

May River Watershed Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

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

July 24, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Vice Chair Al Stokes

Chair Stan Rogers

Jessie White

Chris Kehrer

Larry Toomer

ABSENT

Chris Shoemaker

Amber Kuehn

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of April 24th, 2025 Minutes

Motion made to adopt the April 24, 2025, meeting minutes made by Toomer, Seconded by Vice Chair Stokes.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White, Kehrer, Toomer

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Knotts - 1 Fisherman Lane - Ms. Knotts read comments prepared by Jim Lawton, expressing concern over increased development within Bluffton.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Town Wetland Ordinance - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Ms. Lewis informed the committee that the Town Council held the second and final reading of the Wetland Protection Ordinance in June and voted unanimously to adopt it. The ordinance is now part of the code of ordinances and is being implemented.

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

Mr. Rybak provided the committee with an update on the status of the May River Watershed Action Plan and Modeling Report projects. He also provided the committee with updates on the Pritchard Streetscape project and answered questions about the maintenance and longevity of the project. Ms. Wright then provided the committee with updates on the Town's

new targeted Microbial Source Tracking (MST) Water Quality Program and answered questions regarding staff's response to the detection of different MST markers.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation for the Public Arts Committee to Consider a Storm Drain Marking Program - Andrea Moreno, MS4 Program Manager

Ms. Moreno informed the committee of the Beautification Committee's recommendation for the Public Arts Committee to consider establishing a Storm Drain Painting Program. The committee then discussed the benefits of storm drain painting programs and provided their ideas for the program. The committee voted unanimously to recommend the Public Arts Committee consider a Storm Drain Painting Program.

Motion made by Kehrer, Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White, Kehrer, Toomer

2. Election of Officers - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Ms. Lewis informed the committee of their charter requires they elect a chair and vice-chair every July or as soon thereafter as possible.

The committee voted unanimously to elect Stan Rogers as the committee chair.

Motion made by Toomer, Seconded by White.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White, Kehrer, Toomer

The committee voted unanimously to elect Al Stokes as the committee vice-chair.

Motion made by White, Seconded by Toomer.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White, Kehrer, Toomer

3. Development of WAPAC Strategic Plan Priorities for FY27-28 - Beth Lewis, Water Quality Program Manager

Ms. Lewis presented the committee with draft FY27-FY28 Strategic Plan Priorities for consideration. Staff and committee members discussed each priority, and the committee was given the opportunity to review and edit them. Afterward, the committee prioritized each item based on their perceived importance. Finally, the committee unanimously voted to recommend the Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Strategic Plan Priorities as discussed.

Motion made by White, Seconded by Toomer.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White, Kehrer, Toomer

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:35pm.

Motion made by White, Seconded by Toomer.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair Stokes, Chair Rogers, White, Kehrer, Toomer

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 23, 2025