

MEETING MINUTES
MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 22, 2014 – Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Michael Brown, George Kearns, Bob Logan, Dianne Quilty and Steve Vieira

Absent: Ben Petrone (unexcused)

County: Karen Bliss, John Elias, Mike Dallenbach, Dawn Harrison, Tara Musselman, Joanne Vernon and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 P.M. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the March 11, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Citizen Input:

- Mr. Woods, Vice President of the Section 23 POA and member of the Deep Creek S&D MSBU, asked if the scrub jay nesting season is over; the season ends after June 30. Work can't start on phase II until the permits are in hand.

New Business:

- NPDES Presentation – Ms. Bliss, a Storm water Project Manager for the county gave an NPDES presentation which is required by the EPA to meet their criteria for a County wide NPDES permit. The requirements of the permit were explained to the Committee and staff. This is part of the clean water act of 1972. Our permit was received in 2003 and we are currently in our 3rd cycle of the permit.
- Financial Reports - Ms. Harrison distributed the 6 Month Actual Report for review and discussion. Ms. Vernon will follow up on the amount spent on water testing and the amount under real estate services.

Old Business:

- Sunshine Lake Project – Ms. Vernon stated that they are very close to getting a nest removal permit. Some birds have left the nests but others are still present. After the birds leave, the nests will be removed and work can continue. The nests are checked continuously. Mr. Logan in the Engineering Department will determine when the birds have left the nests and the permit will be obtained. The contractor has 14 days to mobilize and re-start the project. Testing sites will be set up again before the rains begin. Currently there are no other obvious stopping blocks. Mr. Vieira stated the lake looks remarkably well and the bottom is visible from the air. There was discussion regarding dead algae spawning another type of algae. This will be included in the testing that will be done by Atkins. Atkins proposed contract will disprove any accusations that were made regarding CCU. Monitoring devices have been installed to monitor the lake after the project is complete. The testing that was done revealed no human fecal matter. The test would have shown human fecal matter present within the past 5 years. Mr. Kearns stated an administrative change order that was processed in January 2013 for \$88,000 to get rid of cattails in the lake; he asked if that change was approved by the BCC. Ms. Vernon explained that it did not go before the BCC for approval because the dollar amount did not exceed 5% of the total cost of the project. This change order was processed at the beginning of the project before the cost increase.
- Atkins is looking at the water in Spring Lake along Edgewater Drive.

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- Desoto Ditch – Ms. Musselman reported on Phase I. The attorney's letter requesting \$74,000 for restocking and freight fees was received. The County agreed to pay the \$74,000. The ACOE permit to move forward with Phase II is being reviewed. There was a meeting today to pick up the specs for review to make sure they don't run into the same problems that were experienced during Phase I. Gopher tortoises for removal will be reviewed by the contractor prior to the beginning of Phase II. Phase II should not be done during the rainy season; it will begin in September. There is no County staff available to remove the tortoises. There was discussion regarding Phase II and how the amount of fill will be monitored to ensure it doesn't run over at the end as it did in Phase I. As soon as the project is started a preliminary survey will be done; once it is cleared the amount should be known. The County is paying for the actual amount removed, not by the truck load. The project is scheduled to begin in September with a completion date in March 2015.
- East/West Ditch – There was discussion regarding the determination of the East/West Ditch. It was brought up to standard and the attorneys have worked it out with the County BCC if the Committee is in agreement with the ditch being accepted. It is scheduled to go before the BCC for approval at the June 10, 2014 meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to recommend that the BCC approve the acceptance of the East/West Ditch into the Mid Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit; the motion was seconded by Mr. Logan with more discussion. Maintenance will be minimal. Easements were discussed between the attorney's and real estate services. Desoto County may have to contribute a portion towards the maintenance. Mr. Vieira is in agreement with moving forward; however he asked to see some of the legal documents and also the costs associated with maintenance. The vote was passed unanimously. Ms. Vernon will forward the requested information to Mr. Vieira

Open Discussion:

- Ms. Quilty, the newly appointed alternate member, introduced herself.
- Mr. Logan started discussion regarding Ditch #1459 or commonly called Snapper Creek. It is a natural slue that runs from Tappanee. The Little Alligator Basin is full of debris and the water can't drain. Mr. Logan asked if it would be prudent to review the area to see if it could be cleaned to allow the water to flow. Mr. Elias stated that the area was looked into recently and found access issues. It goes through to Forrest Nelson and Hwy 41 then flows into the ditch next to the Mid County Library. Mr. Elias stated we will look into it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 2pm Public Works.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09.

Submitted by:

Sandy Wright
Public Works Department