



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

June 14th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Rd, Beaufort, SC

Board Members

Present

James Clark
Marc Feinberg
Patrick Mitchell
Ron Buchanan
Dennis Ross

Absent

Ed Warner
Steve Andrews

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Bill Baugher

Absent

Van Willis
Nate Farrow
Jeff Netzinger

Beaufort County Staff

Katie Herrera
Julianna Corbin
Bradley Harriott
Crystal Snowden
Pamela Cobb

Visitors

Alice Howard, County Council

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

A. Agenda – Approved

B. Approval of Minutes – Approved, with the addition of Dennis Ross as absent.

2. Introductions – Completed.

3. Public Comment(s) – None.

4. Special Shout Out – For Julianna Corbin and Carolyn Wallace and their services to the Stormwater Board.

5. Reports

Reports attached in agenda

Highlights:

A. Utility Update – Katie Herrera

- ✓ Stormwater Utility Budget was approved by County Council.
- ✓ 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. Chairman Feinberg requested the Board members this of locations they would like to be at.

B. Monitoring Update – Katie Herrera

Highlights:

- ✓ USCB is considering rewriting the Memorandum of understanding in place. USCB is still operating under the previous MOU for Beaufort County.

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

Highlights:

- ✓ No updates at the time of the report. Discussion on the County working with the group to discuss the future of fees.

D. Regional Coordination – Katie Herrera

- ✓ Katie Herrera provided an update on the status of the Old Woodlands neighborhood and the progress that has been made such as driveway replacements. There has also been a surveyor engaged to survey the drainage easement in the area.

E. Stormwater Related Projects – Julianna Corbin

Highlights:

- ✓ Shell Point Community – Posted an invitation for Bid for maintenance work within the project.
- ✓ Huspah Ct N – should start next Fiscal Year
- ✓ Bessies Lane – Still waiting on quote from JH Hiers
- ✓ Church of God – beginning June 19th
- ✓ Tuxedo Park Pond – should go back out for bid. Chairman Feinberg asked questions about the project. Revised the bid to make it more clear for bidders.

F. Professional Contracts Report – Julianna Corbin

Highlights:

- ✓ Brewer Memorial – Closing out with engineer of record.
- ✓ Stormwater engineering consulting services – Woolpert
 - 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 almost in. Allocated funds - \$58,804.15
 - 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.

G. Municipal Reports

Highlights:

- ✓ Town of Bluffton (From Bill Baugher)
 - Passed their budget
 - Rivershed Action Plan – watershed retrofit projects funding secured.
 - May River baseline study got approved, 2004, update baseline study for right now.
 - Sewer program is moving forward.
- ✓ City of Beaufort (Katie Herrera)
 - Leveraged funds from Federal Program for the Baynard St Drainage Project.

H. MS4 Update – Julianna Corbin

Highlights:

- ✓ Plan Review – steady influx.
- ✓ Stormwater Permits
- ✓ Monthly Inspection summary – staying very busy, team is excited about keeping in compliance.
- ✓ Weather Station Data
- ✓ Education Report presented by Julianna. Reworking the strategic plan.
- ✓ MS4 Statewide General permit – Have a draft version created. Also creating a
- ✓ Staff working with Hilton Head Airport.
- ✓ Carolyn W went to Capital Projects, Julianna leaves on June 28th, continue to interview for vacant positions. 4 staff members attended the International Erosion Control conference in Tennessee. New camera truck in, Scott Youmans is jumping in to get it operational. Stephen Carter is now the Superintendent of Infrastructure.

I. Maintenance Projects Report – Bradley Harriott.

Highlights:

- ✓ Major projects:
 - Vineyard Point Rd
 - Mary Jenkins Circle and Pineland Ave.
- ✓ Minor or routine projects:
 - Sheldon Bush hog
 - Godwin
 - Port Royal Island Bush hog

J. Liaison Report – Alice Howard

- ✓ Shout out to Dennis Ross for the Planning Commission Meeting
- ✓ Shell Point Baptist – traffic meeting
- ✓ Arthur Horne – Alligator
- ✓ Community Services and Land Use Committee – confirmation on several projects.

6. Unfinished Business –

✓ None.

7. New Business

✓ Board Consolidation effort is on going.

8. No Public Comment.

9. Meeting Adjourned