



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

June 15th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Beaufort County Council Chambers

Board Members

Present

James Clark
Allyn Schneider
Steven Andrews
Marc Feinberg
Ron Buchanan
Patrick Mitchell
Dennis Ross

Absent

James Fargher

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Bill Baugher
Van Willis
Jacob Terry

Absent

Nate Farrow
Jeff Netzing

Beaufort County Staff

Katie Herrera
Neil Desai
Julianna Corbin
Jon Spencer

Visitors

Alice Howard, County Council
Ellen Sturup Comeau
Danielle Mickel

1. Meeting called to order – Mr. Mark Feinberg at 2:00 pm

- A. Agenda – Approved
- B. Approval of Minutes – Approved.

2. Introductions – Completed.

- ✓ Mr. Marc Feinberg made a public statement thanking Mrs. Alice Howard for her successful primary bid to the Beaufort County Council Stormwater efforts for many years.

3. Public Comment(s) – None.

4. Special Presentations – None.

5. Reports

A. Utility Update – Mrs. Katie Herrera

- ✓ Staff continues to support coordination on permitting standards. Scheduling a meeting with the technical subcommittee should be early May.
- ✓ Staff continues to support other municipalities in their efforts to move forward with adoption.
- ✓ Amendments to manual and ordinance were approved and are effective as of February 1st, 2022.

- ✓ Katie Herrera and Kim Jones presented the implementation efforts of SoLoCo at SCASM on June 2nd.
 - ✓ Upcoming SoLoCo presentations – StormCon (September – MD), SESWA (October – HHI)
 - ✓ Delinquent accounts; still awaiting copies.
- B. Monitoring Update** – Mrs. Danielle Mickel
- ✓ Mrs. Danielle Mickel addressed the water lab monitoring.
- C. Stormwater Implementation Committee (SWIC) Report** – Mrs. Katie Herrera
- ✓ Meeting on Friday, June 17, 2022 with Stormwater Partners and will continue to have routine bi-annual meetings.
- D. Stormwater Related Projects** – Ms. Julianna Corbin
- ✓ Staff is working on easement requests and meets monthly to review status of each as well as any new easements coming in. Edits to the Extent of Service and Level of Service documents pending Council guidance prior to finalization.
 - ✓ Tuxedo Park Pond Dredging- Request for Proposals document in review by Purchasing Department prior to being posted.
 - ✓ Huspah Court North- Design work complete and bid documents are being prepared.
- E. Professional Contracts Report** – Ms. Julianna Corbin
- ✓ Brewer Memorial – Construction on site continues and will wrap up at the end of the month. Major milestones to completion include pouring pervious and traditional concrete in parking areas, striping, and landscaping.
 - ✓ Contractor is scheduling work to be done to the catch basin. Project will be complete at the end of this month as it is not budgeted for in FY23.
 - ✓ Battery Creek Pond: Woolpert analyzed the Battery Creek Burton Hill M2 pond for potential deficiencies that are causing excess trash to end up in the overflow ditch that leads to the marshes of Battery Creek, bypassing the trash rack. The standard grate trash rack ordered to replace the existing rack has been delivered and will be installed soon.
 - ✓ St. Helena Drainage Study: Staff have seen initial modeling information. Request for more information needed to model future conditions.
 - ✓ Arthur Horne Park 319 Grant Funding – Grant applied for: Staff received word from NRCS on May 16th that the project was granted funding for a Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR)—the first step in a multi-year funding opportunity. Staff spoke with NRCS State Conservation Engineer on May 19th to learn more about the opportunity and look forward to pursuing this.
 - ✓ Lady’s Island Drainage Study Phase I – QA/QC continues, model to be constructed soon.
- F. Regional Coordination** – Katie Herrera
- ✓ Mossy Oaks Task Force – County working with USCB on water quality monitoring efforts.
- G. Municipal Reports**
- ✓ Town of Bluffton – Mr. Bill Baugher
 - Mr. Bill Baugher, introduces Andrea Marino, the new MS4 Program Manager.
 - Funding was approved for Bridge St. has been awarded.
 - Old Town Bluffton drainage study is underway.
 - May River Water Shed action committee is meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022, to get those projects underway.
 - ✓ Town of Port Royal – Mr. Van Willis
 - Did updates to the hydrograph that shares the same basin as the Cypress Wetlands.
 - Massacre Lane, working to identify drainage issues.

- ✓ Town of Hilton Head – Mr. Jacob Terry
 - Hilton Head budget has been approved.
 - Publishing the new Stormwater Utility Online Dashboard

H. MS4 Report – Mrs. Katie Herrera

- ✓ Plan Review
- ✓ Stormwater Permits
 - Many permits issued and a decrease in project closing out.
- ✓ Monthly Inspection Summary
 - Averaging over 700 inspections.
 - Looking forward to new hiring senior inspector.
 - Coordinating with the Town of Bluffton and our staff we successfully mitigated IDD issues.
- ✓ Public Education – Mrs. Ellen Comeau
 - Pet waste plunge
 - Attended the National Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals Conference in Kalamazoo, MI were discussion of stormwater health between Georgia, Florida and the South Carolina extensions agents.
 - Halfway through the Flooding 411 Webinar series—a statewide-program that focuses on coastal flooding. Have over 200 registered.
 - Featured in Bluffton Sun article—discussing rainwater harvesting, testing, and fertilizing native plants.
- ✓ MS4 Statewide General permit – Katie Herrera
 - Executed the quarterly Association of Stormwater Manager’s Meeting and there were no updates due to non-participation.

I. Staff Update

- ✓ Continue to hire for vacant positions:
 - Hired Mr. Riley Harriet as new foreman in infrastructure.
- ✓ One of our stormwater inspectors and one of our infrastructure technicians received their Post Construction BMP Inspector Certifications.
 - Scott Youmans and Judah Wood both scored over 90 percent.
- ✓ Mitch York received his CDL permit.

J. Maintenance Report

- ✓ Several major projects and minor projects.

6. Liaison Report – Beaufort County Council – Alice Howard

Highlights

7. Unfinished Business – None

8. New Business – Marc Feinberg

- ✓ Welcomes Mr. Dennis Ross as the newest member of the Stormwater Utility Board.
- ✓ Mr. March Feinberg and Mrs. Katie Herrera present the Scott Liggett Service Award to Mr. Allyn Schneider for more than 16 years of serving on the Stormwater Utility Board.
- ✓ Mr. Patrick Mitchell has agreed to be the next Vice Chairman of the Stormwater Utility Board.
- ✓ Requesting publishing of the remaining meetings for 2022 to be sent out to the members.

9. No Public Comment

10. Meeting Adjourned