

Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board
Wednesday, July 14, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room B
Conway, SC

Members Present: Austin Graham, Lynn Baer, Dan Sennema, Tripp Nealy, Harry Parnell, and Johnny Staples.

Members Absent: Brian Pugsley, and Brad Hardwick

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

Others present: Dr. Susan Libes, Victoria Green, from CCU

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.

Tripp Nealy led the invocation.
Lynn Baer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: NONE

Approval of May 19, 2021 Minutes –

Dan Sennema made a motion to approve May 19, 2022 minutes. Tripp Nealy seconded the motion, all approved.

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Discussion Items –

Old Business

◆*None*

New Business

◆ *Victoria Green- Victoria reviewed CCU's Watershed Academy Volunteer Monitoring Program. The program includes water quality monitoring, public outreach and education. Victoria went over the districts and what the volunteers do in each area to monitor the water quality. They test for contaminants as well as nutrients, PH levels and temperature. If there are any anomalies they contact Horry County Stormwater with the location and findings. Some recent investigations are located along the Waccamaw River and the local swamps. They also track algae and how it spreads. Victoria noted the samples can vary from spiked levels to normal levels within a few days. This alone shows why regular monitoring is necessary. They have a variety of programs for the community including a video games, workshops, and meetings to help educate residence in Horry County about water quality in our area.*

◆ *James Brock- James reviewed the Mosquito Control Program. He went over the life cycle of the mosquito and noted there are over 60 different species of mosquitos in Horry County. James went over the steps he uses to control the mosquito from the egg stage to the hatching stage. He discussed the types of mosquito problems in the county and named some of the areas that are more difficult to treat due to the type of water deposits in the areas. The number of requests increased over last year's numbers. Mosquito Control tries to treat the problem before it gets to the point of needing to spray. Samples are sent to DHEC for testing, they look for West Nile, Zika, Malaria and other diseases. James works closely with DHEC to ensure we get the test results back faster than we have in the past in order to proactively treat these problems areas before we have an outbreak. Mosquito Control tests parks, school athletic fields and boat landings for mosquito population. Mosquito Control also works with Bee Hive owners to insure spraying doesn't affect the population. Every two years James and his team visit the registered sites to ensure the hive locations are accurate and match the information provided. This also insures that the buffers are placed correctly around the sites although, unfortunately these buffers may affect surrounding neighborhoods from being sprayed.*

Thom Roth- Capital Improvement Projects which include;

- *Hwy 9 Culvert- one step closer, SCDOT is waiting on a letter stating we will be responsible downstream.*
- *Grier Crossing- Planning to start next week, this is a shared cost with the State.*
- *Folly Road Outfall- Will be done within the next two months, this will relieve water on Socastee Blvd.*

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- *Socastee Creek Benching- Will go out for bid in the fall. Thanks to Heather Crawford this will be funded by the state.*
- *Spring Lakes Outfall- Completed*
- *Simpson Creek Lower Reach- Completed, several blockages removed*

♦ Thom Roth: Thom noted the Flood Ordinance recently passed. The new FEMA maps have been approved for Horry County. The supplemental flood zones include a layer showing the flooding from Hurricane Florence. Thom also went over the FY2022 Budget Enhancements. This included the new equipment and positions to be added within the current budget year.

We currently have 3 vacancies, District 1, 3 and 8.

Next meeting is scheduled for at September 22 @ 3pm in Room B at the Government & Justice Center.

End of discussion items.

Tripp Nealy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Johnny Staples seconded it, all members approved.