

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** July 20, 2011

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

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Opening:** Chairman Zolper called the meeting to order to order at 8:30 a.m.

In Attendance marked in bold

**Members:**

**Dewaine Beisner, Vice-Chairman**  
**Charles Coleman**  
Derek Daniels  
**Michael Daniels**  
**Darrel Dover**  
Jerry Farris  
Garry Meadows  
**Barry Phillips**  
Rick Tubbs  
**Rick Wyatt**  
**Dennis Zolper, Chairman**

**Officials & Staff:**

Harold Perrin - Mayor  
**Otis Spriggs - Director of Planning & Zoning**  
**Craig Light – Chief City Engineer**  
**Eric Scarbrough, Stormwater Engineer**  
Joe McKeel – Stormwater Inspector  
**Tracey Cooper - Secretary**

**Also in Attendance:**

**Carlos Wood**  
**James Best**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Minutes for the April 20, 2011, Stormwater Management Board Meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Wyatt and seconded by Coleman. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Wyatt is in the process of setting up a meeting regarding the drainage districts.

Light stated that the Corp project was put on hold because of flooding on the Mississippi River but they are ready to start work on the Jonesboro project.

Light explained the Adopt-a-Street program was approved by the City Council and the Adopt-a-Stream program would be a similar program. The information used for the Adopt-a-Street can be modified for drainage. Daniels made a motion to recommend to the City Council to proceed with the Adopt-a-Stream program similar to the Adopt-a-Street program previously approved. Beiser seconded. All votes Aye.

Light stated that storm lid contest has been put on hold due to the increased workload of

the Engineering Department during construction season.

Light stated that he has talked to the Mayor and the Revenue Enhancement Committee has been provided the same information given to the Board regarding setting up a Stormwater utility. Light stated that he got positive feedback for the Mayor and the Committee. It will take at least a year before any fees can be collected. Phillips made a motion to move forward with a plan for a stormwater utility and a stormwater utility division to sent to the City Council. Coleman seconded. All voted Aye.

Light stated that items related to stormwater in the Jonesboro Vision 2030 will be brought to the Board. There are currently no items to discuss. Spriggs invited the Board to the next Jonesboro Vision 2030 meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. in the Huntington Building Conference Room.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Best Manufacturing was granted a 1 ft. variance for a proposed expansion at the last meeting. Since that time, the company has proposed floodproofing the entire building. They are requesting a variance to drop the floodproofing requirement from 3 ft. above the BFE to 1 ft. above the BFE. Light stated there were no objections to this request. Wyatt made a motion to grant a variance to Best Manufacturing to allow floodproofing 1 ft. above the BFE. Phillips seconded. All voted Aye.

Light explained that in the review of site plans for the redevelopment of existing developments, a credit has been given for impervious area. There is nothing in writing that allows for this credit. Zolper requested that 2 – 3 ordinances regarding the redevelopment be prepared for the Board’s review. Light will come up with a percentage that is fair.

Currently, it takes at least a month for a Maintenance Agreement to be approved by the City Council. The Plat and the Maintenance Agreement are filed together and cannot be filed until the Maintenance Agreement is approved. Therefore, the sale of lots is delayed. Light stated the process has been looked at and one solution was to passed an ordinance referencing the Maintenance Agreement and have the Developer sign an “Acknowledgement” on the Plat. There was a discussion regarding how the situation should be handled because everyone was in agreement that there was an issue with the amount of time the current process requires. Zolper suggested a resolution be prepared to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all Maintenance Agreements approved by the City Engineer and City Attorney.

Light explained that while reviewing the Floodplain Ordinance it was discovered that floodproofing was 3 ft. above the BFE and it should be 2 ft. above the BFE. The ordinance will just correct an oversight. Wyatt made a motion to change the floodproofing requirement from 3 ft. above the BFE to 2 ft. above the BFE. Daniels seconded. All voted Aye.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 17th, at 8:30 a.m.

**VI. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

The Arkansas Floodplain Management Association (AFMA) fall conference will be held in Eureka Springs on September 25 – 28.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Zolper adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.