

May River Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

The Rotary Community Center at Oscar Frazier Park, 11 Recreation Court, Bluffton, SC

May 23, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Amber Kuehn

Vice Chair Al Stokes

Chair Stan Rogers

Jessie White

Larry Toomer

ABSENT

Chris Shoemaker

Chris Kehrner

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of the March 28, 2024, Minutes

Adoption of the March minutes was moved to next month due to lack of quorum at the beginning of the meeting.

IV. PRESENTATIONS, CELEBRATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

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

Dan Rybak presented on the status of different May River Watershed Action Plan Model Report projects and allowed the committee time to ask questions.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Lawton - 52 Oyster Street - Mr. Lawton requested the creation of shellfish monitoring stations at Alljoy Boat Landing and Boathouse Creek.

Kathie Coburn - Ms. Coburn expressed an interest in increased water quality monitoring within the Alljoy Area.

Laura Wilson - Ms. Wilson expressed an interest in increased water quality monitoring within the Alljoy Area.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Progress Report on the May River Watershed Baseline Assessment - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Beth Lewis provided the status report from South Carolina Department of Natural Resources on the May River Watershed Baseline Assessment currently being completed. Ms. Lewis stated that if the committee had any questions, she would ensure she provided them to Dr. Andrew Tweel, lead Principal Investigator, on the project. The committee was given time to ask questions.

VII. DISCUSSION

1. Development of Strategic Plan Priority Ten (10) to complete a third-party assessment in FY24 of the stormwater regulations and Design Manual in the Unified Development Ordinance, particularly the Better Site Design element, to ensure intended outcomes are being met and modify the regulations if necessary - Andrea Moreno, MS4 Program Manager

Bill Baugher informed the committee on the work being done by the Town to update its stormwater regulations and Design Manual in the Unified Development Ordinance.

Following this discussion, the committee expressed an interest in visiting the New Riverside Barn Park, a Town capital improvement project, during their June meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to Adjourn at 4:03pm.

Motion made by Kuehn, Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White, Toomer.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 27, 2024