

MINUTES OF THE ARANSAS COUNTY
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 11, 2010

On the 11th day of January, 2010, the Stormwater Advisory Committee met at 1:30 PM at the Aransas County Service Center, 1931 FM 2165, Rockport, Texas with the following members present: De McLallen, Curtis Attaway, Frank Reilly, Russell Cole, Pat McKelvey and Charles Smith. Earl Matthew, Nan Jackson and Ray Kirkwood, from the technical committee, were present. Representing the County's SWM Consultant team were John Michael (NEI), Craig Thompson (NEI), Dave Sullivan (NEI), Paul Lippke (LCR), Linda Pechacek (LDP) and Charles Rowney (LDP). Dennis King, with the City Rockport was present. Representing the County Engineering staff were David Vyoral and David Reid. Also present was Greg Harlan, Tom Callan and Commissioner Casterline.

1. Meeting was opened and a quorum was declared by De McLallen.
2. Minutes from the December 7, 2009 meeting were approved.
3. Work Authorization No. 2 is approximately 42% complete. URS continues to work on Hydrology for the County other than Tule Watershed. Hydrologic models for 12 watersheds should be complete this week. Tule model is essential complete. LCR will begin analyzing proposed improvements and working with the water quality group (LDP) to model proposed BMPs.
4. Charles Rowney discussed water quality opportunities/constraints in the Tule watershed.
 - a. Tule watershed has numerous valued resources and eco-communities that should be protected.
 - b. Locations for BMPs are limited; however, 5 locations are identified for consideration.
 - c. Tule Marsh West is located in a position that will enable capture of most flows from the watershed before discharge to Little Bay. However, it already functions as a BMP and supports a stable ecosystem. The emphasis should be to maintain the status quo. Removal of exotic invasive species is possible provided that comparable ecosystem and BMP functionality are maintained.
 - d. West Tule Creek lacks the required right-of-way and elevation difference for a meaningful BMP. Architectural changes can be made to prevent further deterioration and enhance aesthetics.
 - e. Tule North has a good potential for off-line BMPs. It is positioned near a hydraulically constrained section of the creek and needs a design that takes the constraint into account.
 - f. Transfer Station is identified as a potential source of pollutants that should be controlled on-site before runoff is released.
 - g. Tule Marsh East, located near the downstream part of the watershed, is ideally suited to capture contaminants before discharge into Little Bay. It can be designed as wetlands or semi-wild birding site as well as a BMP.
 - h. Dr. Rowney emphasized that the Tule ecosystem was dependant on the continuous discharge from the treatment plant and a diversion of this flow could have a negative impact.

5. Craig Thompson presented a change order request on behalf of LCR for additional fees in the amount of \$42,000. Paul Lippke explained the additional fees are due to an extension of the watershed area and additional coordination with URS. Commissioner Smith made a motion that the committee recommends to the Commissioners' Court that the change order be accepted. Pat McKelvey seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
6. Mr. Reid presented a letter from the CMP Grant Coordinator stating the Henderson Tract Acquisition grant application was recommended for funding by staff. Final award decisions will be made at their next meeting. Greg Harlan presented three grant opportunities for consideration. Commissioner Smith suggested that without completed recommendations from the final Master Plan we should wait on pursuing any additional grants. The committee was in agreement and no action was taken.
7. Mr. Reid suggested that it was time to plan the next public workshop to present master plan status and recommendations. Monday, March 8, 2010, was identified as best time.
8. An organizational meeting of a technical sub-committee will meet during the week of January 18, 2010. Mr. Reid will schedule the time and date.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David J. Reid', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

David J. Reid, P.E.
Assistant County Engineer