Update** – Katie Herrera

- No information was available at the time of this report.

C. **Stormwater Related Projects** – Katie Herrera

Report attached in agenda

Highlights:

- ✓ Graves Property / Pepper Hall Public / private partnership – Engineer has submitted conceptual Stormwater Permit plans for roads and infrastructure on the Graves Property. Staff is waiting for Stormwater Master Plan for Graves Property. Engineer is currently working on obtaining all other required permits. Site visit with Mr. Graves on August 21st.
- ✓ Lady’s Island Plan, Sea Level Rise, and “no-fill” ordinance – Draft Beaufort County Sea Level Rise Taskforce recommendations were received on June 1st, 2020. Draft ordinance recommendations were provided to staff on June 26th. Staff met with Sea Level Rise Task force group August 13th and 25th to provide recommendations and feedback. Task force is still meeting but anticipated implementation first round of recommendations on January 1, 2021.

D. Professional Contracts Report – Katie Herrera

Report attached in agenda

Highlights:

- ✓ Evergreen Regional Pond 319 grant project – (Design=\$89,286, Construction=\$590,000. Grant=\$229,124) – 100% Design submittal.
- ✓ RFQ for Stormwater engineering consulting services was advertised on May 25th, 2020. RFQ closed on June 30th, 2020. Staff received 10 proposals for review. Evaluation and discussion of proposals occurred on August 7th, 2020. A consultant was chosen on August 27th. Anticipated contract award date is sometime in late September.

E. Regional Coordination – Katie Herrera

Report attached in agenda

Highlights:

- ✓ Town of Bluffton and Beaufort County Joint meetings on Sanitary Sewer in the May River watershed – Beaufort County Legal department has provided a memo stating Stormwater Utility fees must be limited in scope to only be used to fund the utility’s programs, services, systems, and facilities. Any use for this project will need to fall within the limitations provided above.

F. Municipal Reports – Katie Herrera

Report attached in agenda

Highlights:

- ✓ Town of Bluffton (From Kim Jones, Watershed Management Division Director)
 - Kim stated that Bridgette Noonan has been promoted to Stormwater Technician.
 - Received notice that Town of Bluffton has received its 5th 319 grant for \$180k. Total for 319 grant since 2009 \$1.55 million.

- ✓ City of Beaufort (From Nate Farrow, Public Works Director)
 - *No information was available at the time of this report.*
- ✓ Town of Port Royal (From Van Willis, Town Manager and Tony Maglione, consultant)
 - *No information was available at the time of this report.*

G. MS4 Update – Katie Herrera

Report attached in agenda

Highlights:

- ✓ Public Education –
 - Ellen Sturup Comeau did a social media outreach based around pet waste. Found out it was successful reaching people.
- ✓ Energov permitting software – Staff met with Energov implementation team on August 24th to go over updates SoLoCo may require. Overall impact will be minimal to the work already done in the system. Energov staff is still working on the behind the scenes components of the software, which will require 1-2 more weeks to complete. Once that work has been finished, testing can begin. An updated timeline was asked for but was not given, however Energov staff still seemed confident with the November 2020 time frame.

H. Maintenance Projects Report – Matthew Rausch

Report attached in agenda

Highlights:

Six projects totaling **\$63,914.90**

- Port Royal Island Bush Hog – Port Royal Island (SWUD 6/9): \$45,549.79.
- Town of Hilton Head Island Vacuum Truck – Hilton Head Island (SWUD 3): \$9,329.63.
- Old Dawson Acres – Sheldon (SWUD 5): \$3,705.57.
- Tom Fripp Road – St Helena Island (SWUD 8): \$2,080.52.
- Sheldon Vacuum Truck – Sheldon (SWUD 5): \$2,005.09.
- Lady’s Island Washout Repair – Lady’s Island (SWUD 7): \$1,244.30.

5. Unfinished Business – None

6. Moved up after agenda item #3 Public Comment

7. Public Comment(s) – from Facebook

- ✓ Jack Diver- *is the manual available*
- ✓ Meg James- *Would it be helpful to have Builder, Developers and Engineers on a zoom call with y'all to discuss?*
- ❖ *Kim stated, she and Bill Bower purchased a page in the Hilton Head area home builders association and the manual has been introduced and it's a good idea to redo the manual with the changes.*

8. Next Meeting Agenda – Approved

- ✓ Billy stated to add the Publix presentation
 - ❖ Kim stated she will get with her staff to see who's available to put the presentation together for either October or November's meeting. Kim will let Katie and Jennifer know when it's available to present for agenda purposes
- ✓ Marc Feinberg stated to add voting on the SoLoCo ordinance under Unfinished Business

9.Meeting Adjourned