



Stormwater Education



Because We All Live Downstream...

Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium

Jan. 29, 2008 1:00 PM

West Columbia City Hall, New Brookland Room

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MINUTES

Attendance:

Rosemarie Nuzzo (Lexington), Bill Blackston (Clemson), Melisha Shumpert (South Congaree), Natalie McKelvey (Springdale), Viki Moak (Pine Ridge), Sid Varn (West Columbia), Synithia Williams (Lexington County), and Mary Pat Baldauf (Lexington County Recycling Coordinator).

The meeting was held at the New Brookland Room at the West Columbia City Hall. The meeting began at 1:07 PM. Bill Blackston presided over the meeting. All of the attendees introduced themselves.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction; Pat Baldauf should have been listed as Mary Pat Baldauf.

There was an introduction of two new members at the meeting; Melisha Shumpert from South Congaree and Viki Moak from Pine Ridge.

Bill noted that all of the Joint Resolutions were approved. Clemson had decided to use Tuesday, February 26, 2008, @ 11:00 AM for the media kickoff. All of the TV and radio personnel at Clemson will be at the media kickoff along with other local media personnel. The entire event will be taped by Clemson. Bill had a list of all of the local media contacts for each area and was going to contact them. The location of the media kickoff was moved from the City of West Columbia to the Town of Lexington due to certain reasons. Clemson will be at City Hall @ 10:00 AM to get the room set up. A list was passed to each member so that the name of a representative for each entity could be listed. Each entity would have one Municipal Leader to speak and sign the Joint Resolution. Clemson decided that the group would be structured as follows:

A podium would be set up with a table on each side. A Municipal/County leader would represent the group. There would be seven representatives at the table to sign the Joint Resolution. Each member would have two minutes to speak to the press. There would be three good spokespersons that would represent the group and they would spend approximately forty minutes with the media. A copy of the Joint Resolution will be on display for the public.

Sid stated that since the County took the lead on the stormwater issues, it was only fair that a Lexington County representative represent the group. Therefore, it was recommended that the Chairman of the Lexington County Council, Billy Derrick, be the spokesperson for the group. Natalie recommended that Pat Smith be one of the three spokespersons. Sid recommended that Bobby Horton be another one of the spokespersons.

We recommended that Stuart Mungo be a representative for a developer that has done a good job in our area with water quality issues. Cal was going to have a representative from DHEC at the meeting. We did not come up with a third spokesperson or the group nor did we decide on a Conservation Group that could be present. Bill noted that Sue Green, with the Community Open Land Bank Trust, would be a good prospect and would follow up.

Each member of LCSC was to give Bill a copy of a disk with their City Logo (1 to 2 mg) on it. Some disks were given to Bill but not all of them. A table curtain would be put at the tables and each City/Town logo would be attached in front of the table. Bill noted that he would need the logos as as possible.

Bill noted that the LCSC needs to come up with a logo for our group. Synithia passed around certain examples of logos which could be used. Bill urged the members to think of a logo for our group and try to bring some examples to the next meeting. Bill reminded everyone that each member of our group was supposed to designate an at large municipal representative from our area. Only one name was given to him. Several members noted that they had no idea who to recommend.

Bill asked if we need to have refreshments at the media kickoff. Mary and Sid recommended it. Natalie volunteered to bring dough-nuts. Synithia will bring coffee and will also try to come up with some money to buy some drinks, etc.

Bill mentioned that Cal Sawyer may be changing his work responsibilities in the near future to work through Clemson on EPA regional Watersheds.

Bill passed around a list of press contacts from each area for our review.

Synithia has come up with a sign-in sheet for our use. She also noted that we need to meet at least once a month and we needed to get started on a Strategic Plan for the purpose of educating the public about stormwater and water quality issues. Bill noted that his goal would be to build a county-wide consortium that would work in tandem with state goals which could be used to educate the public about these issues. He also noted that if anyone makes a presentation or gives a class, no matter how small it is, they need to document it and furnish this information to him. He would like to get this information by October 1st of each year from each person.

Synithia noted that DHEC postponed the Feb 28, 2008 meeting which was scheduled some time back. She also noted that they were meeting with the Forest Commission to find out what BMP's they were recommending for logging. At present, Lexington County requires that the stumps are to remain in the ground if logging is done on a parcel of land. This practice could change and depends on what the Forest Commission requires. DHEC is not concerned about timbering requirements for our group.

It was decided that we would meet again on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Lexington County Landfill located off of Hwy. 302 at 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 2:30 PM.