

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 20, 2010

Location: Huntington Building
Conference Room
900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Opening: Chairman Vance called the meeting to order to order at 8:29 a.m.

In Attendance marked in bold

Members:

Dewaine Beisner

Derek Daniels

Michael Daniels

John Easley

Jerry Farris, Vice-Chair

Barry Phillips

Betty Shaw

John Street

Gene Vance, Chairman

Rick Wyatt

Dennis Zolper

Officials & Staff:

Harold Perrin - Mayor

Otis Spriggs - Director of Planning & Zoning

Craig Light – Chief City Engineer

Travis Fischer – Stormwater Engineer

Joe McKeel – Stormwater Inspector

Tracey Cooper - Secretary

Also in Attendance:

Floyd Lemm

Harold Carter

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes for the November 18, 2009, Stormwater Management Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Street and seconded by Phillips. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Light explained that six members of the Board will rotate of on April 30, 2010. Light ask that if anyone was interested in continuing to serve to please give notification. The Mayor will appoint the Board members.

Light explained the drainage projects to be done in 2010. The projects are Oak Hill Terrace, Race Street, and miscellaneous drainage projects. Light stated that Oak Hill Terrace was one of the original “hot spot” areas and that the property has already been acquired. The miscellaneous drainage consists of six small projects (Darrick Circle,

Mays Road, Brownstone – Phase II, Stadium Blvd. – Fletcher Dodge, Kersey Lane, and Leslie Ann/Marzee Ann). The approximate cost for each of the projects is approximately \$15,000. The projects will be Design-Build Projects.

Ditch Maintenance for 2010 was discussed. The City's goal for 2010 is to complete 17 miles of ditches using City forces and 1.4 miles using State Convicts. The schedule is dependent on the weather. Street questioned the spraying schedule and if that would help with the maintenance. Light stated that the plan is to start spraying in the Spring. Zolper questioned the timeframe for re-cleaning ditches. Light stated it depends but that the ditch cleaning was being kept by year in GIS.

There was a discussion on 2010 planning. Light ask what the Board proposed to do over the next five years. Light suggested mirroring how the MPO is set up (Policy Committee and Technical Committee). MPO has a public participation plan. Something of this nature would allow more public input into what work the City schedules. Vance suggested that the restructuring of the Board be discussed at the March meeting. He ask that recommendations be made on the number of members and what the function would be. Light again suggested adopting the MPO model but naming the committees: Transportation and Drainage.

Light stated that 2011 planning needs to start now. Light stated that the City is in negotiations with the Corps of Engineers to develop a 25-year plan. Light stated that the City's contribution could an in-kind contribution. The goal is the have a Master Plan for the City.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Light stated that he has a draft copy of the Vegetative Management Study. He said it will not be distributed until it is reviewed by him and Dr. Farris. The pilot plots will be laid out by March and spraying is scheduled to begin in the Spring.

Light stated that he met with the Corps of Engineers on Friday, January 15th. There will be an agreement to the City by February 12th for review.

Fischer stated that the City had given a presentation to the Home Builders Association and had provided a sample of a SWPPP.

Fischer stated that he had spoken with Michael Baker and the DFIRM will be out in approximately 2 – 3 weeks with a January date. Light stated there will be a public meeting scheduled and a 90 day comment period. Fischer stated everything should be finalized by early next year.

Light stated the Maintenance Agreement has been updated based on what the current ordinance says. There was discussion regarding the execution of the agreement. Vance suggested asking the City Attorney his opinion regarding the execution and bringing

those suggestions and recommendations to the next meeting.

Light stated that George Johnson suggested having a county-wide meeting to look at long-range planning for drainage. It was also suggested making this a yearly meeting. Light stated that meetings of this type would allow for more communication between drainage districts.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Vance adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.