

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**January 28, 2015 – Regular Meeting**  
**2:00 p.m. - Public Works Conference Room**

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

**Absent:** Benjamin Petrone (unexcused)

**County:** Roy Benjamin, Mike Dallenbach, Dawn Harrison, Karly Greene, and Joanne Vernon

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. A roll call was taken that established a quorum was present.

The minutes from the October 8, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit):**

- El Jobean struggles with retention pond. Ms. Harrison agreed that this should be included in the agenda.

**Old Business:**

- Desoto Ditch – Mr. Benjamin indicated approximately 4000 LF is completed to date of fill, matting is followed closely behind, sod is put in. Indicated citizen input was received for and against, noted issues with pet wastes and ATV's. Mr. Logan questioned if the ATV was in the area as a one-time event. Mr. Benjamin affirmed and stated one individual wanted his slope investigated and provided Ms. Harrison's information to contact. Ms. Harrison affirmed the information as provided to M&O. Mr. Benjamin affirmed the project is ahead of schedule. Ms. Vernon stated the entire area was cleared to avoid issues with scrub jay season. Mr. Vieira noted citizens have asked why the ditch has not been dredged to navigable depth and questioned plans for the canal. Mr. Benjamin provided details of the existing permit to maintain positive drainage. Ms. Quilty inquired as to where citizens should mow to. Mr. Benjamin affirmed he has advised citizens to mow up to the edge of their property lines and the County is working closely with the Homeowners Association. Mr. Kearns requested clarification that the project would be completed prior to the next scrub jay season. Mr. Benjamin stated the project may not be completed prior to but will have no effect on the season. Jay Carlson, Section 23 Property Owner Association Manager, expressed his belief that the project has come together well, noted early complaints received, thanked all involved, and affirmed the Association is working closely with the MSBU for mowing.
- Sunshine Lake Project – Ms. Vernon stated the algae removal is complete, the site is currently being restored, the management report would be received in the near future, noted the weir project and recharge wells project will be put out to bid shortly. Mr. Vieira questioned if the projects would be completed in the current year and asked about the water quality. Ms. Vernon stated the projects would begin this year and stated the water quality is good. Mr. Vieira spoke about the increase of the recharge well sending contaminants out of the Lake. Ms. Vernon affirmed and indicated aerators or floating islands could be included within the project. Mr. Logan asked if the contractor is still on site. Ms. Vernon confirmed that the contractor remained on site for restoration purposes. Mr. Kearns noted authorization was given for an additional \$25,000.00 for Atkins and questioned if the report was received. Ms. Vernon stated the work has not yet been done, indicated by the time the BCC gave approval the timeframe was not appropriate for testing as it was winter. Mr. Kearns commented on phosphorous related to algae blooms and asked if there was anything that could be done for the phosphate beds. Ms. Vernon noted she was unsure if there was anything that could be done but solutions could be included within the report. Mr. Kearns asked for clarification of when the report would be received. Ms. Vernon estimated within a few weeks. Mr. Vieira commented on phosphate beds not being included within Sunshine Lake. Mr. Logan asked of any negative

impacts that could occur to Sunshine Lake related to the redevelopment projects of the area. Ms. Vernon stated there should be no impacts to the area.

#### **New Business:**

- Sturkie Avenue – Joseph Derado, provided detail of the Sturkie Avenue area, displayed photographs of the area, noted tidal water comes onto his property, indicated the area has been reviewed in the past. Mr. Vieira questioned if a project was approved in the area and expressed his belief that a kayak ramp was approved. Ms. Vernon affirmed the area has been reviewed, there was a SWFWMD permit, noted the issue related to high tide, and discussed options for resolution. Mr. Logan questioned the average elevation of the area. Mr. Derado stated the project that was done did not improve the issue even when it was first installed; he has attempted to get the area cleaned out regularly. Ms. Vernon indicated the area is under a SWFWMD permit, and it must be as is per the permit, and the issue is throughout the El Jobean area. Mr. Derado indicated the issues are problematic in rainy season, he provided detail of past culvert pipes that were installation, and noted past conversations with Tim Free and Hector Flores. Ms. Quilty indicated a FEMA Grant is available for raising homes. Mr. Derado suggested that a wall be built higher and the water be pumped out. Ms. Harrison questioned if the drains could be made higher. Ms. Vernon stated a permit would not be given for that type of work, indicated Mr. Derado was asked to come to the meeting for a funding source. Ms. Peterson stated her understanding is that when the new bridge installed it caused changes to drainage in this area. Mr. Kearns suggested the area be reviewed and asked Ms. Vernon's for recommendation. Ms. Vernon recommended that an outside study be conducted. Mr. Logan indicated a bandage should not be placed on the issue and asked of an estimated cost of a study. Mr. Vieira agreed that a solution should be sought out and proactive measures should be taken. Ms. Vernon suggested a feasibility study be conducted at an estimated cost. Mr. Vieira suggested a not-to-exceed amount be agreed upon. Ms. Harrison suggested \$50,000.00. Mr. Logan questioned what should be included in the feasibility study. Ms. Vernon stated the entire drainage area should be included. Mr. Kearns motioned that the Mid Charlotte Stormwater Utility expand up to \$50,000.00 for a comprehensive feasibility study for any and all drainage problems northeast of the El Jobean Bridge, seconded by Ms. Quilty. Discussion occurred related to location. Mr. Kearns amended his motion to include a Charlotte County GIS Map dated January 28, 2015 included and incorporated in the motion, seconded by Ms. Quilty and passed unanimously.

Mr. Derado questioned what he should do to get the area cleaned on a regular basis. Mr. Dallenbach indicated a work order would be initiated. Ms. Harrison stated a request could be conducted via the website. Mr. Derado asked when the study would be conducted. Ms. Vernon indicated a study could be conducted within a couple of months.

- Field Work & Progress & Upcoming – Ms. Harrison provided a list of the open work request for the Committee to review and indicated most were recurring requests.
- Financial Reports – Ms. Lisby stated \$50,000.00 would be under Contract Services – Other and affirmed she would speak with Ms. Rohmer-Free regarding the matter. Mr. Kearns requested clarification of Maintenance Services and Central and Direct Allocations. Ms. Lisby stated Maintenance service includes in-house labor, and small portion of contract services including a staff member working with them. Mr. Kearns asked if it was the total of maintenance services for Public Works and asked the number of MSBUs. Ms. Vernon stated the MSBU for Mid Charlotte Stormwater Utility is very large. Mr. Kearns asked what the TMDL is and asked if other stormwater utilities were also charged. Ms. Vernon replied that it is related to DEP, noted funds were currently not being expended, stated funds would also be budgeted as DEP Schedules are unknown, and affirmed the other stormwater utilities were charged. Ms. Quilty commented on DEP funding and asked if it was a fixed amount and if the project would eventually end or morph into another project. Ms. Vernon stated there is a number of water bodies within the County on the impaired list, noted that when DEP notifies us as to what water body are being worked on a best management practice plan is formed, and indicated monies would eventually be expended. Mr. Vieira questioned Sunset and Forest Nelson project. Ms. Vernon stated that project and the Dorchester Project were completed. Mr. Kearns asked for the details related to the Menzie Muck Activity. Mr. Dallenbach stated the cost is assigned per square feet for Menzie Muck work. Ms.

Lisby affirmed that the budgeted amount includes the total cost of the work. Ms. Vernon indicated Parkside members are requesting that decorative railings to be installed on the Gertrude Bridge the Change Order would be paid through Parkside funding. Mr. Kearns asked the definition of ROW. Mr. Dallenbach indicated the acronym stood for Right-of-Way.

- Mr. Vieira indicated he has provided his letter of resignation to the Committee.
- Election of Chair & Vice Chair – Ms. Quilty nominated Mr. Logan as Chair, there were no other nominations, and Mr. Logan accepted the position. Mr. Petrone nominated Mr. Kearns as Vice Chair, there were no other nominations, and Mr. Kearns accepted the position.

**Open Discussion:**

- Mr. Kearns recalled the Mid Charlotte Stormwater Utility is charged with the maintenance of the East / West Ditch, noted the BCC recently approved the plat plan for a commercial and residential development starting at I-75 to Kingsway Country Club, commented on ongoing meetings to change the zoning to place 999 mixed units, stated there is going to be a lot of blacktop and parking areas, noted erosion and maintenance costs would increase, expressed his opposition that the Mid Charlotte Stormwater Utility to cover the entire costs of the maintenance, asked that Administration commence dialogue with Desoto County, commented that February 10 is a continuation of a December meeting and should be attended by Charlotte County, mentioned Deep Creek Section 20, a 15 page analysis, and inquired on what could be done to protect the County and MSBU. Ms. Vernon stated any development that takes place would be required to receive a SWFWMD permit, noted the Ditch should not receive any additional water, and affirmed her meeting with Kelly Shoemaker to discuss approaching Desoto County to ensure they pay their portion of maintenance of the ditch. Mr. Kearns inquired how the water flow is calculated by Charlotte or Desoto County. Ms. Vernon confirmed there are specialized calculations used. Mr. Vieira indicated the development was filed purposely at 999 units to avoid activating a DRI, questioned if SWFWMD had to give final approval. Ms. Vernon affirmed. Discussion continued related to the developments, Kingsway Circle, impact fees, the age of roads in Deep Creek, and the recent Harbour Heights Community Meeting.
- Ms. Quilty questioned the status of her inquiry of the Niagara Waterway and the other waterway becoming green. Ms. Vernon stated the areas are being reviewed and as the information is received it will be presented to the Committee.
- Mr. Logan spoke about Snapper Creek basin project. Ms. Vernon stated a pre-application meeting occurred.

**Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (5 Minute Limit):**

- None.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Works Conference room. Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Works Conference room. Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Works Conference room. Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Works Conference room.

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

Submitted by:

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**CHARLOTTE COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION  
MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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