

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**June 4, 2013 – Regular Meeting**  
**2:00 p.m. at Public Works Conference Room**

**Attendees:** George Kearns, Bob Logan, Douglas Tucker, and Steve Vieira

**Absent:** Ben Petrone (excused)

**County:** Dawn Harrison, Tara Musselman and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 P.M. with a roll call of members that established a quorum was present.

The status of the Committee members and terms were reviewed. There is one vacancy for a regular member. There was discussion regarding the residential requirements of the position. There have been no volunteers to fill the advertised vacancy for over 12 months. The BCC can approve an appointment that resides within the Unit and outside the designated district.

The minutes from the March 5, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Mr. Vieira requested a project list to verify the funding available to move forward.
- Sunshine Lake/Sunrise Waterway – The project is underway. The Committee is happy with the progress. Citizens are complaining of the debris that is not being taken away. The removal of debris was not included in the original contract; however the contractor has removed at least 3 dumpsters of material from the bottom of the lake. A separate contract will be put out for bid to address the debris. The Committee agrees that this is a phased project that is still underway and the Contractor must be allowed to complete the project before trying to address other items besides the debris. This item has been added to the project list.
- Desoto Ditch – Ms. Musselman reported that scrub jay season will run until July 1, 2013. The Purchasing Department doesn't feel the contract was detailed enough to make the contractor pay for gopher tortoise relocation. There are 38 burrows and 19 tortoises. Environment Services has applied for a permit to relocate them. The first burrow is 10 lots down from where the project stopped at the beginning of scrub jay season. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, the contractor can restart the project and work up to that point without the tortoise permit. The area that was not sodded at the north end of the ditch when the project stopped is now eroding back into the ditch. The contractor will be responsible for fixing this problem at their expense. A letter was received from ACOE stating that phase two of this project will require a permit. The project can start without going south of the dam structures until a consultation is done to research small tooth sawfish issues.
- There was discussion regarding ways to notify residents to re-route their gutter drainage pipes to the front of their properties instead of the back in an attempt to prevent erosion. The ditch has been completed by three houses and erosion is already beginning to show due to the gutter drain pipes never being changed. Mr. Tucker agreed to research options and report back.

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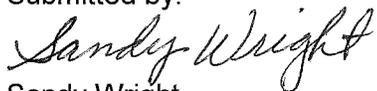
**New Business:**

- East/West Ditch – Members of the Deep Creek POA and Banks Engineering were present to discuss issues with the east/west ditch that are similar to the issues experienced in the north/south ditch. The POA has previously funded cleaning the ditch. Banks Engineering has stated that the ditch is functional and they are working with Ms. Vernon from the Engineering Department and the Attorney's Office regarding the necessary requirements for the County to take over the maintenance of the ditch. A survey will be required to identify what areas of the ditch are located in Desoto County. Ms. Musselman stated a survey was done a few years back. She will research and report back. The Committee members agreed that they have no objections with the POA and Banks Engineering moving forward with their work and reporting back to the Committee with recommendations or requests.
- There was discussion regarding the status of the water control structures on Peachland. There are 6 structures and 3 are complete. The next 3 are scheduled to start in the fall of 2013.
- Budget Reports – The reports were distributed for review and questions. There was discussion regarding the finance discussion that took place in a previous meeting. Mr. Vieira stated that the Committee received \$750,000 in TIF money to put towards the Sunshine Lake Project; so there are funds available in the budget that weren't there before.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Submitted by:



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