

**MEETING NOTES**  
**WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**June 12, 2012**  
**10:00 a.m. at San Casa Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Laren Armstrong, Henry Killion, Glynn Perkins, Granville Pennypacker, Stanley Plizga, and Scott Schermerhorn

**County:** Judith Nothdurft, Joanne Vernon, Sandy Wright

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

- Status of Committee members' terms was reviewed noting that Mr. Armstrong's term will be expiring in July. There were questions and discussion about the term limits stated in the Ordinance.
- The notes from the May 29, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.
- There was discussion regarding the list of questions that was generated from the last meeting. Ms. Vernon reviewed the list and answered additional questions.
- The Total Maximum Daily Load Program – Ms. Vernon explained that this process puts water onto the impaired water list. Gottfried Creek and East Branch of Coral Creek are on the list. "Programs and Projects" are put into action to help address the parameters. Education is considered a project. The Committee is responsible for their part of the action plan. Funds are being budgeted in case they are needed to address the actions plan. Representatives from Charlotte County, Sarasota County and DEP met and walked the sites. A plan is being developed. The models will reflect the amount of funding for which each agency will be responsible. Mr. Schermerhorn asked why DEP is still using the old testing process instead of adopting the Federal guidelines and Ms. Vernon responded that the County abides by the state testing requirements. The plans being developed will be for all of the stake holders who will be responsible for fulfilling their portion of the plan.
- There was discussion regarding the Newgate Waterway. Mr. Pennypacker made a motion to clean out the Newgate Waterway and illuminate the silt islands that are east of the weir. The motion was seconded by Mr. Armstrong and passed unanimously. Ms. Nothdurft will ask M&O to oversee and hire a contractor for the project.
- There was discussion regarding the Holton Extension. Mr. Armstrong made a motion to clean out the vegetation growth. Mr. Pennypacker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Engineering Department will oversee and hire a contractor for the project.
- There was discussion regarding the photos showing severe vegetation growth in South Gulf Cove off San Domingo. M&O does not have the proper equipment to address this problem. The project will have to be handled by a contractor with the necessary equipment. Mr. Killion made a motion to hire a contractor to clear the vegetation out of the San Domingo Ditch. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perkins and passed unanimously.

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- There was discussion regarding water samplings. Currently there is no water sampling of the outfalls taking place. Ms. Vernon stated that Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) provides the funding for the testing that is done by Benchmark Laboratories. The charges on the budget report are for the Project Manager's time. The Committee wants to know the number of outfalls.
- Aquatic and SWFWMD inspections are required for the permit. A report has to be sent to SWFWMD once per year by all storm water facilities.
- There was discussion regarding the responsibilities of the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility vs. the Street & Drainage MSBUs. The last cleaning of the weirs was charged to the Englewood East MSBU. Ms. Vernon will investigate. Swales in Rotonda are the responsibility of the Street & Drainage MSBU. Mr. Gallagher from the Legal Department stated that currently the greenbelts are the responsibility of the Home Owners Association (HOA). The main Rotonda River is considered West Charlotte Stormwater's responsibility with the finger canals being the responsibility of Street & Drainage. A legal determination has not been rendered; however, the Committee can pay to have legal work performed to determine the responsibility between the Street & Drainage Committee versus the West County Stormwater Utility Committee.
- The Coral Creek Restoration Project does not address the area by the dam. Ms. Vernon stated that the project will begin this fall.
- Committee members asked if there are any major County plans that would require funding from this MSBU. Ms. Vernon said the clean out of Oyster Creek is done every 2-3 years and was just completed last year. Currently there are no projects pending.
- There are enough funds in reserve to cover the cost of the three motions that were passed during this meeting.
- Ms. Nothdurft pointed out that the line item for \$5000 in the 2012 budget for Lock Maintenance has been removed and the funds will be incorporated into the reserves. Mr. Killion made a motion to accept the 2013 budget with this change. The motion was seconded by Mr. Plizga and passed unanimously.
- The next meeting date will be Tuesday September 18, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.