

May River Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

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

October 23, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at **3:00 PM**.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Amber Kuehn
Chair, Stan Rogers
Jessie White
Larry Toomer

ABSENT

Chris Shoemaker
Vice-Chair, Al Stokes
Chris Kehrer

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of July 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to adopt the July 24, 2025, meeting minutes made by Mr. Toomer, Seconded by Ms. White.

Voting Yea: Kuehn and Chair Rogers.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Genovese, 68 Farnsleigh Avenue – Mr. Genovese discussed Hampton Hall's stormwater project and inquired about coordination with Town staff and the Town's stormwater permitting process.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Town Wetland Ordinance - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Ms. Lewis gave the committee a brief update on ongoing work related to the Town's wetland protection ordinance and the anticipated timeline moving forward. She noted that staff's tentative plan is to present proposed modifications to the current wetland protection ordinance at the January 2026 Town Council Workshop. The committee is expected to review these proposed changes at the April 2026 meeting, although the timeline may be subject to change.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of New Stormwater Technician - Bill Baugher, Watershed Management Division Manager

Mr. Baugher introduced the Town of Bluffton's new Stormwater Technician, Alex Bunn, to the committee.

2. Adoption of 2026 Meeting Dates and Times - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Motion to adopt the proposed 2026 meeting schedule, with a correction to change the July 24th date to July 23, 2025, to maintain meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month. Motion made by Mr. Toomer and seconded by Ms. White.

Voting Yea: Kuehn and Chair Rogers.

3. Update on the May River Watershed Action Plan: Water Quality and Education Programs – Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Ms. Lewis presented the updated Water Quality Program results and the new targeted educational efforts in response to Microbial Source Tracking (MST) results. She then answered the committee's questions.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at **4:00pm** made by **Mr. Toomer**, Seconded by **Ms. Kuehn**.

Voting Yea: Chair Rogers and White.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 22, 2026