

May River Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

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

March 28, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:07pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Amber Kuehn

Chair, Stan Rogers

Jessie White

Chris Kehrer

ABSENT

Chris Shoemaker

Vice-Chairman, Al Stokes

Larry Toomer

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the March 28, 2024, Agenda

- Motion made by White to amend the agenda to add a staff update to the committee on the wetland buffer ordinance recently passed by the Planning Commission

Seconded by Kehrer.

Voting Yea: Chairman Rogers, White, Kuehn and Kehrer

- Motion made by White to amend the agenda to add a discussion on the April meeting schedule.

Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Chairman Rogers and Kehrer

- Motion made by Kehrer to adopt the agenda as amended by

Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Chairman Rogers, White, Kuehn, and Kehrer

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of the February 22, 2024, Minutes

Motion made by White.

Seconded by Kehrer.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Chairman Rogers, White, Kehrer

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Development of the Strategic Plan Priority Five (5) to Establish an Agreement with Beaufort County to Implement the May River Watershed Action Plan within the County's Jurisdiction of the Watershed for Both Structural Stormwater Projects and Non-Structural Programs such as Implementing the Green Print Map within the Rural & Critical Lands Program** - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

The committee reviewed and edited a memorandum detailing their recommendation to Town Council, on Strategic Plan Priority Five (5).

Motion made by Kehrer to adopt the memorandum as amended and recommend it go to Town Council for consideration.

Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Chairman Rogers, White, Kehrer

Unanimous ayes.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Wetland Buffer Ordinance Update** - Bill Baugher, Watershed Management Division Manager

Staff updated the committee on the wetland buffer ordinance they presented to Planning Commission on March 27, 2024. They provided background information that led to the ordinance being passed and allowed the committee to ask questions. Staff stated that the Planning Commission approved the proposed wetland buffer ordinance and that it would go to Town Council for first reading in April.

2. **Schedule for the April Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting**

Motion made by White to hold the April meeting on April 24th, 2024 at 3:00pm at Town Hall

Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Chair Rogers, White, Kehrer

Unanimous ayes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Kuehn.

Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Chairman Rogers, White, Kehrer

All were in favor and the motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 4:42pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 24th, 2024