



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

June 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Rd, Beaufort, SC

Board Members

Present

James Clark
Marc Feinberg
Ed Warner
Dennis Ross

Absent

Steve Andrews
Ron Buchanan
Patrick Mitchell

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Absent

Nate Farrow
Jeff Netzinger
Van Willis
Bill Baugher

Beaufort County Staff

Katie Herrera
Dafiney Butler
Taylor Brewer
Tammy Doe
Bradley Harriott
Mark Johnson

Visitors

Alice Howard, County Council
Tye Pettay-USCB
Paula Brown, County Council

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

- A. Agenda – Approved
- B. Approval of Minutes – April 16th, 2024 -Approved

2. Introduction – Completed.

3. Public Comment(s) – Residents of Alljoy

4. Special Presentation – Crystal Muller- Stormwater Utility Fee Structure (PowerPoint)

5. Reports

Reports attached in agenda

Highlights:

A. Utility Update – Katie Herrera

- ✓ Annual Financial Report
 - Reports from the Municipalities are due, per the Intergovernmental Agreements for the utility, each year on September 30th.

B. Monitoring Update – Daniel Pettay

Highlights:

- ✓ Monitoring is ongoing. Continuing to analyze samples for the Town of Bluffton.
- ✓ Water Quality is looking to hire a Lab Manager.

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

Highlights:

- ✓ Staff provided an updated FY25 SWIC memo on 4/23/2024. A presentation by Woolpert on the proposed tax run changes was held for all municipal partners on 5/7/2024.

D. Regional Coordination – Katie Herrera

1. Alljoy

- a. Waiting for County Council representative to confirm a meeting date. Beaufort County was awarded \$187,500 for a drainage study, with a \$62,500 match from the stormwater funds. On the 6/24/2024 agenda for Public Facilities for the Interim County Administrator to be able to sign

b. Stormwater Related Projects – Katie Herrera

Highlights:

- ✓ Staff is working on easement requests and meets monthly to review the status of all new easement acquisitions.
- ✓ Staff continually works numerous drainage related complaints each month
 - Shell Point Community
 - Surveying has been completed on 3 of the 8 projects
 - As of 4/1/2024, the FY25 appropriations request form through Senator Lindsey Graham’s office is not yet open.
 - As of 4/1/2024, there is no movement on the FEMA funded grant request.

c. Professional Contracts Report – Taylor Brewer

Highlights:

- ✓ Brewer Memorial – Open house planning in the works, will showcase BMPs, Valentina to plan
- ✓ Stormwater engineering consulting services – Woolpert
 - 1) TO #17 – Plan Review allocated funds through FY24 \$11,457.50.
 - 2) TO #21 – New continuous monitoring station install, and O&M. Beaufort County will be collaborating with DNR, Port Royal Foundation and other local MS4s to analyze the best location for the next continuous monitoring station installation. Allocated funds - \$94,589.73.

d. Municipal Reports

Highlights:

- ✓ Town of Hilton Head (From Jeff Netzinger, Stormwater Manager, and Jacob Terry, MS4 Coordinator)
 - No information was available at this time.

- ✓ Town of Bluffton (From Kim Jones, Watershed Management Division Director)
 - No information was available at this time.
- ✓ City of Beaufort (From Nate farrow, Public Works Director)
 - No information was available at this time.

e. **MS4 Update** – Taylor Brewer

Highlights:

- ✓ Plan Review – steady influx.
- ✓ Stormwater Permits
- ✓ Monthly Inspection summary – staying very busy, team is excited about keeping in compliance.

Staff Update: Welcome our new Environmental Educator Coordinator – Valentina Palacio Ruiz

f. **Maintenance Projects Report** – Bradley Harriot

Highlights:

- ✓ Major projects:
 - Bradley Circle-Hilton Head Island
 - Luther Warren Drive- St. Helena Island
 - 792 Sea Island Parkway- St. Helena Island

g. **Liaison Report** – Alice Howard

- i. Working with Paula Brown regarding residents concerns

Unfinished Business –

- ✓ No updates as of now.

2. **New Business-**

- 1. Mark Johnson- Tuxedo Park Project was approved.

3. Public Comment.

- 1. Residents of Alljoy

4.Meeting Adjourned

- 1. Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm