



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

December 12th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Rd, Beaufort, SC

Board Members

Present

James Clark
Marc Feinberg
Ed Warner

Absent

Steve Andrews
Ron Buchanan
Dennis Ross
Patrick Mitchell

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Absent

Nate Farrow
Jeff Netzinger

Beaufort County Staff

Katie Herrera
Dafiney Butler
Taylor Brewer
Tammy Doe
Bradley Harriott

Visitors

Alice Howard, County Council
Jacob Terry- ToHHI
Tye Pettay-USCB

1. Meeting called to order – Marc Feinberg at 2:04 pm

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

2. Introductions – Completed.

3. Public Comment(s) – Residents of Alljoy

4. Special Shout Out – Welcome Tammy Doe aboard as the Stormwater Business Manager

5. Reports

Reports attached in agenda

Highlights:

A. Utility Update – Katie Herrera

- ✓ Special Presentation
 - Currently no updates for springtime meetings.
- ✓ Annual Financial Report
 - Still waiting on some outstanding annual physical fiscal reports from those jurisdictions we have received none aside from Town of Hilton Head.

B. Monitoring Update – Daniel Pettay

Highlights:

- ✓ Monitoring is ongoing.
- ✓ Water Quality Lab hired a Full-time technician to assist in the lab to maintain sampling and sample analysis.
- ✓ Also looking to fill another part-time technician.
- ✓ December 31st begin working on the annual report in reference to the monitoring locations that the lab runs.

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

Highlights:

- ✓ Discussion on the FY2025 planning
- ✓ The discussion regarding the water quality lab, the education contract, and the stormwater utility fee.
- ✓ Making sure the stormwater fee is defensible. Revamping the stormwater utility fees to include the administration fee, gross area fee, and the impervious area fee.
- ✓ Considering having the consultant come speak to the board in early April.

D. Regional Coordination – Taylor Brewer

- ✓ Old Woodlands, the drainage easement for 55 Garden property has been approved.
- ✓ Created a timeline for ditch maintenance in Alljoy community. Work should begin sometime in January.

E. Stormwater Related Projects – Taylor Brewer

Highlights:

- ✓ Continue to meet regularly about projects.
- ✓ Watershed Regional Detention Basin Phase 2.
- ✓ Victory Creek is still pending.
- ✓ Two capital improvement projects; Huspah Court North and Bessie lane
- ✓ St.Helena Drainage study is completed.

F. Professional Contracts Report – Taylor Brewer

Highlights:

- ✓ Brewer Memorial – Closing out with engineer of record.
- ✓ Stormwater engineering consulting services – Woolpert
 - 1) Scope #11 – Northern Lady’s Island Drainage Study Phase II has been completed.
 - 2) Scope #12 – Monitoring Station and rain gauge at Okatie River headwaters almost in.
 - 3) Scope #13 – General permit assistance.
 - 4) Scope #14 – Rivers End Water Quality Improvements have been completed.
 - 5) Scope # 21- Working with DNR the Port Royal Sound Foundation to select the best location to install the next monitoring station.

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.
- ✓ Education Report- Ellen Sturup Comeau
 - Recently met with the Solar Water Conservation District

I. Maintenance Projects Report – Stephen Carter.

Highlights:

- ✓ Major projects:
 - David Green Road Channel- St. Helena Island
 - Hunter Road and Cardinal Road- Hilton Head Island
 - Sandy Ridge Road- Port Royal
- ✓ Minor or routine projects:
 - African Baptist Church Rd- Port Royal
 - Fox Island Project- Port Royal
 - Gardner Drive-St. Helena Island

J. Liaison Report – Alice Howard

- ✓ Mr. Feinberg wanted to thank Ms. Howard for being a great Liaison.
- ✓ Will work with mosquito control to avoid area in Alljoy to protect beehives.

6. Unfinished Business –

- ✓ No updates as of now.

7. New Business-

- ✓ Staff updates- Environmental Educator Position Open

8. No Public Comment.

- ✓ Residents of Alljoy

9.Meeting Adjourned

- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 3:14pm