



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

October 18th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Rd, Beaufort, SC

### Board Members

#### Present

James Clark  
Marc Feinberg  
Ron Buchanan  
Dennis Ross  
Ed Warner  
Patrick Mitchell

#### Absent

Steve Andrews

### Ex-Officio Members

#### Present

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Nate Farrow  
Jeff Netzinger

### Beaufort County Staff

Katie Herrera  
Dafiney Butler  
Pamela Cobb  
Taylor Brewer  
Harold Green  
Bradley Harriott

### Visitors

Alice Howard, County Council  
Ellen Stirup-Comeau-Clemson  
Jacob Terry- ToHHI  
Tye Pettay-USCB  
Bryan Durrance, City of Beaufort

### 1. Meeting called to order – Marc Feinberg at 2:01 pm

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

### 2. Introductions – Completed.

### 3. Public Comment(s) – None.

### 4. Special Shout Out – Welcome Taylor Brewer aboard as the Stormwater Manager

### 5. Reports

*Reports attached in agenda*

#### **Highlights:**

#### A. Utility Update – Katie Herrera

- ✓ Southern Lowcountry Regional Board (SoLoCo)
  - The city of Charleston are using our manual for guidance on special development cases.

- ✓ Special Presentation
  - Chairman Feinberg had requested the Board members to discuss a potential fall meeting, location TBD. Currently no updates.
- ✓ Annual Financial Report
  - After the discussion with the Municipalities last year, unaudited information is currently due.
  - Town of Hilton Head is currently not involved with the adoption of SoLoCo.
  - Completed the 2023 tax run successfully.

**B. Monitoring Update – Daniel Pettay**

***Highlights:***

- ✓ For the MOU, an updated addendum will need to include Mr. Pettay as the new Interim Lab Manager for the Water Quality Lab as of July 1, 2023.
- ✓ USCB is still operating under the previous MOU for Beaufort County.
- ✓ Water Quality Lab is looking to fill the Lab Manger position.

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

***Highlights:***

- ✓ The discussion regarding the water quality lab, the education contract, and the stormwater utility fee.
- ✓ Making sure the stormwater fee is defensible. The goal is not to increase fees.
- ✓ Budget is sustainable through FY2027.
- ✓ CWI fee to be charged to manage the infrastructure within the unincorporated areas.

**D. Regional Coordination – Katie Herrera**

- ✓ The survey for the Old Woodlands has been completed.
- ✓ The 55 Garden property and Indian Trail drainage project, this easement has been give to the town of Hilton Head.

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

***Highlights:***

- ✓ Continue to meet regularly about projects.
- ✓ Nov 8<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting for mediation on Factory Creek.
- ✓ Huspah Ct N – Contractors are installing sediment and erosion control BMPs.
- ✓ Bessies Lane – Scheduling a start date to begin work.
- ✓ Church of God – Project is completed with regard to a few repairs.
- ✓ No update on Arthur Horne Park.

**F. Professional Contracts Report – Taylor Brewer**

***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 has been completed.
- c) Scope #12 – Monitoring Station and rain gauge at Okatie River headwaters almost in. Allocated funds - \$58,804.15. Working on a website to showcase water quality stations. Analyzing all the data that has been collected.
- e) Scope #14 – Rivers End Water Quality Improvements have been completed.

## **G. Municipal Reports**

### ***Highlights:***

- ✓ Town of Hilton Head (Brian Eber)
  - 2 New Stormwater Inspectors
  - 150 Single Family Pulls
  - 25 General permits
  - Spearheaded two educational programs. Volunteers from the association collected over 425 oysters for restoration and erosion in about 1.5hrs.
- ✓ Town of Bluffton (From Nate Farrow)
  - 319 grant is still on going.
  - Town of Bluffton Heyward Cove study is completed.
  - Calhoun Restaurant area north project is still on going.
- ✓ City of Beaufort (Katie Herrera)
  - Leveraged funds from Federal Program for the Baynard St Drainage Project.

## **H. MS4 Update – Taylor Brewer**

### ***Highlights:***

- ✓ Plan Review – steady influx.
- ✓ Stormwater Permits
- ✓ Monthly Inspection summary – staying very busy, team is excited about keeping in compliance.
- ✓ Stormwater Awareness Week was a success.
- ✓ Weather Station Data
- ✓ Education Report- Ellen Sturup Comeau
  - 200 individuals signed up for the Pet Waste Pledge.
  - Pond Conference will be held at USCB.
- ✓ MS4 Statewide General permit –

## **I. Maintenance Projects Report – Bradley Harriett.**

### ***Highlights:***

- ✓ Major projects:
  - Lady’s Island Airport
  - Marblehead Road
  - Old Woodland Plantation
- ✓ Minor or routine projects:
  - Pleasant Point Road Channel- Lady’s Island
  - Bluffton Sinkhole Repair- Bluffton

- St. Helena Valley Drains- St. Helena Island
- Southern Magnolia Drive- Lady's Island

**J. Liaison Report – Alice Howard**

- ✓ New goat in the ponds that are collecting trash.
- ✓ Green Print committee has been meeting to review applications regarding the 1 cent sale tax.
- ✓ Mr. Feinberg wanted to thank Ms. Howard for being a great Liaison.

**6. Unfinished Business –**

- ✓ Board Consolidation
  - Stormwater Utility
  - Solid Waste and Recycle
  - Keep Beaufort County Beautiful
- ✓ The legal team decided to table the discussion for now. They felt there was no legal reason to do the consolidation. No decision has been made at this time.
- ✓ County Council will make the final decision.

**7. New Business-**

- ✓ Staff updates- 20 vacancies for stormwater.
- ✓ Alljoy- Marc Feinberg (Photos Presented). Mr. Feinberg went to Alljoy to meet with residents in n early October. He presented photos from his visit to discuss maintenance issues the residents are currently facing with both SCDOT, private, and County ROW.

**8. No Public Comment.**

- ✓ None.

**9.Meeting Adjourned**

- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 3:34pm