

2-23-2023

Meeting Minutes:

BWB Citizens Stormwater Advisory Group

Date: Feb 21, 2023

Location: Zivan Office, Meeting Room, 4540 Highway 20, BWB

Meeting started 4:30 PM and adjourned 5:30 PM

Attendees (see attached POC information)

Tom Hanks

Karen Doyle

Tom Dwyer

Joe Testa

Rick Andujar

Discussion:

This is an ad hoc BWB citizens group formed to investigate and advocate for the long-term management and maintenance of BWB public and private stormwater infrastructure. As such, Bluewater United Foundation (BUF) (a community Non-Profit) will support the group by providing a page on the BUF website to aid in organization and digital storage of the groups reference material.

The group's name and mission were agreed to be:

NAME: BWB Citizens Stormwater Advisory Group

MISSION: The BWB Citizens Stormwater Advisory Group (CSAG) seeks to unite the BWB community and facilitate cooperation between Okaloosa County, BWB land owners/developers, existing BWB HOAs, and BWB lot owners to identify the elements of BWB stormwater infrastructure, evaluate the existing BWB Stormwater Management System, and determine whether to then develop and implement a BWB Stormwater Management Plan, a BWB Stormwater Management System Benefit Area/Utility or other organization to manage and maintain BWB stormwater infrastructure. In doing so, the group intends to reach out to all stormwater infrastructure owners and BWB stakeholders to explore community interest and funding options.

Goals:

1. Identify BWB stormwater infrastructure and develop a database of owners POC information. If possible, use GIS to manage this data.

2. Advocate for, and/or conduct, a “wellness” survey of all BWB stormwater infrastructure elements that evaluates each element’s existing capability against its “as designed” capability and provides an estimate of its remaining usable life.
3. Conduct community outreach and education on the implementation of a BWB stormwater management system based on results of goals 1 and 2.

Actions:

1. Karen Doyle: Continue capture of BWB stormwater infrastructure owner POC data. Distribute sample data to group members.
2. Rick Andujar: Collect BWB stormwater plans/plat information, etc.
3. Joe Testa: Attend BWB MSBU March Budget Workshop meeting and advocate for 2024 budget to conduct a BWB “Stormwater Wellness Survey”
4. Joe Testa: Research AVCON stormwater study associated with Curacao St stormwater repair.
5. Tom Hanks/Jerry Zivan: Collect BWB master stormwater plans/plat information, etc.
6. Tom Dwyer: Research FL State and EPA stormwater law and funding opportunities.
7. Kara Willis: Investigate stormwater/conservation grant opportunities.

Next Meeting:

4:30 PM, Zivan Office, April 11, 2023, prior to MSBU meeting (second Tuesday of each month)

Thank You,
Joe Testa
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