

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

December 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in Beaufort County Council Chambers
Final January 9, 2013

Board Members

Present

Don Smith
Donald Cammerata
Patrick Mitchell
Allyn Schneider
James Fargher
John Youmans

Absent

William Bruggeman

Ex-Officio Members

Present

Andy Kinghorn
Ron Bullman
Scott Liggett

Absent

Tony Maglione

Beaufort County Staff

Lori Sexton
Eddie Bellamy
Bob Klink
Rob McFee
Carolyn Wallace
Alan Eisenman

Visitors

Laura Lee Rose
Katie Giacalone

County Council

1. Meeting called to order – Don Smith

- A. Agenda approved with moving Carolina Clear presentation first.
- B. November 7, 2012 Minutes were approved as posted.

2. Introductions – Completed

3. Public Comment – None

4. Reports

A. Monitoring Annual Report – Bob Klink

We met with GEL last week and discussed a draft of the CDM report on the county's monitoring program. Got some comments from the committee and sent to CDM. Received the final report today.

Report will not call for significant changes and we be working with GEL to implement. Suggested volume control monitoring and drop metal monitoring except copper and zinc. We will now be signing the MOU with USCB and it will be about a year before they will be ready. The meeting also discussed the county's efforts in open water copper monitoring. Will be scheduling GEL for an annual report presentation. Don Cammerata wanted the data to be presented with an analysis so the board knows what the data is telling us. The Board should know what is being done and why it is being done. Would like to hear thoughts even if it is not conclusive. Don Smith noted that there have been a lot of efforts on Highway 170 expansion.

Next GEL Monitoring Meeting is January 29, 2013 at 1:30 at PW Conference Room.

B. Upcoming Professional Contracts Report – Carolyn Wallace

The annual contract for GEL was approved by County Council on November 26, 2012. We will also be dropping the pending administrative center parking lot additional contract since it has been decided not to do demonstrations for contractors as part of this project.

C. Utility Updates – Carolyn Wallace

Webcasts: The next scheduled webcast will be December 12, 2012 from 12:00 – 2:00pm at BIV 2 on “Customizing your Stormwater BMP Design for Specific Pollutants”.

Stormwater Rulemaking: Attached to the agenda was an update from the Water Environment Federation (WEF) that has their take on EPA’s proposed rulemaking. Dan is on the national WEF’s national stormwater committee and wanted to share this information with you. This rulemaking could impact the MS4 process and requirements. Andy Kinghorn asked if it would require changes to BMP manual. Bob Klink said that it would not require changes and the county would only need to adopt illicit discharge requirements. Carolyn noted that one of seven areas of emphasis in this rulemaking is restoration.

Financial Reports: Attached to the agenda were the financial reports prepared by Alan Eisenman. Alan will be back in February for the quarterly presentation.

Capital Improvement Funding for the Utility: Based on the board’s recommendation at last month’s meeting we met with our financial folks and proposed setting up a transfer of funds to support future projects to be funded as part of the watershed restoration. A copy of this memo was attached to the agenda. Scott Liggett asked if this reserved fund would be used for other activities and how this would occur. It is expected that funds will only be used for restoration but county council could always change priorities. Patrick Mitchell asked if other projects besides administration parking have been designed. Others (Hwy 278 and Okatie East) are in design and are waiting for regulatory approval.

D. Maintenance Project Reports – Eddie Bellamy

Mr. Bellamy reported 12 projects in shortened format. There was a discussion on type of grass that was used on ditches. Seed used is best to stabilize soil and allow for native plants to grow.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Regional Coordination – Carolyn Wallace

The SWIC had a meeting November 15, 2012 and developed wording on a cost share agreement for LIDAR. Also got input on Utility 2013 goals and this will be shown later. Committee also recommended that the level of effort on our outreach program remain the same for FY 2014. The next SWIC meeting will be January 17, 2013.

Andy Kinghorn asked to receive SWIC minutes and Carolyn will ask Dan to send to Board members.

6. New Business

A. FY2014 Proposed Utility Goals – Carolyn Wallace

Reviewed status report on current goals and noted that many have been completed. Also attached to meeting agenda were the proposed priorities for the coming year. These priorities were taken to the SWIC and their input has been noted on the sheets. The Board members were asked to provide input by picking their top ten priorities and sending to Dan by December 19, 2012. The final top ten will be shared with the Board next year and will be used to help develop the FY2014 budget. There was a discussion on the pond maintenance system goal.

B. Carolina Clear Report – Laura Lee Rose and Katie Giacalone (*presented earlier in meeting*)

Laura Lee has joined the Clemson Water Resources Team in June. She still runs Master Gardner program. She presented a powerpoint program on activities that included:

- Town of Bluffton bioswale project at Oyster Factory Park
- Waddell Mariculture erosion prevention
- Clean Marine project activities
- Education at Farmers market
- Utilizing program on “words that work”
- Outreach to professional landscapers
- Collaboration on Rural and Critical Land stormwater management

Katie Giacalone then talked about some new items being added to tool box that included fact sheets:

- Floating wetland
- Illicit discharge
- Shoreland plants
- Management of SW Ponds

Don Smith asked how will Carolina Clear follow-up on utilization of materials. Katie said they have followed up with conferences utilizing materials. Eddie Bellamy recommended that the Board consider having a enviroscape demonstration. Don asked Laura Lee to schedule this at an upcoming meeting. Carolyn said that SWIC had recommended two priorities and did the Board have any others:

- Landscaper outreach
- Pond bird population

Don Smith recommended that shoreline buffer be continued.

7. Public Comment –

8. Next meeting agenda – January 9, 2013 and approved proposed January agenda with adding of enviroscape presentation and report back on goals.

9. Meeting adjourned.