



MINUTES OF THE
STORM WATER APPEALS BOARD (SWAB)
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

1. **OPENING** – The Williamson County Storm Water Appeals Board met in regular session Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. via GoToMeeting, online video conferencing.

Chairman Reese called the meeting to order and asked Floyd Heflin to call the roll and a quorum was present.

A motion to conduct the Storm Water Appeals Board meeting electronically due to the necessity caused by the COVID-19 crisis was made by Brad Hoot. The motion was seconded by Betsy Hester, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 Board Members

Andy Reese, Engineering Representative, Chairman
Brad Hoot, Homeowner Representative, Secretary
Betsy Hester, County Commission Representative
Rob Adams, Jr., Building Representative
Liz McLaurin, Environmental Representative
John Kinnie, Agricultural Representative, Vice Chairman
Davis Lamb, Development Representative

1.2 Staff

Michael Scott, Storm Water Quality Coordinator
Floyd Heflin, County Engineer
Kristi Ransom, County Attorney
Debbie Smith, Administrative Office Manager

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Chairman Andy Reese opened the floor for comments on the July 22, 2020 minutes. Brad Hoot noted grammatical errors in Section 3.4 that needed to be corrected. John Kinnie made a motion to approve as corrected; seconded by Davis Lamb. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

3. **09-23-20-02 – MS4 Permit.**

3.1 Introduction by Staff - Mr. Scott reviewed the report for the record.

3.2 Public Hearing – No public comments.

3.3 Board Discussion – Brad Hoot asked if there was an overall outcome in the report. Michael Scott stated the State would review and let us know if there were any areas that

needed improvement. Floyd Heflin stated that this report is basically to show that the County is in compliance, and not a measure of improvement.

John Kinnie asked when the testing was done on the impaired streams. Michael Scott indicated the testing is normally done in the fall and spring. However, this all depends on the weather. John Kinnie also added that since the stream clean ups, he has seen less trash on the banks and more people using the river.

Betsy Hester thanked the Staff for their efforts in preparing this report. She asked if there has been a visual assessment of Tune Creek. Michael Scott stated Tune Creek is not on the impaired list and has not been assessed. Michael Scott stated that the State has mandates that have to be met on all impaired streams.

Liz McLaurin asked if the previous reports were available to see if any of the streams had been removed from the impaired list. Michael Scott stated the reports should be available on the Engineering Website and he would make sure they are there.

Andy Reese asked what the differences are between Available and Unavailable parameters, Exceptional Tennessee waters and Outstanding National Resource waters. Michael Scott stated a couple of years back the word "impaired" was change to "unavailable" but was unsure why. Exceptional Tennessee water is where the State has done their own assessments and found very high marks for habitat and stream sampling. Mr. Scott believes that Outstanding National Resource Water are streams that run through National Parks.

Andy Reese asked for a little more detail about the construction enforcement. Michael Scott stated that basically Staff inspects the construction sites to determine if they are maintaining the required erosion control measures. Andy Reese also asked if the E.coli source in highly urbanized areas, is the leaking of sewage, pet waste, etc. Michael Scott stated it could be a combination of all including Agricultural uses.

Andy Reese asked if Water Way Natural Areas are enforceable on grazing land. Michael Scott stated any agricultural use is exempt.

Andy Reese asked about the Runoff Complaints, whether they involved with storm events or deficient drainage systems. Floyd Heflin stated he felt most of the complaints are from people not familiar with the drainage area and is not associated with damage, but usually only standing water.

Betsy Hester asked about the non-traditional systems and if they are working properly. Floyd Heflin indicated the County doesn't get reports on those because they are regulated by TDEC. Kristi Ransom added that the operator of those non-traditional system are required to provide a monthly operating report on those systems to TDEC.

3.4 Board Action – John Kinnie moved to approve as presented, seconded by Davis Lamb. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

4. 09-23-20-03 – 2019 Appeals Recap.

3.1 Introduction by Staff - Mr. Scott reported on the progress of the 2019 appeals.

3.2 Public Hearing – No public comments.

3.3 Board Action – None required.

5. 09-23-20-04 – 2021 Storm water Appeals Calendar.

3.1 Introduction by Staff – Ms. Smith stated this was merely a schedule for 2021 meeting and deadline dates, noting the months with asterisk are special dates due to Holidays.

3.2 Board Action – Davis Lamb moved to approve as presented, seconded by John Kinnie. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business Brad Hoot moved for adjournment. The motion was unanimously approved.



1/27/2021

Chairman

Date