

A MEETING OF THE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF JULY, TWO-THOUSAND TWELVE, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM OF THE JAMES CITY COUNTY – WILLIAMSBURG LIBRARY, 7770 CROAKER ROAD, WILLIAMSBURG, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 23188.

A. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Allen Ayers, Stonehouse
Charlie Brewster, Roberts
Phillip Doggett, Stonehouse
Malcolm Martin, Jamestown
Roger Schmidt, Stonehouse
Mary Smallwood, Berkeley
Richard Strenkowski, Berkeley

Committee Members Absent:

Louis Bott, Jr., Jamestown
Nitant Desai, Powhatan
Reed Johnson, Roberts
Aaron Small, Jamestown
Bob Winters, Powhatan

Staff Present:

Suzanne Dyba, Water Monitoring Coordinator
Frances Geissler, Stormwater Director
Scott Thomas, Environmental and Resource Protection Director

Members of the Public Present:

Doug Haller, Roberts

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The May 15, 2012 – Regular Meeting of the SPAC minutes were offered for approval:– there was discussion about the fact that SPAC had approved the Committee’s outreach presentation. Minutes were approved with these corrections.

D. Staff Updates

- a. **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)Local Government Capacity Building Initiative Application** – Fran Geissler reported that the application to the NFWF was not successful but that the County has been invited to apply for another NFWF grant along with the Williamsburg Environmental Group. The second grant will fund a portion of the original application and will evaluate county facilities for green infrastructure improvements and other environmental improvements to address water quality issues.
- b. **New State Regulations affecting Local Stormwater Programs** – Fran Geissler passed out a copy of a Department of Conservation and Recreation presentation regarding regulatory updates, and proceeded to summarize the facts for the Committee. She

emphasized that the County's next MS4 Phase II permit will be due July 8, 2013, and it will look very much like a Phase I permit, because the EPA is reviewing the MS4 program and making changes. EPA will want measurable goals, and will establish new baselines for water quality. There are issues around the county receiving credit for outreach efforts, which are not included in the Chesapeake Bay Model. Scott Thomas explained that the new VA Stormwater Management Program regulations include a nutrient trading expansion, and local program implementation, which will affect development practices in James City County.

E. Order of Business

- a. **Consideration of a report to the Board of Supervisors** – Fran passed out the draft memorandum to the Board of Supervisors, summarizing the Committee's activities over the previous fiscal year. Charlie Brewster pointed out that there is no language about the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant not being approved. Fran said she would make the change to the Memorandum saying that the county will be applying for different grant monies. A question was raised about rain gardens in paragraph number three, "Grant Application." It was agreed that the paragraph should be rewritten to include the information that a grant was successful to fund rain garden construction, a second grant proposal was unsuccessful, and a third is in the process. After more discussion, a motion was made to submit the Memorandum to the Board of Supervisors pending changes. After it was seconded, all were in favor.
- b. **FY 13 Planning for JCCPRIDE** – Fran Geissler gave a summary about the county's PRIDE program, Protecting Resources in Delicate Environments. The website is the county's watershed outreach and education tool to reach citizens that have questions or concerns about their environment. A subcommittee will generate the work but the committee-at-large will work together as well. For the PRIDE mini-grants, two meetings are planned - one to review the applications and one to figure out the direction the program is going. For the grants, the Board of Supervisors approved upgrades to BMPs but not any maintenance. Suzanne Dyba gave a summary of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Clean the Bay Day event which James City County will be supporting in FY13, and let the committee members know that their help will be appreciated.
- c. **Outreach Program Implementation** – Allen Ayers spoke to the group about different organizations that might be able to use the outreach presentation the Committee has developed. Another aim of the committee is to have a place the public can go to, to receive routine stormwater and regulatory information. A discussion ensued about the committee doing outreach to kids in the community, possibly through the school system. It was decided that the conversation be continued in an upcoming Pride meeting.

F. Committee Requests – None

G. The next meeting will be September 18, 2012 at 4:00 PM, Freedom Park Meeting Room

H. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm

Aaron B. Small, Chairman

Frances C. Geissler, Secretary