

Stormwater Advisory Board  
Tuesday, October 25, 2011 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room D

**Members Present:** Rawlin Booth, Allison Butler, Lawrence Langdale, John Richards, Ron Saunders, Liston Wells

**Members Absent:** Robert Castles, Bob Cline, Diane Creel, David Prince, Raymond Smith

**Staff members present:** Tom Garigen, Tanna Deal, Dave Fuss, Christopher Klement, Karen Fuss, Dr. Susan Libes

Guest Speakers: Christine Ellis, Sue Sledz, Chris Ramaglia, Meghan Amarante

In accordance with the FOIA, a public notice of the meeting was advertised on the Government Access Channel stating the date, time and location of the meeting. Additionally, the meeting was posted on the HCG Website Calendar.

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman John Richards called the meeting to order. Rawlin Booth gave the invocation.

**Public Input:** Al Jordan, President of the Greater Burgess Community Association, commended the Stormwater staff and the Consortium for education presented to the homeowners concerning drainage issues in their community.

**End of Public Input**

**Approval of Minutes for August 30, 2011 – Liston Wells made a motion; seconded by Ron Saunders to accept the minutes. Unanimously approved by the Committee.**

**Discussion Items –**

♦ **Coastal Waccamaw Stormwater Education Consortium: Year 7 Activity Plan –**

Karen Fuss, Consortium Coordinator, Coastal Carolina University, opened the discussion on the education and resources provided by the Consortium. She introduced each speaker present and what their topic of discussion would be.

**Chris Ramaglia, Carolina Clear Agent, Clemson Extension** – His responsibilities as Carolina Clear Agent include BMP/Stormwater Treatment Practices which include development of the SC stormwater pond management website, provides CWSEC website content and updates, education on best management practices regarding pressure washing, and developing info cards to hand out on construction/renovation projects in regard to rinsing into storm drains. He also holds education forums for HOA/POAs and property managers on pond management practices and promotes general stormwater and watershed awareness to local schools as well as communication with SCDHEC on NPDES Phase II permit changes.

**Sue Sledz, Representative for Murrells Inlet 2020 Community Revitalization Group** – This group sponsors the Chowder Talks environmental education, promotes the Spring Tide cleanup in Murrells Inlet and sustains recycling programs for oysters, monofilament fishing line, and glass and plastic bottles in the Murrells Inlet area. They also work with Georgetown County to maintain pet waste bag stations throughout Murrells Inlet and assist in stormwater improvements with the Georgetown County (SWIG) committee.

**Christine Ellis, Waccamaw Riverkeeper** – As Riverkeeper, her responsibilities include water quality monitoring using volunteers and student groups, boat landing cleanups, educating and engaging the public in litter prevention and collection in and along the river.

**Dr. Susan Libes, Waccamaw Watershed Academy, Coastal Carolina University** – The purpose of the Waccamaw Watershed Academy is to meet local needs for expertise in the areas of watershed and wetland science and management. Dr. Libes oversees water quality monitoring in different areas of Horry County. She also provides professional and technical assistance with the Section 208 Plan as needed, SCDHEC on NPDES Phase II permitting, communities grant proposals, Army Corp of Engineers, Crabtree Floodplain Restoration project, OCRM, Conway Water Quality and Drainage Commission, Horry County Stormwater Advisory Board, and provides stormwater education to different organizations. Dr. Libes is also technical advisor for the Withers Swash District Plan.

**Meghan Amarante, Student Intern At Coastal Carolina University** – She discussed the Storm Drain Marking Program which was implemented by two undergraduate students in 2009. CCU students visit schools to educate the students on how important it is to mark the drains and why it is necessary to mark the drains. Data collection from the drains is used to assist maintenance of the drains and to detect illicit discharge.

**Karen Fuss, Consortium Coordinator, Coastal Carolina University** – As Consortium Coordinator, her duties include stormwater education and outreach such as:  
Stormwater on Wheels: targets elected and appointed officials  
Property Managers Workshops: targeting hotels, apartments, condos, HOA and POA Associations

K-12 outreach and education in the public schools in which she promotes and encourages public involvement and participation in creating rain gardens and beach sweeps.

Karen writes and submits a monthly CWSEC E-Newsletter that is available to anyone on line and she also prepares the annual Consortium Activity Plan as well as an annual report for SCDHEC of the activities that the Consortium is involved in.

**SWAB Meeting Schedule – Tom Garigen, Horry County Stormwater Manager** – Due to the decline of member involvement in the monthly stormwater advisory board meetings, Tom proposed that the board meet bi-monthly instead. This proposal was tabled until the next meeting for vote.

Next meeting – January 31, 2012 at 3pm in Room D of the Government & Justice Center.

Vice-Chairman Richards closed the meeting and thanked the members for attending.