

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

October 1, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in County Council Executive Chamber
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Board Members

Present	Absent
Donald Smith	Ronald McKenney
John Youmans	Allyn Schneider
	Brad Samuel

Ex-Officio Members

Present	Absent
Scott Liggett	Bob Gross
Greg Eckstein (for Jeff McNesby)	
Ashley Mosley	

Beaufort County SW Staff

Daniel B. Ahern
Eddie Bellamy
Danny Polk
Lori Sexton

Visitors

Lolita Huckaby, Beaufort Today
Reed Armstrong, CCL
Amanda Flake, BC Planning
Billie Lindsay, BC Planning
Charles Truax, DHEC
Denise Parsick, Beaufort S&W Conservation Dist.

County Council

1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Donald Smith.
2. The July 2, 2008 SWMU Board final draft meeting minutes were reviewed and no changes noted. Approval will be postponed until November Board meeting. Don Smith introduced Ashley Mosley of ATM who will be representing the Town of Port Royal. He also noted Greg Eckstein from the Town of Bluffton who was sitting in for Jeff McNesby.
3. **Initial Opportunity for Public Comment** – No comments.
4. **Stormwater Control Regulations – BMP Manual Update** – The new date for the BMP Enhancement workshop is now November 5, 2008. Revised letters will be sent out to Engineers and Developers shortly.

Rich Wagner is preparing his presentation on the “Evolution of the Beaufort County BMP Manual” for the AWRA Annual Water Resources Conference, November 17-20, 2008 in New Orleans. Bob Klink and Dan Ahern will be assisting on development of his presentation.

5. **Water Quality Monitoring** – The Utility has posted the first year monitoring report on the Utility Web Site, with a monitoring page giving a description of our program goals. Monitoring web page format was shared with the Board.

6. Maintenance – Project Summaries – Presentation is delayed until December. There are many reports prepared in draft but some of the final reviewers have been involved with the preparation of the SW Fee determinations for this year’s tax run and couldn’t complete reviews. We have also made a selection for an administrative technician for Stormwater Infrastructure whom will eventually be developing these reports.

7. Utility Update– Is a short update on activities of the Utility that might be of interest to the board. First introduced Danny Polk who will be the Utility Inspector. His first priority is Post Construction BMP inventory and status updates.

1. **SESWA** – This Southeast SW association is having their Annual meeting in Charleston this week. Utility staff attending and Dan Ahern will be leading a session tomorrow on Outreach activities with Greenville and Anderson Counties.
2. **Okatie TMDL** – Trying to be proactive on this State effort which may be the template for future TMDLs in Beaufort County. As part of our efforts we are trying to get FC load calculation for some to the major developments in the basin and looking at possible regional water quality control sites. This TMDL may be an opportunity to open dialogue with Jasper County and Hardeeville since part of the Okatie watershed is both their jurisdictions.
3. **Stormwater Awards** – Staff is looking into this idea suggested by the Board Chairman. It looks like there are not many activities of this kind. We have only found programs in two counties in Georgia and Illinois. Most programs are State programs giving awards to municipalities which are wide in Florida. We hope to have a proposal for the December Board meeting.
4. **Handout on Tidal Creek Habitats** – Board was given hard copy of pamphlet just recently received from the state. This will be posted on the web site if we can get an electronic copy.
5. **Southeast Stormwater Institute** – Manager will be participating in this institute in Savannah and will be assisting on facilitating a session on Stormwater program evaluation.

8. Utility Administration – Regional Cooperation-County/Municipal Workgroup – The Committee has now had 4 meetings. A copy of the minutes from the last meeting was included in the board packet.

The goals of the team are to:

- Coordinate stormwater issues throughout the county.
- Develop recommendations for implementing the Beaufort County Stormwater Management Plan.

We are shooting to have recommendations ready by February 2009 to be incorporated into County and Municipality FY2010 budgets.

To date we have reached recommendations on two of the SW Management Plan Elements - Public Education and Monitoring. We have also been coordinating other SW issues including Easements, Primary Drainage System Identification and Inspection. Our October meeting will tackle finalizing

recommendation on Water Quality Controls in Existing Developments and a Joint Planning/Stormwater Ordinance Evaluation based on a checklist from the new “Managing Stormwater in Your Community” publication from the Center for Watershed Protection. The Checklist is part of a chapter on “Land Use Planning as the First BMP”. Scott Liggett recommended that the committee disclose individual recommendations as they are finalized so that communities have time to incorporate into budget planning.

9. Utility Administration – Military Base Collection Effort – The County has been tracking negotiations between Jacksonville, FL and their Navy Base. These negotiations had been put on hold for two months while the County-wide budget was resolved. They plan to renew discussions in October.

10. Utility Administration – 2009 Budget Update – Reported on three topics:

- **SW Fee Determination** – This year the utility had to review 10,000 parcels for possible SW Fee Determination. This was down from last year (14,000). We have had to work closely with our MIS people since we have the county and two municipalities revising rates. Work is nearly complete and plan completion by October 10, 2008 deadline.
- **Preventative Actions for Future Bill 4337** – Utility staff have taken two actions since our last meeting. Attended the August 14, 2008 Legislative Affairs Meeting and kept this issue on the radar scope. Attended the SC Water and Energy Public Comment Session in Bluffton on September 23, 2008 to submit a statement about not exempting classes of users in any water resource bills. Also noted that this is an issue SESWA seems to be taking an interest in.
- **FY09 Budget** – There are still some issues with this year’s budget, but have received approval for key purchases. We hope to tackle the same generic issues that come up each year, right after the tax bill fee determinations are completed. These are access to surplus funds, tracking of all revenue sources and allowing utility to determine areas to cut.

11. Final Opportunity for Public Comment – Reed Armstrong asked about reaching out to Jasper County and their municipalities. Utility is trying to use the Okatie TMDL as the vehicle to open dialogue.

Eddie Bellamy introduced Rob McFee, who is his new boss and Public Services Director.

12. Next meeting agenda – Agreed with the proposed November 5, Agenda for the BMP Enhancement Workshop. It is pasted below:

- Call to Order (Roll Call)

Donald Smith

- July 2 and Oct 1, 2008 Minutes Approval

Donald Smith

- Initial Opportunity for Public Comments

- Background Presentation on Utility and Water Quality Control Efforts

Dan Ahern

- Explanation of Proposed Stormwater Control Requirements

Rich Wagner

- Questions and Alternative Discussions

Bob Klink, Rich Wagner, Dan Ahern

- Final Opportunity for Public Comments

- Next Meeting's Agenda

- Adjournment

Scott Liggett brought up for information two significant SW maintenance agreements the Town of HHI has signed with Hilton Head Plantation and Port Royal Plantation. These will start with the next Fiscal Year and as part of this agreement HH Plantation will forgo their SW Credit.

13. Meeting adjourned.