

STORMWATER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 17, 2008
7:00 P.M.
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, CURRITUCK, NC

The Stormwater Advisory Board held a public meeting Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., Historic Courthouse. The following members were present: Harold Capps, Charlie Dozier, Wade Morgan, Jerry Old. Don Cheek was absent. Mike Doxey, Kim Ferrell (Soil & Water Conservation) and Eric Weatherly (County Engineer) were also present. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Old.

Minutes – Charlie Dozier made a motion to approve minutes of November, 2007; January 2008 and May 2008. Motion was seconded by Wade Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.

Coastal Stormwater Rules Update – Eric Weatherly passed out handouts outlining the proposed changes affecting Stormwater requirements. These changes will be effective October 1, 2008. Mike Doxey added the county also has Stormwater regulations in place that are stricter than the State requirements.

County Stormwater Ordinances & PHR & A Engineering Firm – Eric Weatherly reported the Board of Commissioners has approved the requests for drainage ordinance (\$32,000) and county ditch maintenance (\$30,000). Mr. Weatherly recommended to the board that PH R & A Firm actually do the work for the drainage ordinance. Mr. Old questioned whether they would provide a scope of services. Mr. Weatherly stated they will provide a scope of services and it will be reviewed before committing to doing business with the firm. Mr. Doxey added that Pasquotank County has sent their drainage ordinance out to the area engineers to be reviewed.

Budget for County Maintenance and Projects – Swain’s Lane Ditch #1 – Mike Doxey gave a brief overview of the drainage problems within the Swain’s Lane area (Barco). Several lots are located within a minor subdivision and drainage is very poor due to lack of maintenance on ditches in the area. Mr. Doxey will speak with Department of Transportation to see if they will be willing to provide assistance with ditch maintenance. One option is to have landowners pay a percentage of the maintenance. Mr. Old suggested establishing a drainage district to access value on the lots over a 3 year period, county would front the money and collect taxes later. Mr. Dozier questioned how a drainage district is established. Mr. Doxey stated the watershed is defined, there is a public hearing by the Board of Commissioners and a value of so many cents per \$100 valuation is placed on each property within that watershed. Taxes are collected on a yearly basis for ditch maintenance. Another option is to establish a one time “special use district”. This is where money is collected one time to clean out the ditches. Landowners would have to be in agreement for this to work. Mr. Doxey stated he would talk to landowners in the area and see if they would support a drainage district. Mr. Old questioned ACOE permits. Mr. Doxey stated the Corps did not object to ditch maintenance if the digging did not go any deeper or wider than the original ditch.

Update on Whalehead Drainage Project – Eric Weatherly gave update on Whalehead drainage stating the east/west streets have been turned over to the County. There will be a 4 cent tax assessed that will generate about 3.5 million dollars. There are some ownership issues with regards to the stormwater ponds. In an emergency situation (14” on road or in the houses) the county can pump Stormwater to the ocean.

Reminder – Next stormwater advisory board meeting will be held September 18, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. (Historic Courthouse, small conference room).

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Old

Jerry Old, Chairman

Kim D. Ferrell

Kim D. Ferrell, Recording Secretary

*This was a paid meeting