

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

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chris Shoemaker
Amber Kuehn
Vice 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 made by Acting Chair Stokes, Seconded by Mr. Shoemaker.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, White, 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 the committee a detailed staff report and presentation laying out the details 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. 5.4 (Wetlands) and Sec. 5.10 (Stormwater); and Article 9 – Definitions and Interpretation, Sec. 9.2 (Defined Terms). Ms. Moreno allowed for questions during and after her presentation, and sought feedback from the committee in regards to the existing definitions and proposed

changes included in this amendment, and asked further details about development of the wetlands mapping tool. After her presentation, Ms. Moreno asked for the committee's recommendation to approve this proposed ordinance to Town Council, when it is presented to them May 12. A motion to recommend this proposed ordinance town council made by Ms. White, Seconded by Mr. Kehrer.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Rybak began this staff presentation by provided the committee a with an update on projects implemented under the May River Watershed Action Plan, which includes Septic to Sewer projects and collaboration with BJWSA, the proposed and currently under-way projects for impervious restoration, and updates on the Bridge Street Streetscape and Pritchard Street Streetscape and Drainage Improvement Projects. Ms. Lewis ended the status report by updating the committee on the current status of the of the MST program and the development of PCSWMM modeling.

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 that was discussed in detail at the March 9, 2026 special meeting. The contract for developing a Bluffton resiliency plan will go to Town Council for approval on May 12, 2026. The committee offered their support for this, and Mr. Kehrer suggest that committee members attend the May 12, 2026 Town Council meeting to show their support.

VII. DISCUSSION

Mr. Kehrer asked if it was important for the committee members to be a the Town Council meeting on May 12, 2026 for both the Proposed Wetland Ordinance amendments and the presentation of the Resilience Planning. Ms. White reminded staff about a past discussion to provide the committee with monthly data updates.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Acting Chair Stokes, and White

NEXT MEETING DATE: JULY 23, 2026