



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

April 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Rd, Beaufort, SC

Board Members

Present

Marc Feinberg
James Clark
Ron Buchanan
Dennis Ross
Ed Warner

Absent

Steve Andrews
Patrick
Mitchell
Bill Baugher

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Jeff Netzinger

Absent

Nate Farrow Van
Willis

Beaufort County Staff

Dafiney Butler
Taylor Brewer
Tammy Doe
Bradley Harriott
Katie Herrera
Brianna
Klinkenberg
Stephen Carter

Visitors

Jacob Terry- ToHHI Norris B. City
of Beaufort

1. Meeting called to order – Marc Feinberg at 2:03 pm

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

2. Introductions – Completed.

3. Public Comment(s) – Resident Mr. Bob and Martha Williams of Alljoy. Laura Wilson representing the Alljoy community regarding drainage issues. Jennifer Taylor of Taylor Rental Homes mobile home park and Forest Field community regarding cleaning out ditches.

4. Reports

Reports attached in agenda

Highlights:

A. Utility Update – Katie Herrera

- ✓ Waiting for the municipal members to provide their financial records for the previous fiscal year.
- ✓ Working with the on-call consult in Woolpert to update the Stormwater Utility fee for tax

year 2025. Communicating back and forth with the Municipal Partners regarding the utility rate structure which will be implemented this upcoming September.

- ✓ Re-evaluating of assessment fees
- ✓ Having several special presentations with the consultant to walk through the process and want to vote on this before next budget cycle.
- ✓ We will have a special presentation from Ms. Courtney Kimmel, she's the research director for Port Royal Sound Foundation. (great research regarding symposium)

B. Monitoring Update – Daniel Pettay

- ✓ Finished the first quarter with water quality sampling. Looking forward to beginning the second quarter soon.
- ✓ Still looking for a Lab Manager.
- ✓ Continuous monitor of the station placed out on Hwy 278. This part of the coordination efforts with the Port Royal Sound Foundation and research of Symposium.
- ✓ Hoping to have a trip to fan sensor which is an indicator for bacteria. SC will be the first state to have implement a trip to fan sensor in a saltwater environment.

Highlights:

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

Highlights:

- ✓ Discussion on the FY2025 planning
- ✓ Discussion on the draft proposals for CWI fees
- ✓ Solo Co Manuel.
- ✓ Town of Bluffton will provide their draft proposal.
- ✓ Southern Lowcountry Design will have a 60-day public notice for open comment to consider feedback.

D. Regional Coordination – Taylor Brewer

- ✓ Legal is coordinating with the town of Hilton Head to get drainage easement incorporated.
- ✓ Old Woodlands, the drainage issue between Indian Trail and Marble Head.
- ✓ Ditch maintenance are being cleared and unclogged.
- ✓ Photos were provided for the application for the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure. Turnaround time will be 6-8 weeks.

E. Stormwater Related Projects – Taylor Brewer

Highlights:

- ✓ Continue to meet to discuss the drainage easement on a monthly basis.
- ✓ Respond to numerous stage complaints.
- ✓ Working on Shellpoint Community project.
- ✓ Surveying has been completed on three of eight project sections.
- ✓ Consultants have pre-draft all bid documentation. As soon as the report is provided, they can finalize the mapping.
- ✓ A public meeting will be scheduled once the proposals have been provided to contractor.
- ✓ Mid-June an informative meeting will be held to provide the community with updates on projects.
- ✓ No movement on the FEMA funded grant request.
- ✓ No update yet on the Factory Creek Watershed Detention Basin Phase 2
- ✓ Huspah Court North project is still on going.
- ✓ Sea Island Parkway project to the pipe drainage is completed, installed a valve.
- ✓ Tuxedo Park project is still on going.
- ✓ Rivers End Water quality improvements has provided their report and will be analyzed.

F. Professional Contracts Report – Taylor Brewer

Highlights:

- ✓ Brewer Memorial – Hoping to have a open house in the fall to showcase BMPs.
- ✓ Stormwater engineering consulting services – Woolpert
 - 1) Scope #11 – Northern Lady’s Island Drainage project, an executive summary of the improvements has been requested.
 - 2) Scope #12 – Monitoring Station (continuous monitoring)
 - 3) Scope #13 – General permit assistance.
 - 4) Scope #14 – Rivers End Water Quality improvements report is being analyzed.
 - 5) Scope # 21- Working with DNR the Port Royal Sound to install the next

monitoring station.

- ✓ Scopes on County and Woolpert Radar
 - 1) SWMP Updates- Staff to update stormwater management plan per DHEC.
 - 2) 5 Year Stormwater Utility Fee Assessment-Budget deep dive to look at next TY SWU fees.

G. Municipal Reports

Highlights:

- ✓ Town of Hilton Head

- Wrapping up preliminary budget for fiscal year 2025
 - Hired Mr. Jacob Terry as the Administrator
 - Completing about 150 inspections weekly. Looking to complete about 8,000 inspections this year.
 - Doing a better job managing the erosion and settlement control sites.
 - Getting ready for hurricane season
- ✓ Town of Bluffton
 - MOA with College of Charleston to do a resiliency analysis.
 - Comp drainage study for Crooked Cove and Gerard Cove, working in the final stages to get the contract signed with J Brag.
 - Began the Comp drainage study in May River.
 - ✓ City of Beaufort
 - No update

H. MS4 Update – Taylor Brewer

Highlights:

- ✓ Plan Review – steady influx.
- ✓ Stormwater Permits
- ✓ Inspectors monitoring every open construction site in the unincorporated Beaufort County areas.
- ✓ Education Report- Ellen Sturup Comeau
 - Annual Report due to DHEC.

I. Maintenance Projects Report – Stephen Carter.

Highlights:

- ✓ Major projects:
 - Parris Island (Reimbursement)- Port Royal Island
 - McNeal Circle and Crystal Street- Port Royal Island
- ✓ Minor or routine projects:
 - Harrison Island Road-Bluffton
 - Swan Lake Drive-Bluffton

J. Liaison Report – Alice Howard- Unable to attend meeting.

- ✓ County Council Member Ms. Paula Brown, District #8 was in attendance.

5. Unfinished Business –

- ✓ No updates as of now.

6. New Business-

- ✓ Staff updates- Welcome Mr. Mark Johnson as the new Project Manager for Public Works
- ✓ Proposal of new schedule for SWUB meeting are as follows:
 - June 19, 2024
 - August 21, 2024
 - October 16, 2024

- December 11, 2024

Public Comment.

- ✓ Residents of Alljoy expressed their cares and concerns regarding ditch and drainage issues.
- ✓ Photos have been provided of different areas that need assistance with drainage and water flow issues.

7.Meeting Adjourned

- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm