

May River Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Henry "Emmett" McCracken Jr. Council Chambers, 20
Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC

December 05, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting chairman Stokes called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Amber Kuehn
Vice Chair Al Stokes
Jessie White
Chris Kehrer

ABSENT

Chris Shoemaker
Chair Stan Rogers
Larry Toomer

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of July 25th, 2024 Minutes

Motion made to adopt the July 25th, 2024 meeting minutes made by Kehrer, Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, White, Kehrer

2. Adoption of August 22nd, 2024 Minutes

Motion made to adopt August 22nd, 2024 meeting minutes made by Kuehn, Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, White, Kehrer

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Lawton 52 Oyster St - Mr. Lawton made comment on a project awaiting state approval within the Palmetto Bluff Development expressing a desire for the public to have time to make comments.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the 2025 Meeting Dates and Times - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Mr. Baugher and the Committee discussed the 2025 meeting schedule. The Committee moved the meetings from monthly to quarterly. The meetings will remain at 3:00pm in Council

Chambers. The Committee unanimously voted to adopt the 2025 meeting schedule as discussed.

Motion made by Kehrer, Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, White, Kehrer

2. Presentation of Proposed Updates to the Southern Lowcountry Stormwater Design Manual - Andrea Moreno, MS4 Program Manager

Ms. Moreno presented proposed updates to the Southern Lowcountry Stormwater Design Manual. The Committee was given time to ask questions. The Committee unanimously voted to proceed with certain amendments to the Southern Lowcountry Stormwater Design Manual and Post-Construction Stormwater Ordinance, as presented.

Motion made by Kehrer, Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, White, Kehrer

3. Presentation on Proposed Work to Develop Town Wetland and Resiliency Zone Protections and Wetlands Restoration Program Data Gathering - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Ms. Lewis presented proposed work for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and FY 2026. FY25 work is for developing wetlands and resiliency ordinances. FY26 is to develop a Town Wetlands Restoration Program. The Committee was given time to ask questions. The committee unanimously recommended that the Town Council fund Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 work associated with engineering services to develop Town Wetlands and Resiliency Zone Protections and Data Gathering Needs Related to a Potential Town Wetlands Restoration Program.

Motion made by White, Seconded by Kehrer.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, White, Kehrer

4. Progress Report on the May River Watershed Baseline Assessment - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

The last SCDNR quarterly report was provided to the committee. Staff stated the final report was expected to be completed by the end of March 2025. Staff said they would work with the DNR to try and arrange a presentation on their findings to the Committee once the study was completed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Motion made by Kehrer, Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, White, Kehrer.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 23, 2025