



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

April 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Brewer Memorial Park, 47 Sea Island Parkway, Beaufort, SC

Board Members

Present

James Clark
Marc Feinberg
Patrick Mitchell
Steve Andrews
Ron Buchanan
Ed Warner

Absent

Patrick Mitchell

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Van Willis
Jeff Netzinger
Nate Farrow
Bill Baugher

Absent

Beaufort County Staff

Katie Herrera
Julianna Corbin
Neil Desai
Stephen Carter
Carolyn Wallace
Patty Wilson
Bradley Harriott

Visitors

Jacob Terry, Town of Hilton Head
Alice Howard, County Council
Ellen Sturup-Comeau, Clemson Extension

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

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

2. Introductions – Completed.

3. Public Comment(s) – None.

4. Reports

Reports attached in agenda

Highlights:

A. Utility Update – Katie Herrera

- ✓ Southern Lowcountry Regional Board (SoLoCo)
 - Amendments were approved in late January and Beaufort County continues to coordinate with other implementing partners.

- ✓ Special Presentation
 - Discussed a potential fall meeting off-site, location TBD

B. Monitoring Update – Katie Herrera

Highlights:

- ✓ USCB is considering rewriting the Memorandum of understanding in place. This MOU funds two full time positions. The County’s MOU is current, but the Town is up for renewal. Staff will jump on Quarter 2 sampling with a rain event.

C. Stormwater Implementation Committee (SWIC) Report – Katie Herrera

Highlights:

- ✓ Continued collaboration. Budget concurrence letters were done on April 1.

D. Stormwater Related Projects – Julianna Corbin

Highlights:

- ✓ Shell Point Community –Task Force meeting held March 14. The intergovernmental agreement with SCDOT is approved and pending County signature. Design Scope and Fee was rejected by Beaufort County on February 13. County staff awaits results of environmental survey scope at meeting time. The project is on hold at present and the path forward will be determined upon receipt of the environmental findings and revised design scope and fee. Congressional earmark through the Water Resources Development act was approved, but there was no money tied to the approval. Staff has worked with Senator Graham’s office and SCEMD to submit a Congressionally Directed Spending request for next fiscal year.
- ✓ Factory Creek Watershed Regional Detention Basin “Phase II – litigation continues.

E. Professional Contracts Report – Julianna Corbin

Highlights:

- ✓ Brewer Memorial – Irrigation issues are repaired and closeout is pending.
- ✓ Stormwater engineering consulting services – Woolpert
 - a) Scope #8 – St. Helena Drainage Study. Final report draft received 6/30. Allocated funds – \$129,525.00
 - b) Scope #11 – Northern Lady’s Island Drainage Study Phase II – Report draft is pending. Allocated funds – \$213,650.00
 - c) Scope #12 – Monitoring Station and rain gauge at Okatie River headwaters. Allocated funds - \$58,804.15
 - d) Scope #13 – NPDES SMS4 general permit assistance 2023. Allocated funds - \$40,000.00.
 - e) Scope #14 – Rivers End Water Quality Improvements – Data compilation, stormwater inventory and survey, potential BMP identification, Model development, alternatives analysis, and drainage report. Allocated funds - \$174,465.00. Approved February 16, 2023. Inventory complete and survey to begin first week of April.

F. Municipal Reports

Highlights:

- ✓ Town of Hilton Head Island (From Jacob Terry)
 - Annual Report is submitted
 - Considering adopting SoLoCo
 - Posting an inspector position in July
- ✓ Town of Bluffton (From Bill Baugher)
 - Annual report is submitted
 - CIPs closing – Bridge Street, Barn Pond.
 - Starting last sidewalk project on Simmonsville Rd.
- ✓ City of Beaufort (From Nate Farrow, Public Works Director)
 - Bidding for dredging on Battery Creek Rd – duck pond in progress
- ✓ Town of Port Royal (From Van Willis, Town Manager)
 - Recently wrapped up a project near Picket Fences
 - Rescoping Casa Blanca project

G. MS4 Update – Julianna Corbin

Highlights:

- ✓ Plan Review
- ✓ Stormwater Permits
- ✓ Monthly Inspection summary – inspectors completed over 1000 more inspections in calendar year 2022 than in 2021.
- ✓ Weather Station Data
- ✓ Education Report – Ellen Sturup Comeau, Clemson Extension not present (report attached)
 - Annual Report completed, engagement up in calendar year 2022.
- ✓ Inspectors continue to use Energov for inspection scheduling and reporting, but the software has not yet been implemented in the Staff Review Team process.
- ✓ MS4 Statewide General permit – No further update currently.
- ✓ Katie Herrera has accepted the role of the Assistant Public Works Director of Environmental. The Stormwater Manager and Stormwater Infrastructure Superintendent positions are currently vacant. Stephen Carter is filing in as the Interim Stormwater Superintendent. Jonathan Spencer's last day was 4/17/23 to further his education. All vacancies continue to be advertised.

H. Maintenance Projects Report – Steven Carter

Highlights:

- ✓ Major projects:
 - Island Rank Road and John Davis Court
 - Joe Frazier Road Channel
- ✓ Three minor or routine projects:
 - Brilliant Land

- Camp St Marys Road and Okatie Bluff Road

5. Unfinished Business –

- ✓ Stormwater Budget Update – The budget was updated to include the entirety of the Huspah Court North and Church of God projects.
- ✓ Old Woodlands Community – Marc Feinberg ask Katie Herrera to give an update of the status and progress with drainage in the Old Woodlands neighborhood. Katie indicated that email conversations continue and that residents remain up to date on other information through FOIA requests. A meeting was held with residents, county staff, and Town of Hilton Head staff on March 6 to discuss an overview of county and town responsibilities, backyard complaints, the county maintenance schedule, and other concerns.

6. New Business

- ✓ Julianna Corbin gave a walk-through of the educational BMPs at Brewer Memorial Park

7. No Public Comment.

8. Meeting Adjourned