

A MEETING OF THE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, TWO-THOUSAND TEN, AT 3:00 P.M. IN ROOM A OF THE JAMES CITY COUNTY – WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY CENTER, 5301 LONGHILL ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Charlie Brewster, Jamestown
Terry Elkins, Powhatan
Jack Haldeman, Berkeley
Roger Schmidt, Stonehouse
Debra Siebers, Berkeley
Aaron Small, Berkeley
Mary Smallwood, Berkeley
Bob Winters, Powhatan

Committee Members Absent:

Thomas Abrials, Stonehouse
Robin Bledsoe, Berkeley
Doug Haller, Roberts
Kathleen Lindsay, Stonehouse
Mac Mestayer, Jamestown
John Schmerfeld, Jamestown

Staff Present:

Darryl Cook, County Engineer
Frances Geissler, Stormwater Director
John T.P. Horne, General Services Manager

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes for the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting was offered for approval. There was no discussion and minutes were approved

D. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. **Member Appreciation** – Five members have inaugural terms that are concluding at the end of 2010; Tom Abrials, Charlie Brewster, Terry Elkins, Jack Haldeman, and Mac Mestayer. Members were recognized for their contribution and presented with Certificates of Appreciation from County Administration. It was noted that this group of members were instrumental in setting the direction of the Committee for the years to come.
- b. **Meeting Attendance** – Aaron Small distributed the Committee By-Laws and meeting

attendance records and asked everyone to confirm their attendance over the past year. One member meets the condition spelled out in the By-Laws by which the Committee recommends to the Board that the member be removed from the member roster due to lack of attendance. Members present confirmed that their individual records were correct. (attachment)

- c. **Stormwater Referendum** – The floor was opened up for a general discussion regarding the recent referendum. Committee members offered the following comments:
- i. The distinction between County needs and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL was not clear. People thought we were trying to spend money before the new regulations are in place – so we couldn't really know what we need to do.
 - ii. The projects in the VDOT right of way were confusing to many – whose responsibility were they? Why is the County involved with VDOT roads?
 - iii. The amount of information on the website was helpful - for those voters who reviewed the material
 - iv. The idea of taking on more debt was difficult for citizens to accept
 - v. We need to “toot our horn” more so everyone understands the work we do.
- d. **FY12 Capital Improvement Plan** – Fran Geissler distributed staff's updated FY11 spending plan and the proposed FY 12 budget request. She explained that since the approved FY12 budget anticipated an approved referendum, there are currently no capital funds for stormwater in FY12. Comments on the proposal included:
- i. Why aren't we asking for \$3M in funding? Because we have the capacity to run a \$2M/year program and that number is consistent with other documents submitted to the Board.
 - ii. What percent of the request is going to repair/maintain County facilities? Approximately 22% will maintain JCC facilities. Another 32% will go to maintain aging neighborhood drainage systems. Approximately 54% of requested funds will go to maintenance. As a result, fewer funds will go towards improvements.
 - iii. Can we use something else to show priority? Dislike the use of “low” priority since all of these projects scored medium to high. Can we make sure all projects have scores before submitting the request? Staff will revise to show funding tiers and staff will score the newly added projects and distribute the result to committee members for concurrence prior to submittal.
- Motion to approve the submission with revisions seconded and approved with 1 nay vote. (attachments)
- e. **Project Evaluation Criteria Updates** – Charlie Brewster suggested revisiting the needed updates to the evaluation criteria in January. He believes that a new subcommittee needs to be formed in order to make recommendations to the full committee in March. The discussion supported Charlie's recommendations.
- f. **Chesapeake Bay TMDL, Draft Watershed Implementation Plan** – Darryl Cook and Fran Geissler distributed materials prepared by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission regarding the costs and efficacy of the proposed VA watershed implementation plan. Staff expect this topic to recur regularly over the next year.

E. **Committee Requests** - There were none.

F. **The next meeting will be January 18, 2011 at 3:00 PM, JCC-WBG Community Center**

G. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.



Aaron B. Small, Chairman



Frances C. Geissler, Secretary

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