

May River Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

The Rotary Community Center, 11 Recreation Court, Bluffton, SC, 29910

April 23, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Stokes called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chris Shoemaker
Amber Kuehn
Acting Chair Al Stokes
Jessie White
Chris Kehrer

ABSENT

Chair Stan Rogers
Larry Toomer

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of March 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the March 9, 2026 meeting minutes was made by Stokes, Seconded by Mr. Shoemaker.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, White, and Kehrer

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of New Stormwater Technician – Andrea Moreno, Watershed Division Manager

Ms. Moreno introduced Marrisa D'Angola, the Town's new Stormwater Technician, to the committee and provided her biography. The committee welcomed Ms. D'Angola to the Town.

2. Amendments to the Town of Bluffton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23 – Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Relating to Wetlands, Article 5 – Design Standards, Sec. 5.10 (Stormwater); and Article 9 – Definitions and Interpretation, Sec. 9.2 (Defined Terms) – Andrea Moreno, Watershed Division Manager

Ms. Moreno provided a staff report outlining a proposed ordinance to amend the Town of Bluffton's Municipal Code, which includes updates to Chapter 23 – Unified Development Ordinance, Article 5 – Design Standards, Sec. 5.4 (Wetlands) and Sec. 5.10 (Stormwater); and Article 9 – Definitions and Interpretation, Sec. 9.2 (Defined Terms). She addressed committee questions during and after the presentation, requested feedback on existing definitions and proposed revisions, and discussed the development methods of a Bluffton-specific wetland

mapping tool. After responding to questions and noting feedback, Ms. Moreno requested the committee recommend approval to Town Council. A motion to recommend approval to Town Council. of a Proposed Ordinance to amend the Town of Bluffton's Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23 – Unified Development Ordinance, Article 5 – Design Standards, Sec. 5.10 (Stormwater); and Article 9 – Definitions and Interpretation, Sec. 9.2 (Defined Terms) was made by Ms. White, Seconded by Mr. Kehrer.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, and Acting Chair Stokes

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. May River Watershed Action Plan Project Implementation Status Report - Dan Rybak, Project Manager

Mr. Rybak opened the staff presentation with an update on projects implemented under the May River Watershed Action Plan, including septic-to-sewer initiative in coordination with BJWSA, as well as proposed and ongoing impervious surface restoration projects. He also provided updates on the Bridge St. Streetscape and the Pritchard St. Streetscape and Drainage Improvement projects. Ms. Lewis concluded the report with updates on the status of the Microbial Source Tracking (MST) program and development of a PCSWMM model. Acting Chair Stokes suggested an in-person update from the consultants regarding the PCSWMM modeling at a future meeting.

2. Town Resilience Planning and WAPAC Strategic Plan Priority Update - Beth Lewis, Watershed Resilience Manager

Ms. Lewis provided a brief update on the resiliency plan development, referring to the detailed presentation and discussion held at the March 9, 2026, special meeting. She noted that the contract for this resiliency plan will be presented to Town Council for approval on May 12, 2026. The committee expressed support for the initiative and Mr. Kehrer suggested members attend May 12, 2026, Town Council meeting to demonstrate that support. Ms. White also reminded staff of a prior discussion to provide the committee with monthly data updates where possible.

VII. DISCUSSION

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:19 PM made by Mr. Kehrer, Seconded by Mr. Shoemaker.

Voting Yea: Acting Chair Stokes and White

NEXT MEETING DATE: JULY 23, 2026