On the 6th day of July, 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, Frank Reilly, Pat McKelvey, and Russell Cole. Representing the County’s SWM Consultant team were John Michael (NEI), Craig Thompson (NEI), Dave Sullivan (NEI) and Linda Pechacek (LDP). Representing the County Engineering staff was David Reid. Also present were Tom Blazek and Dennis King (City of Rockport), Bubba Casterline (County Commissioner), Tom Callan, Nan Jackson, Earl Mathew, Ray Kirkwood and Greg Harlan

1. Meeting was opened and a quorum was declared by De McLallen.

2. Minutes from the June 15, 2010 meeting were approved.

3. Work Authorization #2 is approximately 91% complete. Mr. Thompson stated that work on 12 watersheds is continuing. Mr. Reilly asked how spillage from one watershed to an adjacent watershed is analyzed. Mr. Michael explained that it is difficult.

4. Mr. Reid opened a discussion of current and upcoming grants. The County has received and reviewed the work plan for the CMP grant (Henderson Tract) and found no issues. Mr. Reid will respond to the GLO that the we are in agreement with the work plan. The County has a contract with the TCEQ that needs to be revised to incorporate recommendations from the Tule Watershed report. The deadline for ‘09/’10 CIAP projects are the end of July (competitive) and the end of September (allocated). The County should have public hearings if we intend to submit a plan for either grant. Several projects were discussed as potential CIAP projects. Mr. Reilly made the motion (seconded by Mr. McKelvey) that the committee recommend to the Commissioners’ Court that we submit a CIAP plan to construct culverts at the south end of Little Bay to improve water exchange and/or proceed with the Mesquite Bypass project (identified in the Tule Watershed report). The Motion was approved. Mr. Reilly moved (seconded by Mr. McKelvey) that the Committee recommends to the Commissioners’ Court that the County submit a CIAP complete plan purchase the Big Tree Ranch as a nature preserve. The Motion was approved. Mr. Sullivan will discuss this with Texas Parks & Wildlife as a potential partner. The County will only move forward with this plan if Parks & Wildlife is interested in this project.

5. Mr. McLallen discussed a meeting he attended with the Technical Committee and Mr. Sullivan (NEI) regarding the Tule Watershed report. He characterized the meeting as productive; with the end result being that NEI will revise the format of the report, add more detail to their recommendation process and consider other alternative/interim projects identified by the Technical Committee. Mr. Reid pointed out that the TCEQ grant was for a $235,000 construction project and we needed a project that cost that amount or needed additional funding to complete one of the projects identified in the report. Mr. Thompson stated that NEI will identify a project that is consistent with their recommendations, qualifies under the grant criteria and cost the approximate amount of the grant. Mr. Thompson stated that the Tule report revisions would be complete by the next committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM

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