

May River Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

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

February 22, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Stokes called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Amber Kuehn

Vice-Chair, Al Stokes

Jessie White

Chris Kehrer

Council Liaison Larry Toomer

ABSENT

Chris Shoemaker

Chair, Stan Rogers

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Council Liaison Toomer, Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, White, Kehrer, Council Liaison Toomer

Unanimous ayes.

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of January 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Kuehn, Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, White, Kehrer, Council Liaison Toomer

Unanimous ayes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Welcome New WAPAC Member

New member Chris Kehrer was introduced to the committee.

VII. DISCUSSION

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 discussed the current agreements the Town of Bluffton has with Beaufort County. The committee then began listing ideas for different programs the Town of Bluffton and Beaufort County can partner on creating together, including septic/sewer conversions, wetland protections, disposing of abandoned boats, capital improvement projects, tree protections, regulating trash haulers/litter, and incentives for pond regulation. They then decided to continue working on their recommendations for regional programs and discuss further at the next meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to Adjourn at 4:25pm.

Motion made by Council Liaison Toomer.
Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Vice-Chair Stokes, White, Kehrer, Council Liaison Toomer

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 28, 2024