

MINUTES OF THE ARANSAS COUNTY
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 2, 2010

On the 2nd day of August, 2010, the Stormwater Advisory Committee met at 3:30 PM at the Aransas County Service Center, 1931 FM 2165, Rockport, Texas with the following members present: De McLallen, Charles Smith, Pat McKelvey, and Curtis Attaway. Representing the County's SWM Consultant team were Craig Thompson (NEI), Dave Sullivan (NEI) Paul Lippke (LCR), Charles Rowney (LDP) and Linda Pechacek (LDP). Representing the County Engineering staff were David Vyoral and David Reid. Also present were Adelaide Marlatt (City of Rockport), Nan Jackson, and Ray Kirkwood.

1. Meeting was opened and a quorum was declared by De McLallen.
2. Minutes from the July 6, 2010 meeting were approved.
3. NEI is working toward wrapping up the last few items on Work Authorization #2. Most of effort last month was focused on the Tule Report. Commissioner Smith asked if the City of Rockport was moving toward adopting County Stormwater Management criteria. Mr. Lippke stated that the City has concerns that County criteria were impractical in some areas of the City. He suggested that the City may add some elements of the County criteria without adopting the County criteria in its entirety.
4. The revised Tule Creek Watershed report was distributed. Committee members were asked to review the report and forward comments to David Reid. Commissioner Smith asked if there were priorities identified for recommended projects. Mr. Thompson referenced Section 9 and pointed out that priorities were based on Tule Creek only and would be reevaluated when other watersheds were analyzed.
5. Mr. Sullivan presented the proposed scope for the Tule project for which TCEQ funds will be used. The project will create a long narrow pond west of SH 35. The narrowness of the pond is an attempt to minimize the impact on the forested wetlands that was once Tule Lake. NEI stressed that, in the view of several agencies, this forested wetlands is an important ecological habitat. There was much discussion on the importance of preserving the forested wetlands at the expense of creating a larger sediment pond. Commissioner Smith expressed his understanding that the City prefers to recreate Tule Lake and pointed out that the City owns the property. Mr. Lippke expressed a preference for a larger sedimentation pond (even at the expense of the forested wetlands) since this is one of the few areas in the Tule watershed we have to work with for sedimentation catchment. He also suggested more detailed cross sections to show normal pool elevations and water surface elevations for various storm events would be beneficial in explaining to the Rockport City Council what and why this project is recommended. NEI will prepare cross sections for the next City Council workshop.
6. Dr. Rowney presented his proposal to develop BMP selection software. The total cost, including data collection, development and testing, would be \$42,000. Mr. Lippke stated that he didn't think the City of Rockport would be interested in using this tool. He didn't think there was enough development to warrant its use. Commissioner Smith suggested that the committee review the proposal and discuss it further at the next meeting.
7. Mr. Reid discussed a proposed revision to the subdivision regulations which would require PUD subdivisions to dedicate a percentage of their property as green space. The percentage would increase as the proposed density of the subdivision increases. Mr. Lippke suggested there be a "fee in lieu" option. Commissioner Smith suggested that the committee review the proposed document and discuss further at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM



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