

May River Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

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

January 22, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chris Shoemaker
Amber Kuehn
Vice Chair Al Stokes
Chair Stan Rogers
Jessie White
Chris Kehrer

ABSENT

Larry Toomer

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of October 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the October 23, 2025, meeting minutes made by Chairman Rogers, Seconded by Mr. Kehrer.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, and White.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Town Wetland Ordinance – Beth Lewis, Watershed Resilience 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. Establishment of a Town Resilience Plan, WAPAC Strategic Plan Priority, Update – Beth Lewis, Watershed Resilience Manager

Ms. Lewis provided the committee with a brief update on the Town’s ongoing resilience planning efforts. She reminded members that developing a Climate Resiliency Plan is one of

the committee's FY25-FY26 Strategic Plan priorities. Ms. Lewis then asked if the committee felt comfortable making a recommendation to Town Council. Given the timeline of the current planning process, the committee requested a special meeting before the contract award is presented to Town Council.

Motion to meet ahead of their regularly scheduled April meeting to further discuss the Town's resilience planning efforts, made by Mr. Kehrer, Seconded by Ms. White.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, and Chair Rogers.

2. Implementation of a SECOORA Water Elevation Meter – Beth Lewis, Watershed Resilience Manager

Ms. Lewis provided the committee with a brief update regarding the Town's new SECOORA water elevation meter at the Calhoun Street Dock, noting that it was installed on January 20, 2026.

3. Introduction of New Stormwater Technician – Beth Lewis, Watershed Resilience Manager

Ms. Lewis introduced Hannah Quast, the Town's new Stormwater Technician, to the committee and provided her biography. The committee welcomed Ms. Quast to the Town.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:10 PM made by Mr. Kehrer, Seconded by Ms. White.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, and Chair Rogers.

NEXT APPROVED MEETING DATE: APRIL 23, 2026