

Flood Prevention Bond Referendum Oversight Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2025, 2:00 pm- 3:30 pm

Economic Development, Boardroom B
4525 Main Street, Suite 700
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Board Members Present

Scott Miller, Usha Eleswarapu, Jimmy McCune, Ryan Radspinner, PE, Emily Steinhilber

Board Members Absent

Allison Hammer, Jeffrey S. Waller, PE

Student Members Present

John L'Heureux, Pahan Jayarathna

City Staff Present

Diamond Royster – Assistant City Attorney

Toni Utterback, PE – City Engineer

LJ Hansen, PE – Director of Public Works

Mike Tippin, PE – Public Works, Stormwater Engineering Center Administrator

D'Juan Tucker – Public Works, Administrative Assistant

Jonas Alered – Public Works, Stormwater Operations and Maintenance

Jacobs Engineering Group

Shelly Frie, PE – Local Project Manager



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VIRGINIA BEACH FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM

The September 11, 2025, Public Hearing Meeting for the Virginia Beach Flood Prevention Bond Referendum Oversight Board was called to order by board vice-chair Usha Eleswarapu at 2:00 PM. D’Juan Tucker then took roll call.

Minutes of August 14, 2025

Upon motion by Jimmy McCune, seconded by Scott Miller, August 14, 2025, Minutes were approved.

Vote: 3-0

Members voting Aye:

Usha Eleswarapu, Scott Miller, Jimmy McCune

Members Absent:

Jeffrey Waller, Allison Hammer, Ryan Radspinner (Absent for Vote only)

Members Abstain:

Emily Steinhilber



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Status Report

- Kyle Coolbaugh to present to City Council on October 7th regarding the Stormwater Extension program.
- A public meeting on the Central Resort District is scheduled for Oct. 2nd at 6 p.m.
- The budget for the Flood protection programs increased from over \$1 Billion to \$1.5 Billion, primarily due to Windsor Woods, Princess Anne Plaza, and The Lakes projects moving to baseline.
- The preliminary cost estimates occurred in 2020 and now the projects have more refined baseline numbers.
- 4.1 cents on the mill rate is allocated to the Flood Protection Program.
- Board members expressed concern about the public's reaction to the increased project costs.
- Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) aims for a 15% reduction in flood insurance premiums, targeting a future goal of 25%.
- The national Coastal Resiliency Fund Grant awarded to the City for the Marsh Restoration project exceeded its performance period, leading to a return of \$9.9 million.
- If the Marsh Restoration project gets back on track, a reapplication for the grant will be pursued.

PW Operations – Maintaining our existing storm infrastructure

- 800 BMPs throughout the city with 300 of them being little lakes with different configurations.
- The city currently has the following tide gates: Shore Drive corridor, Asheville Park, Cape Henry, and a fourth one about to come online with Windsor Woods.
- 60 miles of larger ditches throughout the city.
- The city currently has 17 pump stations in operation.
- Almost 4,000 miles of pipes and over 40,000 manholes.
- Operations is structured into three main groups: Maintenance and Inspection, Construction and Engineering, and Mosquito Control.
- The asset management program has categorized 390 assets for better tracking and maintenance.
- Proactive cleaning has removed nearly 10,000 cubic yards of sediment, reducing service calls.
- The pipe cleaning group is divided into preventative and reactive sections, with the preventative crew established in FY21.
- The goal is to clean 1,000 miles of the system in five years.
- The city conducts pavement surveys every three to five years to assess street conditions.

Vice-Chair Usha Eleswarapu adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

