

Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room B  
Conway, SC

***Members Present:*** Austin Graham, Dan Sennema, Lynn Baer, Brian Pugsley, and Harry Pernell.

***Members Absent:*** Brad Hardwick.

***Staff members present:*** Thom Roth, Brandon Wagner, Michelle Crocker, and Chelsea Cogliano

***Others present:*** Jeremy Giles- Horry County PIO.

In accordance with the FOIA, a public notice of the meeting was advertised on the Government Access Channel stating the date, time and location of the meeting. Additionally, the meeting was posted on the HCG Website Calendar.

***Call to Order:*** Austin Graham called the meeting to order.

Johnny Staples led the invocation.  
Austin Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Public Input:*** NONE

**Approval of November 17, 2021 Minutes –**

Dan Sennema made a motion to approve November 17, 2021 minutes. Brian Pugsley seconded the motion, all approved.

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*Discussion Items –*

**Old Business**

♦None

**New Business**

♦ Chelsea Cogliano gave an update on the education efforts for the Stormwater Department. Currently we are partnered with Coastal Carolina University and the Coastal Waccamaw Education Consortium. They have helped us meet two of the minimum control measures, which are public education and public outreach. Unfortunately the coordinator and director of this program abruptly left. The Stormwater Department along with other MS4's were approached by Carolina Clear Program through Clemson University, whom we already have a contract with for the mass media side of our outreach efforts. Horry County along with other MS4's within the area are in the process of obtaining a new contract with the Carolina Clear Program, allowing them to take over the entire outreach program. They will help with conferences, public involvement, getting back into schools, getting students involved and educating HOA Boards and Members. Chelsea also mentioned the Pond Conference is coming up on June 8-9 and flyers will be sent out to HOA members and Management Companies.

♦ Chelsea Cogliano went over the MS4 Annual Report she turns into DHEC every year. She went over the 6 minimum control measures which include:

- Control measure 1- Public Outreach
- Control measure 2- Public Involvement
- Control measure 3- Illicit Discharge
- Control measure 4- Pre-Construction/Runoff Control
- Control measure 5- Post Construction
- Control measure 6- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

Chelsea also discussed how all of the control measures go into her annual report and how Stormwater along with Coastal Waccamaw Education Consortium meet those measures each year.

♦ Brandon Wagner discussed the recent grants Stormwater was able to obtain over the last fifteen months with the help of Beth Trainer and her team at CDBG along with State Rep. Heather Crawford. Brandon stated how there were mostly non-matching grants, but we did have to contribute to some of the projects.

- Greer Crossing – Completed in January.
- Big Bull Landing – Was competed and raised to elevation of Hurricane Florence.

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- **Socastee Benching- In the permitting phase.**
- **McCormick Road Culvert- In the procurement phase.**
- **Simpson Creek & Buck Creek Watershed Study.**

♦ **Michelle Crocker went over the budget for FY2023. Items highlighted were Personal Cost, Water Quality, Mosquito Control, Drainage Improvement Projects, Capital Improvement Projects, Condemnation, Fuel and Maintenance. An itemized list of the budget was provided. Michelle also discussed Stormwater Heavy Equipment Cost Recovery Program. Stormwater sets aside funds each year to replace/upgrade equipment in a timely manner. This insures we have as much of the fleet up and running daily as possible. We will bring on eight positions which would include one Inspector, five HEO III and two HEO II. The total budget for FY2023 is \$15.4 million dollars.**

♦ **Thom Roth discussed some of the larger Stormwater projects taking place which include;**

- **Sean River Road Outfall project,**
- **Socastee Creek Benching**
- **Wetland cleanings at The Lakes at Plantation Place.**
- **Folly Road Outfall- Is 80% complete, this will relieve water on Socastee Blvd**
- **Azalea Lakes**

**Thom noted crews removed a 5-foot beaver dam that was about 200-300 feet long at the Lakes at Plantation Place. The USDA beaver trappers worked this area for about 2 months straight and removed several beavers. A significant amount of water dropped after the beavers and dam were removed. Thom stated that the wetland cleanings should make a big difference here, but that it is a long, slow process.**

**Thom then discussed active beaver requests, service requests, and work orders, average total ditch cleanings per month. Thom introduced Jeremy Gile who is I&R's PIO. Jeremy goes out in the field and takes pictures and videos to post on Facebook and other outlets. Thom then shared a video that Jeremy put together.**

**End of discussion items.**

**Dan Sennema made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brian Pugsley seconded it, all members approved.**