

A MEETING OF THE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MAY, TWO-THOUSAND TWELVE, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE FREEDOM PARK VISITORS CENTER, 5537 CENTERVILLE RD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Allen Ayers, Stonehouse
Nitant Desai, Powhatan
Phillip Doggett, Stonehouse
Doug Haller, Roberts
Malcolm Martin, Jamestown
Aaron Small, Jamestown
Mary Smallwood, Berkeley
Richard Strenkowski, Berkeley
Bob Winters, Powhatan

Committee Members Absent:

Robin Bledsoe, Jamestown
Charlie Brewster, Roberts
Louis Bott, Jr., Jamestown
Reed Johnson, Roberts
Roger Schmidt, Stonehouse
Richard Strenkowski, Berkeley

Staff Present:

Suzanne Dyba, Water Monitoring Coordinator
Frances Geissler, Stormwater Director
John T.P. Horne, General Services Manager

B. PUBLIC COMMENT –None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The following minutes were offered for approval: March 20, 2012 – Regular meeting of the SPAC– there was no discussion and minutes were approved.

D. STAFF UPDATES – Fran Geissler passed out a copy of the budget summary for Stormwater that was approved by the Board of Supervisors and John Horne gave a synopsis. Stormwater staff feels encouraged about the support by the Board of the County’s stormwater system maintenance needs. Regarding the upcoming Chesapeake Bay TMDL, James City County still needs to know what will be required by the state and federal governments. While all of the monies that were requested to fund capital maintenance projects were approved, the Division received about one-half of what was requested for construction related activities. In this fiscal year, most new County projects will be debt-funded instead of budget-funded. Discussion ensued about the department’s restructure and the capital project priorities set by the Advisory Committee. Discussion turned in the direction of whether or

not the Stormwater Division spent all of the budgeted money for the current fiscal year, which it did, plus reserve money, and where the reserve money comes from.

E. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. **Recognition of Service** – Certificates of recognition and appreciation were handed out to the following committee members for their length of service on the committee: Robin Bledsoe, Doug Haller, John Schmerfeld, and Aaron Small.
- b. **Consideration of New Member Recruitment** – Because some of the members' terms are expiring, discussion began on whether or not the committee should work on recruiting new members, and whether or not to advertise positions. Staff will see whether any new applications have been submitted. If no applicants are readily available, staff will issue a press release advertising the openings and get back to the committee with the results.
- c. **Review of September 2011 Outreach Activities and Recommendations for Future Events**—Discussion ensued as to whether or not the outreach events, including Bark in the Park and the James City County Fair, were well received and whether the SPAC presence had an impact on visitors to the events. The promotional items were very popular and the events were an effective format to get information to people about stormwater issues. There was talk of the possibility of the county having a portable demonstration rain garden to bring to events for educational purposes.
- d. **Consideration of Support for a National Wildlife Foundation Local Government Capacity Building Initiative Application** – The Stormwater Division is applying for a NFWF grant and requested support from the committee. The committee agreed and asked to be included in the project oversight team if the application is successful.
- e. **Consideration of a report to the Board of Supervisors** – Members generally agreed that the Committee should submit a report to the Board of Supervisors summarizing Committee accomplishments for FY12. Staff agreed to put together a list of the committee's accomplishments for the past fiscal year, and an outline summarizing the information will be formalized at the July meeting, and be ready to be presented to the Board at their August meeting.
- f. **JCC PRIDE** – Fran Geissler explained that JCCPRIDE is the County's primary vehicle for environmental outreach and education and it has become the responsibility of the Stormwater division. The JCCPRIDE mini-grants are included in the budget for the next fiscal year. Committee members agreed that they would like to participate in the program. As part of JCCPRIDE, the County's representation for Clean the Bay Day, the volunteer clean-up effort of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will be taken over by the committee in the future.
- g. **Outreach Subcommittee** – The outreach efforts of the Advisory Committee were discussed and the Outreach Presentation was approved. A JCCPRIDE outreach subcommittee was established, consisting of Allen Ayers, Rich Strenkowski, Malcolm Martin, Charlie Brewster, and Phillip Doggitt.

F. Committee Requests – None

G. The next meeting will be July 17, 2012 at 4:00 PM, location TBA

H. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.



Aaron B. Small, Chairman



Frances C. Geissler, Secretary