

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

A. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Thomas Abrials, Stonehouse
Robin Bledsoe, Berkeley
Terry Elkins, Powhatan
Jack Haldeman, Berkeley
Mac Mestayer, Jamestown
Debra Siebers, Berkeley
Aaron Small, Berkeley
Mary Smallwood, Berkeley
Bob Winters, Powhatan

Committee Members Absent:

Charlie Brewster, Jamestown
Doug Haller, Roberts
Kathleen Lindsay, Stonehouse
John Schmerfeld, Jamestown
Roger Schmidt, Stonehouse

Staff Present:

Darryl Cook, County Engineer
Frances Geissler, Stormwater Director
John T.P. Horne, General Services Manager
Barry Moses, Senior Stormwater Engineer
Scott Thomas, Environmental Director

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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

- a. July 20, 2010 – Regular Meeting – there was no discussion and minutes were approved
- b. August 5 and 10, 2010 Capital Project Subcommittee Meetings – there was discussion on the subcommittee’s findings and minutes were approved

D. STAFF UPDATES

- a. Committee Roster: Fran distributed an updated roster. Due to budget cuts and organizational redirecting, VDOT and Colonial SWCD staff are no longer able to support the Committee on a routine basis. Both organizations are committed to assisting the Committee as specific issues arise.

- b. Term Expiration: Fran pointed out that five out of 14 committee members have terms that expire at the end of this year. Members wishing to continue were asked to contact both Aaron and Fran by the end October.

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – Capital Projects

On behalf of the subcommittee, Fran explained the process the subcommittee went through to rank the projects and distributed the list of projects with the raw scores. Staff suggested that projects be grouped as follows:

PRIORITY	SCORE RANGE
High	≥120
Medium	90 < 120
Low	< 90

There was discussion about the more expensive projects and whether doing more less-expensive projects could get more done. The belief is that the more expensive projects cost more because they accomplish more. There was discussion about whether average points per dollar would be helpful. There was concern about how the more expensive projects would be perceived. Fran explained that the list provided to the Board of Supervisors on June 22, 2010, included a mix of projects (expensive, less expensive, higher priority and lower priority) based on reasonable work flow and known information about the projects. Issues such as easement acquisition, design problems, etc. can impact the speed at which a project can be accomplished.

Other discussion centered on whether the scores should be provided to the public. If the scores are not provided, they are still available under the FOIA so the Committee should just provide the information at the beginning and avoid time-consuming FOIA requests.

Staff was directed to organize the list by voting district and include the rankings.

F. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. **Stormwater Bond Referendum** – Renee Dalman, JCC Communications Specialist, passed out a handout describing the referendum website and talked about the various activities planned to provide factual information to JCC voters. Committee members were encouraged to contact organizations of which they are members and offer speakers for meetings, information, etc. Fran passed out the two memos from the County Attorney’s office regarding the rights and obligations County representatives have regarding voicing their own opinions in public settings. After brainstorming ideas for outreach, Fran agreed to send a note to Committee members when the press release is distributed to the neighborhoods. A motion was made and passed, recommending that the Board unanimously pass a resolution supporting the referendum. A copy of the resolution is in Attachment 1. Aaron agreed as Chair to present the resolution to the Board at a regular Board meeting.
- b. **Chesapeake Bay TMDL** – Fran passed out a handout summarizing current thinking on the published plan and explained steps JCC is taking with the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) to prepare detailed comments. There was discussion as to whether the HRPDC could be fair in their comments, since they are viewed by some as

pro-development. Fran explained that the VA Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) was a rehash of the 2005 Tributary Strategies. She also commented that having a case study of the costs would be beneficial. Scott Thomas, Environmental Director, reviewed what he saw in the WIP that could affect Environmental programs. Basically, the WIP will bring other VA localities into line with JCC, not require much more of JCC developers. He did say that JCC could go forward with the state's to-be-developed stormwater requirements or develop our own program. There was discussion about the 10-points method and the need to be results-oriented. As the proposed regulations may or may not be tied to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, there is still uncertainty. As the program continues to develop, Scott suggested that a subcommittee specifically to review design standards and work with the Environmental Division might be beneficial.

G. Committee Requests

- a. There was discussion of the need to visit low-impact development (LID) sites in the County to learn about these techniques. Specifically requested site visits for Matoka ES, Warhill, and New Town.

H. The next meeting will be November 16, 2010 at 3:00 PM, JCC-WBG Community Center

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



Aaron B. Small, Chairman



Frances C. Geissler, Secretary

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR THE STORMWATER BOND REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has requested that a referendum question be placed on the November 2, 2010 ballot to determine the interest of qualified voters of the County on the incurrence of debt by the County in the form of the County's general obligation bonds to finance a portion of the cost of stormwater management projects; and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Program Advisory Committee was established by the Board of Supervisors to provide assistance and advice to the Board and county staff in the development, implementation, and promotion of the County's stormwater program to meet the needs of the citizens of James City County by fulfilling the goals of the Stormwater Program; and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Program Advisory Committee has reviewed and evaluated the proposed stormwater management projects and found them to be necessary in the fulfilling of the goals of the Stormwater Program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Stormwater Program Advisory Committee recommends that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, unanimously endorse and support the passage of the stormwater management bond referendum.

Aaron B. Small, P.E.
Chair,
Stormwater Program Advisory Committee

ATTEST:

Frances C. Geissler
Secretary to the Stormwater Program Advisory Committee

Adopted by the Stormwater Program Advisory Committee of James City County, Virginia,
this 21st day of September 2010.