

A MEETING OF THE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JULY, TWO-THOUSAND TEN, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM OF BUILDING A OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 101-A MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

a. Committee Members Present:

- b.** Thomas Abrials, Stonehouse
- c.** Robin Bledsoe, Berkeley
- d.** Charlie Brewster, Jamestown
- e.** Jack Haldeman, Berkeley
- f.** Doug Haller, Roberts
- g.** Roger Schmidt, Stonehouse
- h.** Aaron Small, Berkeley
- i.** Bob Winters, Powhatan

j. Committee Members Absent:

- k.** Terry Elkins, Powhatan
- l.** Todd Halacy, VDOT
- m.** Tracy Lassiter, VDOT
- n.** Kathleen Lindsay, Stonehouse
- o.** Mac Mestayer, Jamestown
- p.** Brian Noyes, CSWCD
- q.** John Schmerfeld, Jamestown
- r.** Debra Siebers, Berkeley
- s.** Mary Smallwood, Berkeley

t. Staff Present:

- u.** Darryl Cook, County Engineer
- v.** Frances Geissler, Stormwater Director
- w.** John T.P. Horne, General Services Manager
- x.** Barry Moses, Senior Stormwater Engineer

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The following minutes were offered for approval:

- a.** May 18, 2010 - Regular Meeting: there was no discussion and the minutes were approved.

D. STAFF UPDATE

- a.** Fran Geissler briefly summarized the Board of Supervisors June 22, 2010 Work Session and the information that the Stormwater Division presented to the Board regarding Capital Improvement Plan needs in the County. She also explained the assistance provided by Deb Siebers, Aaron Small and Mary Smallwood on June 14, 2010 with a quick assessment of projects using the SPAC criteria prior to the Work

Session. The group found that, in general, the flood mitigation projects rank higher than other types of projects using the SPAC criteria, probably due to the public safety component. Since this review was done very quickly and with general data, Fran stated that each project would need to be re-scored with as much detail as possible before September.

- b. Fran also reported on the very welcome assistance provided by SPAC members at the County Fair on June 26. Robin Bledsoe, Jack Haldeman, Aaron Small and Mary Smallwood each took turns manning the Stormwater display. Staff greatly appreciated the assistance. Hundreds of citizens visited the Education Tent during the Fair so this was one of the program's biggest outreach events of the year.

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

F. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. **JCC Budget Report and Funding Update** – John Horne reported on the referendum status so far and answered questions about the referendum and the implications for the County budget. He mentioned that the County has an excellent bond rating and in fact the rating was recently increased. He then explained the need for outreach to groups in the community. The idea is to provide a presentation of factual information about the referendum and what it will accomplish. He pointed out that past referendums were promoted by existing advocacy groups such as sports leagues and parent associations. Stormwater projects don't have the same sort of built-in advocacy. John asked committee members to suggest organizations that may be interested in presentations and to provide contact information to the Stormwater Division. Discussion followed about HOA annual meetings, some of which are held during the Fall. It was suggested that the County consider holding special meetings at the libraries, Legacy Hall, etc. Other ideas mentioned included J4C forums and Master Gardeners monthly meetings. Also discussed were materials that the County would prepare for public distribution, including FAQs. Committee members suggested several questions such as how much tax increase is probable, why do I have to pay to fix something for my neighbors, and what will this money accomplish? Committee member also suggested that the County focus on the idea of cost avoidance – it will be cheaper to fix something now rather than letting the problem get worse and more costly to repair. This is particularly true of restoration and drainage projects. Finally the discussion centered on the probability that some of these project would be required in the future as stormwater regulations increase and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL is completed. Fran commented that only 10% are currently required.
- b. **FY11 Capital Project Planning** – Fran distributed a proposed FY11 project plan based on the available funds and the Fiscal Year 2011 plan from the 5-year plan developed last year. The Stormwater Division plans to spend down the remaining \$1.5M in the water quality account by the end of the fiscal year. Since the Committee scored and reviewed each of the proposed projects last year, most of the discussion pertained to the status of each project. Fran also explained the project list presented to the Board on June 22 along with the additions provided during meetings with the individual Board Members. There was discussion about getting the Project Subcommittee together to work on the criteria and to rank the projects. Committee members wanted to know the plans for getting the work underway with current staff if the referendum goes through. Fran explained that there will be some assistance from other engineers in General Services and that both easement acquisition and project

management will be partially contracted out. There is no doubt that the work load will need to be managed carefully. Fran raised the topic of the proposed project tour in September. Since there have already been two such tours, committee members did not voice a need to meet. Committee members are willing to let the Project Subcommittee make a recommendation regarding the need for another tour.

- c. **FY10 MS4 Program Report** – Darryl Cook reviewed the County’s second year accomplishments under the state MS4 permit. The permit requires a wide range of activities in a variety of program areas, including General Services, Development Management, JCSA, and the schools. Darryl feels that the County has made a concerted effort to meet the requirements and is in full compliance. An annual report on FY10 MS4 activities is due to DCR by October 1, 2010.

G. COMMITTEE REQUESTS –

- a. Set up the Project Subcommittee meeting dates soon
- b. Find a new location for meetings, more centrally located in the County

H. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.



, Chairman



, Secretary