

May River Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Henry "Emmett" McCracken Jr. Council Chambers, 20
Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC

January 25, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chris Shoemaker
Amber Kuehn
Vice Chair Al Stokes
Chair Stan Rogers
Jessie White

ABSENT

Larry Toomer

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of January 25th, 2024, Agenda

Motion made by Chair Rogers, Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White

Unanimous ayes.

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of September 28, 2023, Minutes

Motion made by Shoemaker, Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White

Unanimous ayes.

V. PRESENTATIONS, CELEBRATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Presentation on Town of Bluffton Stormwater Program - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Staff Beth Lewis and Andrea Moreno presented an overview of the Watershed Management Division's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and water quality programs. They then answered questions from committee members on those programs.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

Staff Dan Rybak presented an update on the May River Watershed Action Plan Model Report project implementation and answered questions from committee members.

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

Staff Beth Lewis shared the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' quarterly progress report on the May River Baseline Assessment Update. Ms. Lewis stated she would pass along any questions from the committee to the lead Principal Investigator (PI) completing the study.

3. Development of the Strategic Plan Priority Five (5) to Establish an Agreement with Beaufort County to Implement the May River Watershed Action Plan within the County's Jurisdiction of the Watershed for Both Structural Stormwater Projects and Non-Structural Programs such as Implementing the Green Print Map within the Rural & Critical Lands Program - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Moved to table to February meeting.

Motion made by Shoemaker, Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White

Unanimous ayes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of 2024 Meeting Dates and Times – Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Moved to suspend the rules and consider the meeting date adoption out of order, in old business before item 3 due to time constraints.

Motion made by Kuehn, Seconded by Shoemaker.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White

Unanimous ayes.

Motion to adopt the schedule with every other meeting being denoted a workshop-style meeting.

Motion made by Shoemaker, Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White

Unanimous ayes.

IX. DISCUSSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 4:53pm.

Motion made by Shoemaker, Seconded by Kuehn.

Voting Yea: Shoemaker, Kuehn, Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White

Unanimous ayes.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 22, 2024