

Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room B
Conway, SC

Members Present: Austin Graham, Lynn Baer, Dan Sennema, Johnny Staples, and Brian Pugsley.

Members Absent: Mary Helen Rebolini, Tripp Nealy, and Brad Hardwick

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

Others present: Dr. Susan Libes, Victoria Green

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.

Austin Graham led the invocation.

Austin Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: See attached letter from Aundra Watson

Approval of November 4, 2020 Minutes –

Dan Sennema made a motion to approve November 4, 2020 minutes. Lynn Baer seconded the motion. All approved.

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Discussion Items –

Old Business

♦None

New Business

♦ *Chelsea Cogliano- Chelsea gave a presentation on Social Media activity. Chelsea went over the Horry County Government Facebook page and the amount of activity recorded on the posts. The “people reached number” varied from 2,504 to 4,514 on any given day. Chelsea stated that there were posts that covered Storm water Pollution Prevention Plans as well as Litter Control information. Information from these various posts have been shared into Group posts. Some of the most often read are the ones about Current Projects, Inspections and Hurricane updates. Chelsea is working on the 2021 current project list and Hurricane preparations tips.*

Stormwater is getting good feedback from most people on the Social Media Sites. Chelsea stated that posts are tracked and submitted to DHEC at the end of the year for our MS4 permit.

♦ *Thom Roth- Thom discussed Minor Subdivisions in Horry County and if they should be regulated. A Minor subdivision is less than 10 houses in the plan. Anything over 10 houses is considered a Major Subdivision. At this point in time, they are not required to have a Stormwater Permit. Horry County issues a pamphlet with all building permits showing E&S requirements. Minor Subdivisions in the county need to be inspected. Thom suggested that a process needs to be put in place to ensure they follow the regulations and meet the guidelines. By requiring permits this could cause an issue with the developers adding higher costs as well as over whelming the Stormwater department with more inspections. Some of the advantages are being in compliance with DHEC, and keeping the owners from creating drainage problems for others. Brandon Wagner is working on a plan at this time. One suggestion is to lower the Minor Subdivisions total to 5 lots from 10.*

♦ *Thom Roth- Thom discussed Multi-Residential Zoning District. Charles Suggs from Planning and Zoning joined the call for this discussion. A request was made for a brainstorming session with Stormwater to come up with suggestions and ideas to incentivize the Developers to include more Stormwater storage in their development plans. Thom suggested that the Planning and Zoning Commission would need to study this further.*

♦ *Thom Roth gave an update on Completed work orders and Service requests*

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♦ *Thom Roth- Thom discussed the Storm water Fees and the need to increase the fee. There were several items mentioned that these Storm water fees would be used for. These fees were requested over the next 4 years. Some of the items requested were a Slack Tract, Operators and Excavators, Bush Hogs, Wetland Crews and funds for more Larvaside to better control mosquitoes. Thom requested a new Capital Improvement Manager. Thom advised that at this point there are 160 miles of ditches on the books to be cleaned and more being added every day. There are numerous out-fall projects that need to be cleaned as well.*

♦ *Michelle Crocker - Currently Stormwater's budget is 7.9 million. This is based on a \$44.40 fee for a single family home. An itemized list was provided to board members. Currently we spend a little over 2.9 million in Personnel cost, 1 million on Water Quality and Support services, 390k on Mosquito Control, 1.8 million on Construction. 266k on Miscellaneous, 305k on Vehicle Costs, 1.1 million on Cost Recovery for equipment & vehicles and Indirect Cost Allocation. Michelle noted we currently have 37 full time employees. Austin Graham made a motion to submit the budgets as present to County Council, Johnny Staples seconded it, all approved.*

Next meeting is scheduled for at May 19th @ 3pm in Room B of the Government & Justice Center.

End of discussion items.

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