

**EWAB Meeting Minutes,
River Bend Municipal Building, 51 Shoreline Drive
Monday August 5, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Paige Ackiss

In Attendance:

Paige Ackiss
Jim Stevens
Jon Hall
Patty Leonard
Karl Lichty
Councilman Brian Leonard

Not In Attendance

Ali Frederick
Ray Jaklitsch

Meeting called to order by Chair Jon Hall at 7:02pm.

Motion by Patty Leonard to approve minutes from July 1, 2024 meeting, seconded by Jim Stevens, Motion carried.

Town Council Report:

Public Work is prepping for Hurricane Debby, due to start here sometime tomorrow. They are addressing overhanging vegetation and cleaning out swales in anticipation of 10-15 inches of rain.

Public Works recently had a part time employee who was offered a full time position with a construction company in New Bern. They were able to combine another part time position that was not being filled with the other part time position and offer it to the employee with a comparable salary and the employee stayed.

The Town Manager is continuing to work on funding for the Waster Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) through the State since River Bend's funding is through American Rescue Plan(ARP) funds which must be used by December 2025. The bid process for the WWTP has hit a snag. The sole bidder came in at twice the amount of money allocated for the project. Working to decrease the scale of the project as well as transfer funds from our ARP to current State of North Carolina projects and have the State transfer money back to us which won't have an expiration date.

Status of an additional egress road to Old Pollocksville Road was discussed. The Town is approaching a property owner along the edge of the new development to buy a strip of land for the road. The Town will have to pay for the road at this point in time.

Old Business:

Discussion of the Stormwater Plan occurred. Discussed who controls the water gates at Mulberry Road. The Town controls the gates but the Town does not technically own them. They are owned by the Home Owners Association. Public Works opens and closes them as is dictated by storms.

Update on the Alligator Weed. Town is still checking on how to remediate the weed. The license for the Town does not allow them to use certain chemicals so exploring other options to get rid of the weed.

Monofilament disposal – Paige reported he has the decals made by Three Guys Signs and tubes. Public Works is supposed to be making the units at the pond by Town Hall and at the Kayak Launch. The Marina is not owned by the Town. Jon Hall and Paige Ackiss discussed volunteering time and materials to construct one there.

New Business:

National Night Out is scheduled for October 3, 2024. Last year we manned a table, and the decision was to do that again this year. Patty will check with Town Hall on making sure there is a table for EWAB.

Volunteer Hours:

Paige Ackiss- 3
Jim Stevens -1
Jon Hall – 2
Patty Leonard -2
Karl Lichty -1

Motion was made to cancel the September 2, 2024 meeting as it is Labor Day by Patty Leonard, seconded by Karl Lichty, motion passed.

Motion was made by Patty Leonard to adjourn, seconded by Karl Lichty, motion passed. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Leonard
Secretary

Jon Hall
Chair